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You are out for a good time – Matt. 15:1-20; 2 Cor. 3; Gal. 5

You are anxious for dear ones – Ps. 121; Luke 17

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Everything seems to go from bad to worse – 2 Tim. 3; Hebrews 13

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You are tempted to do wrong – Psalms 15, 19, 139; Matt. 4; James 1

Things look “blue” – Psalms 34, 71; Isaiah 40

You seem too busy – Ecclesiastes 3:1-15

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You are weary – Psalm 95:1-7; Matthew 11:27-30

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IF YOU Are challenged by opposing forces – Ephesians 6; Phil. 4

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Are jealous – Psalm 49; James 3, 4

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Are bereaved – 1 Cor. 15; 1 Thess. 4:13-5:28; Rev. 21, 22

Are bored – 2 Kings 5; Job 38; Psalms 103, 104; Ephesians 3

Bear a grudge – Luke 6; 2 Corinthians 4; Ephesians 4

Have experienced severe losses – Colossians 1; 1 Peter 1

Have been disobedient – Isaiah 6; Mark 12; Luke 5

Need forgiveness – Matthews 23; Luke 15; Philemon

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Are planning your budget — Mark 4; Luke 19
Are becoming lax and indifferent — Matthews 25, Revelations 3
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Have sinned — Psalm 51; Isaiah 53; John 3; 1 John 1
Want to know the way of prayer — 1 Kings 8:12-61; Luke 11, 18
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The Shepherd Psalm — Psalm 23
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The Birth of Jesus — Matthew 1, 2; Luke 2
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TO BECOME a Christian:

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Believe what the Bible reveals about Christ — John 20:31
Trust your Wonderful Saviour — Isa. 9:6, 7; Isa. 53; John 3:16; 6:37
Confess your sins to Christ as your mediator — 1 John 1:9; 1 Tim. 2:5
Forsake your sins — Isaiah 55:7
Ask the Saviour to help you — 1 Corinthians 10:13

TO DEVELOP Christian character:

Study the Bible — Joshua 1:8; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; 1 Peter 1:23; 2 Peter 1:19-21
Pray — Matthew 6:9-13; Mark 11:22-24; Luke 8:10-14
Have Faith in God — Ps. 139; Jere. 31:31-34; Matthew 6:25-33; 4:13
Obey the Scriptures — John 13:17
Witness to others — Mark 16:16, 17; Acts 1:8; Acts 9:20
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PREFACE

Why is a teen-age version of the Bible needed? This is a question often asked, but never by teen-agers themselves. To put the situation in proper perspective, let a teen-ager answer the question with another question: "Why do we study every other subject under the sun from textbooks especially prepared for teen-age understanding, but when it comes to the Bible are asked to study from a version made for adults?" Typically such a counter-question is followed by a statement like this? "It isn't that we lack the vocabulary to follow what goes on in an adult version, but that on every page it is easy to see and to feel that this book was not prepared for us."

Why is a teen-age version of the Bible needed? Because they want one! In the case of the Bible, this in itself is cause for joy. Every teen-ager wants everything he owns to be peculiarly his or her own. Many in their teens show a healthy measure of maturity when confronted with serious things, though very few indeed would claim they are adults, even "young adults." But everywhere there is an encouraging response to those teen leaders who present the Bible to teen-agers in all its depth and impact — unadulterated, unwatered, and without excuse or deletion. These modern teeners seem bent upon living life to its fullest. Can they do so without the instruction of God through the Book He has provided for just such persons? Only those who have never read the Bible would be foolish enough to claim that life has meaning, direction and purpose without the Word of God. This is why the teen-ager wants a version especially prepared for the teen-reader. Who needs help in confronting life more than teen-agers? No one. What book can give more knowledge, more wisdom, more help, more comfort, more direction, and more of everything else they deeply desire? The Bible! No other one.

But why is the Bible so deeply needed and desired by young people of this day, the day of the astronaut and rocket? Because the Bible is the perfect, the only true counterpart to the teen-age heart and mind in any age, and the expanding universe is raising questions which only the Bible answers.

Once adults face up to the need for a special teen-age version, they still find it hard not to raise more questions, erect more obstacles. If it is not merely a matter of the difficulty of the vocabulary, they say, then what more can be done to make the Bible a living book in the lives of these fast-moving, even fast-maturing kids? Much in every way. First, let it not be said that vocabulary is not important. There are many words in every major version not readily understandable to the teen-ager (and there are hundreds of them, even in our most modern translations). Worse, the very appearance of such versions

advertise the fact that no one expects to find a teen-ager reading them very much!

One thing we must face up to is this, that these emerging adults of tomorrow are better readers than were the adults of today at the same age. These young people know more than did the older generation at the same age, in nearly every subject – and many things that they ought not to know, as they sometimes uncomfortably admit. But the heart of the matter is this: they have the capacity to receive what the Bible has to give, and they will surprise even the most optimistic observer when properly challenged to dig into the Bible. (As one of the editorial exercises, two and three-hour reading sessions were held – without any break in the reading of the Bible, and without restricting any portion of the Bible. Two thirteen-year-old boys read the entire New Testament in a reading time of about 12 hours spread across 26 hours.)

How the Teen-age Version has been developed

Prebendary J. B. Phillips often tells how he happened to produce his *Letters to Young Churches*. He states, “After all, I thought to myself, much of this was written by one Christian in difficulty to other Christians in difficulty, and surely these young people will find them to their situation. But I was met by polite but complete lack of comprehension! These youngsters, who were by no means unintelligent, simply did not understand ‘Bible language.’ All my old passion for making truth comprehensible, and all my desire to do a bit of real translation, urged me to put some relevant New Testament truths into language which these young people could understand. This I did, and was rewarded beyond my expectations as they realized for the first time, not merely that the epistles of Paul really could make sense, but that the inspired words were extremely relevant to life as they knew it.”

This experience is by no means unusual for those blessed with the privilege of leading teen-agers in their quest for a life worth living, both here and hereafter. Most of us, however, have found that it isn't really “Bible language” (that is, the language God actually wrote via the prophets and apostles) that throws the young searchers off the trail. What throws them is the notion that the Bible is a dead book about dead people in a dead language. As to the dead language, Prebendary Phillips set up as his first principle, “The language used must be that commonly spoken.” There is no doubt that Old English, as a language, is dead. There may be some who still know it well, it being the language used in the vast majority of Bibles in English-reading countries (though I doubt there are many who know the meaning of a great many of its Old English words such as *amerce*, *besom*, *bruit*,

champaign, clout, emerods, fray, neeing, leasing, ouches, etc.). But Old English is no longer spoken, no longer understood, and to teen-agers especially, no longer palatable as a language to learn. Many have learned it in order to read the Bible, many will continue to do so. *The Teen-age Version of the Holy Bible* eliminates the need for them to learn Old English.

As to the Bible being a dead book, this is simply not so. And it is not only Old English which makes it appear to some to be dead. The Bible is a living book written by the living God for living people who are interested in living right. Now, every teacher knows that it makes a big difference how a book is introduced to a new reader. No teacher worthy of the name would ever introduce a book by saying, "I know you may not find it very interesting, and it may be too difficult for you, but I wish you would read it anyhow; it will do you good." Yet this is the way most adults impress teen-agers when presenting them the Bible as reading matter. Despite this negative approach even the precious old King James Version, filled with Old English as it is, has proven to be a fascinating, life-giving book to millions of teen-agers, both this year and in years gone by, because someone has presented the Bible to them something like this, "Here are the living words of the living God, which He has written for you. For He, being an all-wise God, knew that you would be needing them. Whatever good thing you desire, or ever have desired, can be yours through the reading of this Book."

Removing the dead language is, of course, a definite plus. But others who have set out to remove the Old English from the Bible have also seen fit to remove much more than the Old English — and almost worse, to add many words of which God admittedly cannot be proven to be the author. Prebendary Phillips, in his usual frankness, set out as his second principle, "The translation should expand, if necessary, to preserve the original meaning." If by this he meant that often two words must be used to express a Greek word in the original, no harm could be done. But, in fact, as he readily states in his prefatory remarks, he has made no effort to merely translate the Greek with words which will represent that Greek. So, in fact, he disclaims that he has produced a translation, but instead, has produced a paraphrased commentary which attempts to bring out clearly what he has judged is the meaning of the Scriptures. Though others who have produced modern translations have not admitted as much, and indeed may not have been quite so free, it is clear that all have felt free to "translate" what they thought to be the meaning of the original. In fact, in many cases where the original does not convey the meaning they think it ought to have, they amend the original either by conjecture, or by changing the Hebrew vowels around.

“God is wiser than men” and all Scripture is “God-breathed.” Only the “heart-knowing God” could possibly frame words that would affect every single, though separate, heart, in a way which He Himself intended. And not only the original languages were affected, but God must foresee what future languages must carry His message and see that His words would still be perfect for His purpose when accurately translated into such a language. Because He is such a living, all-wise God, there is no need to rewrite the Bible for each succeeding age. To do so would be to destroy it before many generations have passed. It need only be truly translated.

The Teen-Age Version is careful to distinguish added words by putting them into italic type. Some such words seem to be called for at various points, making the message more understandable in English. However, should the reader fail to get the message (due perhaps to the adding of words to God’s words), then he can ignore the italicized words added by the translator. Dewey Beegle in his book, *God’s Word Into English*, states the matter clearly, “In the case of the modern versions which have neither italics nor footnotes, there are, obviously, no means of discerning difficult passages where the translation has elements of uncertainty, and so the reader must rely solely on the judgment and interpretation of the translator.” Exactly! Without italics, or footnotes, the poor reader of a modern translation is never going to understand much more of God’s word than what the translator allows him to understand. For the modern translator persists in interpreting the Bible for the reader, even by recasting the sentence to the point where in some instances the translation does not touch the original wording three words in five!

Teen-agers are smart. They quickly suspect the one who insists upon predigesting everything before presenting it to them. They want to judge for themselves what God has said to each one personally. They want to know if anyone has monkeyed with the ingredients before they were mixed and served forth. As for footnotes, no footnoted Bible has ever been the Bible of the people. None ever will be, for God made many individuals. Men will never assent to one man’s interpretation of anything — certainly not on so important a matter as the meaning of God’s words. Curiously, footnoted Bibles do not have very many notes explaining why they have taken away words, or why they have added words. The footnotes in modern Bibles are more commonly used to put into the margin some reading, theoretical or bizarre, which the minority of the translators found impossible to work into the translation itself.

What’s Different about the Teen-age Version?

As stated before, *The Teen-Age Version* is a Bible designed especially for teen-agers. The process by which this was arrived at

was something quite different from asking the experts and the psychologists to predict what teen-agers would want. On the contrary, at every step the teen-agers themselves have been the judges of what they want, need, and will use. Of course the very latest and most expert knowledge from such fields as archaeology, history, geography, ancient languages, and semantics has been incorporated wherever truly applicable to the Biblical account. But there was no hesitation to consult teen-age groups constantly, especially for reading of and comment on the final text. These reading groups have given a myriad of excellent suggestions, have shown their taste for the beautiful and poetic words of the time-honored King James Version, and yet have been quite frank about some new departures in Bible publishing – the blue binding, the transparent jacket, the modern, readable type face.

Here are some of the desired features that teen-agers again and again asked to see incorporated into this version. Their emphasis is on readability, understandability, and beauty.

Readability

1. The type is large. Obviously, a Bible must have small print if it is to be a small Bible. There are some 770,000 words in the Bible. Most teen-agers definitely preferred a larger Bible in order to get a larger type. Of course this is a standard principle of textbook publishing.

2. The type is readable. Gone is the typical Bible page format, with letters and lines jammed together. Some of the tightest and hardest-to-read type faces in the world are in Bibles. It is not fair for a Bible publisher to expect a teen-ager to read a Bible that the publisher has made hard to read. The Caledonia type face in *The Teen-age Version* makes reading quick and easy.

3. This Bible is paragraphed. In line with the teen-agers' agreement that the Bible is not a museum piece, not a table-decorator, but a book to be read and enjoyed, the old sense-destroying, space-wasting, paragraph-per-verse way of printing Bibles was abandoned. Today's readers are quick. They will gladly meditate over a passage of Scripture, but they do not take kindly to obstacles thrown in the way of quick reading and understanding – and that in the name of tradition.

4. This Bible is versed at the beginning of each verse. Chapter-and-verse citation is not a thing of the past. Memory work, Bible drills, witnessing, counseling, and many other modern activities require the fast location of chapter and verse numbers.

5. Difficult words, names and places are *diacritically* marked. Speed and ease of pronunciation are possible with the simple system of marking employed. Our simpler system of marking was discovered

to be desirable, for too many marks (as in dictionaries) cause confusion and discourage the reader.

6. The most difficult words and names are also *phonically* pronounced. Why stop the reader for the purpose of practising pronunciation via marks? He loses his line of thought, his reading rhythm — and the publisher can make any word easy to read at a glance. This feature is especially popular among those teen-agers who fear to attempt to read the Bible aloud in public.

Understanding

7. This Bible has easy-to-understand language. The Bible has enough big words that are necessary; why put in any more unthinkingly? Actually, apart from the names and places, we found God's original wording to be generally simple — though the subjects treated are in some ways "hard to be understood." Surely there is little excuse for a translator to force his reader to be constantly translating further as he reads. For this is what must happen when the reader tries to read long and uncommon words in stride. He must try to work out their meaning from the context, and then go back over the whole to try to fix the meaning of both the word and the verse in his mind. This is a disservice to him.

The key to knowledge is understanding. If reading matter is understood, greater knowledge is the result. And it makes a difference whether the subject matter is made easy to take into the understanding, for interest and energy quickly disappear when the reader must struggle over the mountainous, rugged words placed in his path by the translator. Some people may actually think in four-syllable words, but teen-agers do not usually do so. They have large vocabularies, but they do not praise a man who would rather translate "demolition of fortresses" instead of "pulling down of strongholds." If God had used the loftiest vocabulary He knows, no one would be able to understand what He had written. He chose to use easy-to-understand language, and this Version demonstrates it.

The many teen-agers we encountered proved the wisdom of the maxims, "Never stop your reader from reading" and "Never distract your reader's attention from the message."

8. Deity is capitalized. This not only a proper respect for the three Persons of the Godhead, but it helps fix the message in the mind of the reader. It also eliminates any possibility of confusing a pronoun referring to Deity with one in the same passage referring to a human. Identifying God with a capital letter often conveys the meaning to the reader quickly and certainly.

9. Old Testament words quoted in the New Testament are identified. The readers asked that the book, chapter and verse be identified on the spot. All such phrases are set in quotation marks.

10. A glossary of terms is provided. This is to satisfy the need for easily reached information on those terms not yet learned by the reader. Every subject has terms peculiar to itself, and theology is no different. Teen-agers are eager to learn these essential terms. They are impatient with those who water down Bible words, thus giving a pale knowledge of God's message to man.

11. Only proper English is used. Not only propriety is involved, but understanding too, when slang and common or jarring expressions are made to appear in the Holy Bible. These youngsters, if asked, will tell any investigator that there are many words and expressions in modern usage which they do not consider proper for use in the Scriptures.

12. A definite word-for-word treatment of the original Greek and Hebrew has been given. No rewriting of God's holy words has been attempted. There has been no tampering, paraphrasing, or improvement of God's Scriptures. What the Bible "might," "could," or "should" say does not interest any searching, serious reader. Such a person wants to know what God did say.

Beauty

13. Large type and more generous margins, and spacing between lines and paragraphs than are usually found, have given this Bible beauty. As usual, beauty in appearance arouses interest. All our readers have responded to this feature most favorably.

14. The binding, make-up and color were selected by teen-agers.

15. The unusual transparent jacket was a must on the teen-age list, not for attractiveness alone, but for showing and protecting the beauty of the Bible itself. It is washable, protects against scuffs, does not mar like so many jackets when shipped, and keeps the Bible looking like a Bible.

TABLE OF SIGNS USED TO INDICATE THE
PRONUNCIATION OF SCRIPTURE NAMES AND WORDS

The system of markings in this book does not profess to be strictly scientific or logical, but aims at being as simple and practical as it can be made, and is based so far as is possible upon the use of signs which have long been familiar. The vowel, or vowels, of every separate syllable are marked as they are to be pronounced.

The words of which the pronunciation is marked are divided into syllables by short hyphens (-). The syllable on which most stress is to be laid in reading is marked (').

ä <i>as in</i>	ah, arm, father,
ǎ "	hat, Matthew
ā "	tame, Pharaoh
â "	fare, Pharisee
ě "	met, second,
ē "	mete, Peter
e "	her is unmarked
ī <i>as in</i>	fine, Pilate
ĩ "	him, fir, plentiful,
ō "	alone, Joanna
õ "	on, pot
ô "	nor, Jordan
ōō <i>as in</i>	zoo
õõ <i>as in</i>	look
an unmarked o	is short, as in pot
ś "	his
û <i>as in</i>	tune, Jerusalem
û "	rude, Judas
ũ "	us, Judgment
ÿ "	pygmy, Lydia
ÿ "	style, Thyatira





The Book of GENESIS

CHAPTER 1

¹In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. ²And the earth was without form and empty. And darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved on the face of the waters. ³And God said, Let there be light. And there was light. ⁴And God saw the light that *it was* good. And God divided between the light and the darkness. ⁵And God called the light, Day. And He called the darkness, Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

⁶And God said, Let there be an expanse in the middle of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. ⁷And God made the expanse, and divided the waters which were under the expanse from the waters which were above the expanse — and it was so. ⁸And God called the expanse, Heavens. And the evening and the morning were the second day.

⁹And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry *land* appear — and it was so. ¹⁰And God called the dry *land*, Earth. And He called the gathering together of the waters, Seas. And God saw that *it was* good. ¹¹And God said, Let the earth bring forth tender sprouts (the herb yielding seed — *and* the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, whose seed is in itself) upon the earth — and it was so. ¹²And the earth brought forth tender sprouts—*and* herb yielding seed after its kind—and the tree yielding fruit after its kind, whose seed was in itself. And God saw that *it was* good. ¹³And the evening and the morning were the third day.

¹⁴And God said, Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to divide between the day and the night. And let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years — ¹⁵and let them be for lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth. And it was so. ¹⁶And God made two great lights: the greater light to rule the day and the smaller light to rule the night — *and* the stars also. ¹⁷And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth, ¹⁸and to rule over the day and over the night — and to divide between the light and the darkness. And God saw that *it was* good. ¹⁹And the evening and the morning were the fourth day.

²⁰And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that has life, and fowls *that* fly over the earth in the open expanse of the heavens. ²¹And God created great sea-animals, and every living creature that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind — and every winged fowl after its kind. And God saw that *it was* good. ²²And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters of the seas — and let the fowl multiply in the earth. ²³And the evening and the morning were the fifth day.

²⁴And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after its kind — cattle, and creeping thing, and *each* animal of the earth after its kind — and it was so. ²⁵And God made the animal of the earth after its kind, and cattle after their kind, and everything that creeps upon the earth after its kind. And God saw that *it was* good.

²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. ²⁷So God created man in His *own* image, in the image of God He created him. He created them male and female. ²⁸And God blessed them. And God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply and fill the earth, and subdue it. And have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the fowl of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.

²⁹And God said, Behold! I have given you every herb bearing seed which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree (which *has* in *it* the fruit of a tree yielding seed) — to you it shall be for food. ³⁰And to every living thing of the earth, and to every fowl of the air, and to everything that creeps upon the earth which has life in it, there shall be every greenness of herbage for food — and it was so. ³¹And God saw everything that He had made, and behold! it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

CHAPTER 2

¹And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. ²And on the seventh day God ended His work which He had made. And He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had made. ³And God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it — because in it He had rested from all His work which God created to make.

⁴These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created — in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens, ⁵and every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew — for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* no man to till the ground. ⁶But there went up a mist from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground. ⁷And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life — and man became a living soul.

⁸And the LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden. And there He put the man whom He had formed. ⁹And out of the ground the LORD God caused every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food, to grow. The tree of life also was in the middle of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil. ¹⁰And a river went out

of Eden to water the garden. And from there it was divided and became four heads. ¹¹The name of the first is Pí'-shōn — that is it which surrounds all the land of Hāv'-ī-lāh, where there is gold. ¹²And the gold of that land is good. There is bdellium [dēl'-yūm] and the onyx stone. ¹³And the name of the second river is Gī'-hōn — it is the same that surrounds the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴And the name of the third river is Hīd'-dē-kēl — that is it which goes toward the east of Ās-syr'-ī-ā. And the fourth river is Euphrates [You-frāy'-tēs]. ¹⁵And the LORD God took the man and put him into the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, You may freely eat of every tree in the garden, ¹⁷but you shall not eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil — for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.

¹⁸And the LORD God said, *It* is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helper for him. ¹⁹And out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every fowl of the air, and brought *them* to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called every living creature, that was the name of it. ²⁰And Adam gave names to all cattle, and to the fowls of the air, and to every animal of the field — but there was not found a helper for Adam. ²¹And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept. And He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its room. ²²And the LORD God made the rib (which He had taken from the man) into a woman. And *He* brought her to the man. ²³And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh. She shall be called Woman because she was taken out of Man. ²⁴Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife — and they shall be one flesh. ²⁵And they were both naked — the man and his wife — and were not ashamed before one another.

CHAPTER 3

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any living thing of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, Really, has God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden? ²And the woman said to the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden. ³But of the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, You shall not eat of it, neither shall you touch it — lest you die. ⁴And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die — ⁵for God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowers of good and evil. ⁶And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food — and that it was pleasing to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise — she took of the fruit of it, and ate, and gave also unto her husband with her — and he ate. ⁷And the eyes of both of them were

opened. And they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig-leaves together and made themselves aprons.

⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day. And Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God in the midst of the trees of the garden. ⁹And the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, Where are you? ¹⁰And he said, I heard Thy sound in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked — and I hid myself. ¹¹And He said, Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree which I commanded you that you should not eat of it? ¹²And the man said, The woman whom Thou gavest to *be* with me — she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. ¹³And the LORD God said to the woman, What is *this that* you have done? And the woman said, The serpent deceived me, and I did eat. ¹⁴And the LORD God said to the serpent, Because you have done this you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every animal of the field. You shall go upon your belly, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed — He will bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel. ¹⁶Unto the woman He said, I will greatly increase your sorrow and your conception. In pain you shall bring forth children, and your desire shall be toward your husband, and he shall rule over you. ¹⁷And to Adam He said, Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree — of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it! — cursed is the ground for your sake. In pain shall you eat of it all the days of your life.

¹⁸It shall also bring forth thorns and thistles to you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. ¹⁹In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread until you return to the ground. For out of it you were taken -- for dust you are, and to dust you shall return. ²⁰And Adam called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

²²And the LORD God said, Behold! the man has become as one of us — to know good and evil. And now, lest he put forth his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever — ²³therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he had been taken. ²⁴So He drove out the man. And He placed *chěr'-û-bîms* at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way — to keep the way of the tree of life.

CHAPTER 4

¹And Adam knew Eve his wife. And she conceived and bore Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from Jehovah. ²And again she bore his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

³And as time went on, Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground. ⁴And Abel also brought of the first-born of his flock and of the fat of it. And the LORD had respect to Abel and to his offering, ⁵but He did not have respect to Cain and to his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶And the LORD said to Cain, Why are you angry? and why did your face fall? ⁷If you do well, shall you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin crouches at the door — and its desire is for you, and you shall rule over it. ⁸And Cain talked with his brother Abel. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

⁹And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is your brother Abel? And he said, I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper? ¹⁰And He said, What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries to Me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed more than the ground which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you till the ground, it will not again give its strength to you. And you shall be a vagabond and a fugitive in the earth. ¹³And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold! Thou hast driven me out from the face of the earth today, and I shall be hidden from Thy face. And I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth, and it shall come to pass *that* anyone who finds me shall kill me. ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, Therefore whoever kills Cain shall suffer revenge seven times. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain so that anyone who found him should not kill him.

¹⁶And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and lived in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. ¹⁷And Cain knew his wife. And she conceived and bore Ē'-nōch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son, Ē'-nōch.

¹⁸And Ī'-rād was born to Ē'-nōch. And Ī'-rād fathered Mē-hū'-jā-ël. And Mē-hū'-jā-ël fathered Mē-thū'-sā-ël. And Mē-thū'-sā-ël fathered Lā'-mēch.

¹⁹And Lā'-mēch took two wives to himself. The name of the first one was Ā'-dāh, and the name of the other was Zil'-lāh. ²⁰And Ā'-dāh bore Jā'-bāl — he was the father of those who dwell in tents, and of *those who have* cattle. ²¹And his brother's name was Jū'-bāl — he was the father of all those who handle the harp and the organ. ²²And Zil'-āh also bore Tū'-bāl-cain, the hammerer of every engraving tool

of bronze and iron. And the sister of Tū'-bāl-cain was Nā'-ă-măh.
²³And Lā'-mēch said to his wives, Ā'-dāh and Zillah, Hear my voice, you wives of Lā'-mēch, listen to my speech — for I have killed a man because of my wound, and a young man because of my blow. ²⁴If Cain shall be avenged seven times, truly Lā'-mēch seventy-seven times.

²⁵And Adam knew his wife again. And she bore a son, and called his name Seth — for *she said*, God has appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain killed. ²⁶And there was also a son born to Seth, and he called his name Ē'-nōs. Then men began to call upon the name of the LORD.

CHAPTER 5

¹This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man He made him in the likeness of God. ²He created them male and female, and blessed them. And *He* called their name Adam in the day when they were created.

³And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years and fathered *a son* in his own likeness, after his own image — and *he* called his name Seth. ⁴And the days of Adam after he had fathered Seth were eight hundred years. And he fathered sons and daughters. ⁵And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years. And he died.

⁶And Seth lived one hundred and five years and fathered Ē'-nōs. ⁷And after he fathered Ē'-nōs, Seth lived eight hundred and seven years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters. ⁸And all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years. And he died.

⁹And Ē'-nōs lived ninety years and fathered Cā-ī'-nān. ¹⁰And after he fathered Cā-ī'-nān, Ē'-nōs lived eight hundred and fifteen years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters. ¹¹And all the days of Ē'-nōs were nine hundred and five years. And he died.

¹²And Cā-ī'-nān lived seventy years and fathered Mā-hāl'-ă-lēel. ¹³And after he fathered Mā-hāl'-ă-lēel, Cā-ī'-nān lived eight hundred and forty years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters. ¹⁴And all the days of Cā-ī'-nān were nine hundred and ten years, and he died.

¹⁵And Mā-hāl'-ă-lēel lived sixty-five years and fathered Jār'-ēd. ¹⁶And after he fathered Jār'-ēd, Mā-hāl'-ă-lēel lived eight hundred and thirty years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters. ¹⁷And all the days of Mā-hāl'-ă-lēel were eight hundred and ninety-five years. And he died.

¹⁸And Jār'-ēd lived one hundred and sixty-two years and fathered Ē'-nōch. ¹⁹And after he fathered Ē'-nōch, Jār'-ēd lived eight hundred years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters. ²⁰And all the days of Jār'-ēd were nine hundred and sixty-two years. And he died.

²¹And Ē'-nōch lived sixty-five years and fathered Mě-thū'-sě-lāh. ²²And Ē'-nōch walked with God three hundred years after he fathered Mě-thū'-sě-lāh. And *he* fathered sons and daughters. ²³And all the days of Ē'-nōch were three hundred and sixty-five years. ²⁴And Ē'-nōch walked with God, and *then* he was not – for God took him.

²⁵And Mě-thū'-sě-lāh lived one hundred and eighty-seven years and fathered Lā'-mēch. ²⁶And after he fathered Lā'-mēch, Mě-thū'-sě-lāh lived seven hundred and eighty-two years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters. ²⁷And all the days of Mě-thū'-sě-lāh were nine hundred and sixty-nine years. And he died.

²⁸And Lā'-mēch lived one hundred and eighty-two years and fathered a son. ²⁹And he called his name Noah, saying, This one shall comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD has cursed. ³⁰And after he fathered Noah, Lā'-mēch lived five hundred and ninety-five years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters. ³¹And all the days of Lā'-mēch were seven hundred and seventy-seven years. And he died.

³²And Noah was five hundred years old. And Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Jā'-phēth.

CHAPTER 6

¹And when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and when daughters were born to them, ²it came to pass that the sons of God saw the daughters of men – that they were beautiful. And they took wives for themselves from all whom they chose. ³And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, *since* he is flesh. Yet his days shall be a hundred and twenty years.

⁴There were giants in the earth in those days. And also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore *sons* to them, the same became mighty men who were of old, men of renown. ⁵And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that* every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And it grieved the LORD that He had made man on the earth, and made Him sorrowful at heart. ⁷And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created, from the face of the earth – both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air – for it grieves Me that I have made them.

⁸But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. ⁹These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations. And Noah walked with God. ¹⁰And Noah fathered three sons, Shem, Ham, and Jā'-phēth. ¹¹The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹²And God looked upon the earth. And behold! it was corrupt – for all flesh had corrupted

its way upon the earth. ¹³And God said to Noah, The end of all flesh has come before Me, for the earth is filled with violence through them. And, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

¹⁴Make you an ark of gō'-phēr wood. You shall make rooms in the ark. And *you* shall pitch it inside and outside with pitch. ¹⁵And this *is the way* you shall make it. The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it shall be fifty cubits and the height of it shall be thirty cubits. ¹⁶You shall make a window in the ark, and you shall finish it above to a cubit. And you shall set the door of the ark in the side of it. You shall make it with lower, second and third stories. ¹⁷And behold! I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth in order to destroy all flesh (in which is the breath of life) from under the heavens. And everything which is in the earth shall die. ¹⁸But I will establish My covenant with you. And you shall come into the ark — you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁹And you shall bring into the ark two of every kind, of every living thing of all flesh — to keep *them* alive with you. They shall be male and female. ²⁰Two of every kind shall come to you to keep *them* alive — of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind. ²¹And take unto you of all food that is eaten, and you shall gather *it* to you. And it shall be for food, for you and for them. ²²Noah did so. According to all that God commanded him, so he did.

CHAPTER 7

¹And the LORD said to Noah, You and all your house come into the ark, for I have seen you righteous before Me in this generation. ²You shall take to you every clean animal by sevens, the male and female. And *take* two of the animals that are not clean, the male and female. ³Also *take* of the fowls of the air by sevens, the male and the female — to keep seed alive upon the face of all the earth. ⁴For in seven more days I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights — and I will destroy from off the face of the earth every living thing that I have made. ⁵And Noah did according to all that the LORD commanded him. ⁶And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth.

⁷And Noah went in. And his sons and his wife and his sons' wives *went in* with him into the ark, because of the waters of the flood. ⁸And there went in unto Noah into the ark two and two, the male and female of clean beasts, and of beasts that are not clean, and of fowls, ⁹and of every thing that creeps upon the earth — as God had commanded Noah.

¹⁰And after seven days it came to pass that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. ¹¹In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, in the

second month, in the seventeenth day of the month were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of the heavens were opened up. ¹²And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights. ¹³In this same day Noah and Shem and Ham and Jā'-phēth, the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, entered into the ark. ¹⁴They *went in*, and every animal after its kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth after its kind, and every fowl after its kind — every bird of every sort. ¹⁵And they went in unto Noah into the ark, two and two of all flesh, in which is the breath of life. ¹⁶And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him. And the LORD shut him in.

¹⁷And the flood was forty days upon the earth. And the waters increased and bore up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth. ¹⁸And the waters prevailed and were increased greatly upon the earth. And the ark went upon the face of the waters. ¹⁹And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth. And all the high hills that were under the whole heaven were covered. ²⁰The waters prevailed fifteen cubits upward, and the mountains were covered. ²¹And all flesh that moved upon the face of the earth died — of birds, of cattle, of animal, and of every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth — and every man. ²²All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that was in the dry *land*, died.

²³And every living thing which was on the face of the earth was destroyed, from man to cattle, and to the creeping things, and the fowls of the heavens. And they were destroyed from the earth, and only Noah was left — and those that were with him in the ark. ²⁴And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred and fifty days.

CHAPTER 8

¹And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle which were with him in the ark. And God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters subsided. ²Also the fountains of the deep and the windows of heaven were stopped — and rain from heaven was restrained. ³And the waters returned from off the earth continually. And after the end of the hundred and fifty days the waters had gone down. ⁴And in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, the ark rested upon the mountains of Ār'-ā-rāt. ⁵And the waters decreased continually until the tenth *month*. And the tops of the mountains were seen in the tenth *month* on the first *day* of the month.

⁶And at the end of forty days it came to pass that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made. ⁷And he sent forth a raven, and it went out, going out and returning until the waters were dried

up from off the earth. ⁸He also sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters had gone down from off the face of the earth. ⁹But the dove found no rest for the sole of her foot. And she returned to him into the ark, for the waters were on the face of the whole earth. Then he put out his hand and took her, and pulled her in unto him into the ark. ¹⁰And he waited yet another seven days. And again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. ¹¹And the dove came in to him in the evening. And, lo, in her mouth was an olive leaf plucked off — so Noah knew that the waters had gone down from off the earth. ¹²And he waited yet another seven days, and sent forth the dove. And she did not return again to him any more.

¹³And in the six hundred and first year, at the beginning on the first *day* of the month, it came to pass that the waters were dried up from off the earth. And Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked. And behold! the face of the earth was dry. ¹⁴And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, the earth was dry.

¹⁵And God spoke to Noah, saying, ¹⁶Go out of the ark — you and your wife and your sons and your sons' wives with you. ¹⁷Bring out every living thing that is with you — of all flesh, of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth — so that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful and multiply upon the earth. ¹⁸And Noah went out, and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives with him. ¹⁹Every animal, every fowl, and every creeping thing which creeps upon the earth after their families, went forth out of the ark. ²⁰And Noah built an altar unto the LORD. And *he* took of every clean animal, and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And the LORD smelled a sweet odor. And the LORD said in His heart, I will never again curse the ground for man's sake, even though the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I again smite every living thing as I have done. ²²While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.

CHAPTER 9

¹And God blessed Noah and his sons. And *He* said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth. ²And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon the animals of the earth, and upon every bird of the air — upon all that moves on the earth, and upon all the fish of the sea — into your hand they are delivered. ³Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herb. ⁴But you shall not eat of flesh with the life in it, or the blood of it. ⁵And surely the blood of your lives will I require. At the hand of every animal will I require it, and at the hand of man. At the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. ⁶Who-

ever sheds man's blood, his blood shall be shed by man — for *God* made man in the image of God. ⁷And you be fruitful and multiply. Bring forth abundantly in the earth, and increase in it.

⁸And God spoke to Noah, and to his sons with him, saying, ⁹Behold! I, *even* I, establish My covenant with you, and with your seed after you — ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, of the birds, of the cattle, and of every animal of the earth with you — from all that go out from the ark, to every animal of the earth. ¹¹And I will establish My covenant with you. Neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of a flood. Neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. ¹²And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between Me and you and every living creature that is with you, for everlasting generations: ¹³I set my bow in the cloud. And it shall be a token of a covenant between Me and the earth. ¹⁴And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud. ¹⁵And I will remember My covenant which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh — and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶And the bow shall be in the cloud. And I will look upon it that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. ¹⁷And God said to Noah, This is the token of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

¹⁸And the sons of Noah that went out of the ark were Shem, Ham, and Jā'-phēth — and Ham is the father of Cā'-nā-ān. ¹⁹These are the three sons of Noah, and the whole earth was overspread from them. ²⁰And Noah began to be a husbandman. And he planted a vineyard. ²¹And he drank of the wine and was drunk. And he was uncovered inside his tent. ²²And Ham, the father of Cā'-nā-ān, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brothers outside. ²³And Shem and Jā'-phēth took a garment and laid it upon both their shoulders. And *they* went backwards and covered the nakedness of their father. And their faces were backwards, and they did not see their father's nakedness. ²⁴And Noah awoke from his wine, and came to know what his younger son had done to him. ²⁵And he said, Cursed be Cā'-nā-ān — a servant of servants shall he be to his brothers. ²⁶And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Shem, and Cā'-nā-ān shall be his servant. ²⁷God shall enlarge Jā'-phēth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem — and Cā'-nā-ān shall be their servant.

²⁸And Noah lived three hundred and fifty years after the flood. ²⁹And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years. And he died.

CHAPTER 10

¹Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah, Shem, Ham, and Jā-phēth. And sons were born to them after the flood.

²The sons of Jā-phēth were Gō'-mēr and Mā'-gōg and Mā'-daī and Jā'-vān and Tū'-bāl and Mē'-shēch and Tī'-rās. ³And the sons of Gō'mēr were Āsh-kē-nāz and Rī'-phāth and Tō-gār-māh. ⁴And the sons of Jā'-vān were Ē-lī'-shāh and Tār'-shish and Kit'-tīm and Dō'-dā-nīm. ⁵By these were the isles of the Gentiles divided in their lands — every one after his tongue, after their families, in their nations.

⁶And the sons of Ham were Cūsh and Miz'-rā-īm and Phūt and Cā'-nā-ān. ⁷And the sons of Cūsh were Sē'-bā and Hāv'-ī-lāh and Sāb'-tāh and Rā'-ā-māh and Sāb-tē'-chā. And the sons of Rā'-ā-māh were Shē'-bā and Dē'-dān. ⁸And Cūsh fathered Nimrod. He began to be a mighty one in the earth. ⁹He was a mighty hunter before the LORD. Therefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD. ¹⁰And the beginning of his kingdom was Bāb'-ēl, and Ēr'-ēch, and Āc'-cād, and Cāl'-nēh, in the land of Shī'-nār. ¹¹Out of that land he went forth to Ās-syr'-ī-ā. And he built Nin'-ē-vēh and Rē'-hō-bōth and Cā'-lāh — ¹²and Rē'-sēn between Nin'-ē-vēh and Cā'-lāh, which is a great city.

¹³And Miz'-rā-īm fathered Lū'-dīm and Ān'-ā-mīm and Lě-hā'-bīm and Nāph-tū'-hīm ¹⁴and Pāth-rú'-sīm and Cās-lú'-hīm (from whom came the Phil-lis'-tines) and Cāph'-tō-rīm.

¹⁵And Cā'-nā-ān fathered Sī'-dōn, his firstborn, and Hēth — ¹⁶and the Jēb'-ū-sīte and the Ām'-ōr-ite, and the Gir'-gā-sīte, ¹⁷and the Hī'-vīte, and the Ār'-kīte, and the Sī'-nīte, ¹⁸and the Ār'-vā-dīte, and the Zēm'-ā-rīte, and the Hā'-māth-īte. And afterward the families of the Cā'-nāan-ites were spread abroad. ¹⁹And the border of the Cā'-nāan-ites was from Sī'-dōn (as you come to Gē'-rār) unto Gā'-zā, as you go in towards Sōd'-ōm and Gō-mōr'-rāh and Ād'-māh and Zē-bō'-īm, even unto Lā'-shā. ²⁰These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their countries, and in their nations.

²¹And *children* were born to Shem, the father of all the children of Ē'-bēr, the brother of Jā'-phēth the elder. ²²The children of Shem were Ē'-lām and Āssh'-ūr and Ār-pāch'-shād and Lūd and Ār'-ām. ²³And the children of Aram were Uz and Hul and Gē'-thēr and Mash. ²⁴And Ār-pāch'-shād fathered Sā'-lāh, and Sā'-lāh fathered Ē'-bēr. ²⁵And two sons were born to Ē'-bēr. The name of the one was Pē'-lēg for in his days the earth was divided. And his brother's name was Jōk'-tān. ²⁶And Jōk'-tān fathered Āl-mō'-dād and Shē'-lēph and Hā-zār-mā'-vēth and Jē'-rāh ²⁷and Hā-dōr'-ām and Ū'-zāl and Dīk'-lāh ²⁸and Ō'-bāl and Ā-bīm'-ā-ēl and Shē'-bā ²⁹and Ō'-phir and Hāv'-lī-lāh and Jō'-bāb. All these were the sons of Jōk'-tān. ³⁰And their dwelling was from Mē'-shā, as you go to Sē'-phār, a mountain of the east. ³¹These are the sons of

Shem, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, *and* after their nations.

³²These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations. And from these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

CHAPTER 11

¹And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech. ²And as they traveled from the east, they found a plain in the land of Shī'nār. And they lived there. ³And they said to one another, Come, let us make brick and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. ⁴And they said, Come, let us build us a city and a tower with its top in the heavens. And let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered upon the face of the whole earth.

⁵And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the children of men had built. ⁶And the LORD said, Behold! The people is one and they all have one language. And this they begin to do. And now nothing which they have imagined to do will be restrained from them. ⁷Come, let us go down and there confuse their language so that they cannot understand one another's speech. ⁸So the LORD scattered them abroad from that place upon the face of all the earth. And they quit building the city. ⁹Therefore the name of it is called Bāb'-ēl — because the LORD confused the language of all the earth there. And the LORD scattered them abroad upon the face of all the earth from that place.

¹⁰These are the generations of Shem. Shem was a hundred years old and fathered Ār-pāch'-shād two years after the flood. ¹¹And after he fathered Ār-pāch'-shād, Shem lived five hundred years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters.

¹²And Ār-pāch'-shād lived thirty-five years and fathered Sā'-lāh. ¹³And after he fathered Sā'-lāh, Ār-pāch'-shād lived four hundred and three years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters. ¹⁴And Sā'-lāh lived thirty years and fathered Ē'-bēr. ¹⁵And after he fathered Ē'-bēr, Salah lived four hundred and three years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters.

¹⁶And Ē'-bēr lived thirty-four years and fathered Pē'-lēg. ¹⁷And after he fathered Pē'-lēg, Ē'-bēr lived four hundred and thirty years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters. ¹⁸And Pē'-lēg lived thirty years and fathered Rē'-ū. ¹⁹After he fathered Rē'-ū, Peleg lived two hundred and nine years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters.

²⁰And Rē'-ū lived thirty-two years and fathered Sē'-rüg. ²¹And after he fathered Sē'-rüg, Rē'-ū lived two hundred and seven years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters. ²²And Sē'-rüg lived thirty years and

fathered Nā'-hôr. ²³And after he fathered Nā'-hôr, Sē'-rüg lived two hundred years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters.

²⁴And Nā'-hôr lived twenty-nine years and fathered Tē'-räh. ²⁵And after he fathered Tē'-räh, Nā'-hôr lived a hundred and nineteen years. And *he* fathered sons and daughters. ²⁶And Tē'-räh lived seventy years and fathered Ā'-bräm, Nā'-hôr and Hâr'-än.

²⁷Now these are the generations of Tē'-räh. Tē'-räh fathered Abram, Nā'-hôr and Hâr'-än. And Hâr'-än fathered Lot. ²⁸And Hâr'-än died before his father Tē'-räh in the land of his birth — in Ur of the Chäl'-dēes. ²⁹And Abram and Nā'-hôr took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was Sâr'-ā-i. And the name of Nā'-hôr's wife was Mil'-cäh, the daughter of Hâr'-än, the father of Mil'-cäh and the father of Is'-cäh. ³⁰But Sâr'-ā-i was barren. She *had* no child. ³¹And Tē'-räh took Abram his son, and Lot, the son of Hâr'-än, his son's son, and Sâr'-ā-i his daughter-in-law, his son Abram's wife. And *he* went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees — to go into the land of Cä'-näan. And they came to Hâr'-än and lived there. ³²And the days of Tē'-räh were two hundred and five years. And Tē'-räh died in Hâr'-än.

CHAPTER 12

¹Now the LORD had said to Abram, Go out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house into a land that I will show you. ²And I will make of you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great. And you shall be a blessing. ³And I will bless those that bless you and curse the one who curses you. And in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.

⁴So Abram departed, even as the LORD had spoken to him. And Lot went with him. And Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Hâr'-än. ⁵And Abram took Sâr'-ā-i his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gained in Hâr'-än. And they went forth to go into the land of Cä'-näan. And they came into the land of Cä'-näan.

⁶And Abram passed through the land to the place of Shē'-chēm, unto the plain of Mō'-räh. And the Cä'-näan-ite was then in the land. ⁷And the LORD appeared to Abram and said, I will give this land to your seed. And he built an altar there unto the LORD who appeared to him. ⁸And he moved from there to a mountain on the east of Bēth'-ël. And *he* pitched his tent *with* Bethel on the west and Hā'-i on the east. And he built an altar there to the LORD, and called upon the name of the LORD. ⁹And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the south.

¹⁰And there was a famine in the land. And Abram went down into Egypt to stay there, for the famine was grievous in the land. ¹¹And it came to pass, when he had come near to enter into Egypt, that he said

to Sâr'-ā-ī his wife, Behold now, I know that you are a beautiful woman to look upon. ¹²Therefore when the Egyptians see you, they shall say, This is his wife. And they will kill me, but they will save you alive. ¹³I pray you, say that you are my sister, so that it may be well with me for your sake. And my soul shall live because of you. ¹⁴And when Abram had come into Egypt, the Egyptians saw that the woman was very beautiful. ¹⁵The princes of Phâr'-ă-ōh also saw her and commended her before Phâr'-ă-ōh. And the woman was taken into Phâr'-ă-ōh's house. ¹⁶And he treated Abram well for her sake. And he had sheep, and oxen, and he-asses, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and she-asses, and camels. ¹⁷And the LORD plagued Phâr'-ă-ōh and his house with great plagues because of Sâr'-ā-ī, Abram's wife. ¹⁸And Phâr'-ă-ōh called Abram and said, What is this *that* you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife? ¹⁹Why did you say, She is my sister? And so I was about to take her to me as wife. Now therefore behold your wife. Take *her* and go your way. ²⁰And Phâr'-ă-ōh commanded *his* men concerning him. And they sent him away, and his wife, and all that he had.

CHAPTER 13

¹And Abram went up out of Egypt — he, and his wife, and all that he had, (and Lot was with him) into the south. ²And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver and in gold. ³And he went on his journeys from the south, even to Bethel, to the place where his tent had been from the beginning, between Bethel and Hā'-ī — ⁴to the place of the altar which he had made there at the first. And Abram called on the name of the LORD there.

⁵And Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents. ⁶And the land was not able to bear them, that they might live together — for their substance was great, so that they could not live together. ⁷And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram's cattle and the herdsmen of Lot's cattle. And the Cā'-nāan-ite and the Pē-riz'-zite lived then in the land. ⁸And Abram said to Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray you, between me and you, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen — for we are brothers. ⁹Is not the whole land before you? I pray you, separate yourself from me. If *you take* the left hand, then I will go to the right. Or if *you go* to the right hand, then I will go to the left. ¹⁰And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere (before the LORD destroyed Sodom and Gō-mōr'-rāh,) even like the garden of the LORD, like the land of Egypt as you come to Zō'-ār. ¹¹Then Lot chose all the plain of Jordan for himself. And Lot journeyed east. And they separated themselves from one another. ¹²Abram lived in the land of Canaan, and Lot lived in the cities of the plain and pitched *his* tent

toward Sodom. ¹³But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the LORD, exceedingly so.

¹⁴And the LORD said unto Abram, (after Lot was separated from him,) Lift up your eyes now and look from the place where you are northward and southward, and eastward and westward. ¹⁵For all the land which you see I will give to you, and to your seed forever. ¹⁶And I will make your seed as the dust of the earth — so that if a man can count the dust of the earth, then shall your seed also be counted. ¹⁷Rise up and walk through the land, in the length of it and in the breadth of it — for I will give it to you. ¹⁸Then Abram moved *his* tent and came to live in the plains of Mām'-rē, which is in Hē'-brōn. And *he* built an altar to the LORD there.

CHAPTER 14

¹And it came to pass in the days of Ām-rā'-phēl king of Shī'-nār, Ār'-ī-ōch king of Ēl-lā'-sār, Chēd-ōr-lā-ō'-mēr king of Ē-lām, and Tī'-dāl king of nations, ²*these* made war with Bē'-rā king of Sodom, and with Bīr'-shā king of Gō-mōr'-rāh, Shī'-nāb king of Ād'-māh, and Shēm-ē'-bēr king of Zē-boi'-īm, and the king of Bē'-lā, which is Zō'-ār. ³All these were joined together in the valley of Sīd'-dīm, which is the salt sea. ⁴They served Chēd-ōr-lā-ō'-mēr twelve years, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. ⁵And in the fourteenth year Chēd-ōr-lā-ō'-mēr and the kings that were with him came and struck the Rēph'-ā-īms in Āsh'-tē-rōth Kār-nā'-īm, and the Zū'-zīms in Ham, and the Ē'-mīms in Shā'-vēh Kīr-ī-ā-thā'-īm, ⁶and the Hōr'-ites in their Mount Seir, as far as Ēl-pār'-ān, which is by the wilderness. ⁷And they returned, and came to Ēn-mīsh'-pāt, which is Kā'-dēsh, and struck all the country of the Ā-māl'-ēk-ites, and also the Ām'-ōr-ites who lived in Hāz'-ē-zōn-tā'-mār. ⁸And there went out the king of Sodom, and the king of Gō-mōr'-rāh, and the king of Ād'-māh, and the king of Zē-boi'-īm, and the king of Bē'-lā (which is Zō'-ār). And they joined battle with them in the valley of Sīd'-dīm — ⁹with Chēd-ōr-lā-ō'-mēr the king of Ē-lām, and with Tī'-dāl the king of nations, and Ām-rā'-phēl the king of Shī'-nār, and Ār'-ī-ōch the king of Ēl-lā'-sār — four kings with five. ¹⁰And the valley of Siddim *had many* asphalt pits. And the kings of Sodom and Gō-mōr'-rāh fled, and fell there. And they that remained fled to the mountain. ¹¹And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gō-mōr'-rāh, and all their food, and went their way. ¹²And they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who lived in Sodom — and *all* his goods — and went away.

¹³And there came one who had escaped. And *he* told Abram the Hebrew — for he lived in the plains of Mām'-rē the Ām'-ōr-ite, brother of Ēsh'-cōl and brother of Aner. And these had a covenant with Abram. ¹⁴And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive,

he led forth his trained servants, born in his own house (three hundred and eighteen) and pursued *them* unto Dan. ¹⁵And he divided himself against them by night, he and his servants. And *he* struck them, and pursued them unto Hō'-bāh, which is on the left hand of Dā-mās'-cūs. ¹⁶And he brought back all the goods, and also brought back his brother Lot and his goods, and the women also, and the people.

¹⁷And the king of Sodom went out to meet him after his return from the slaughter of Chēd-ōr-lā-ō'-mēr and of the kings that were with him, at the valley of Shā'-vēh, which is the king's valley. ¹⁸And Mēl-chīz'-ēd-ēk the king of Sā'-lēm brought forth bread and wine. And he was the priest of the most high God. ¹⁹And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, possessor of Heaven and earth. ²⁰And blessed be the most high God, who has delivered your enemies into your hand. And he gave him tithes of all. ²¹And the king of Sodom said to Abram, Give me the people and take the goods for yourself. ²²And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand to the LORD, the most high God, the possessor of Heaven and earth, ²³that I will not take anything that is yours — not from a thread even to a shoestring — lest you say, I have made Abram rich. ²⁴But *I will take* only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men which went with me — Aner, Ēsh'-cōl, and Mām'-rē — let them take their portion.

CHAPTER 15

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram, I am your shield *and* your exceeding great reward. ²And Abram said, Lord GOD, what wilt Thou give me, since I am childless, and the steward of my house is this Ēl-ī-ē'-zēr of Dā-mās'-cūs? ³And Abram said, Behold! Thou hast given no seed to me. And behold! one born in my house is my heir. ⁴And behold! the word of the LORD came to him saying, This one shall not be your heir. But he that shall come forth out of your own bowels shall be your heir. ⁵And he brought him outside and said, Look now toward Heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them. And He said to him, So shall your seed be. ⁶And he believed in the LORD. And He counted it to him for righteousness. ⁷And He said to him, I am the LORD that brought you out of Ur of the Chā'l'-dēēs, to give you this land to inherit it. ⁸And he said, Lord GOD, by what shall I know that I shall inherit it? ⁹And He said to him, Take Me a heifer of three years old, and a she-goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. ¹⁰And he took all these unto himself, and divided them in the middle, and laid each piece against one another — but he did not divide the birds. ¹¹And when the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. ¹²And when the sun was going down a deep sleep fell

upon Abram. And behold! a horror of great darkness fell upon him. ¹³And He said to Abram, You must surely know that your seed shall be a stranger in a land *that is* not theirs, and shall serve them. And they shall afflict them four hundred years. And also I will judge that nation whom they shall serve. ¹⁴And afterward they shall come out with great substance. ¹⁵And you shall go to your fathers in peace. You shall be buried in a good old age. ¹⁶But in the fourth generation they shall come here again — for the iniquity of the Ām'-ōr-ites is not yet full. ¹⁷And it came to pass that when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold! a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. ¹⁸In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, I have given this land to your seed, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Eū-phrā-tēs — ¹⁹the Kē-nites, and the Kē-niz'-zites, and the Kād'-mō-nites, ²⁰and the Hit'-tites, and the Pē-riz'-zites, and the Rēph'-ā-ims, ²¹and the Ām'-ōr-ites, and the Cā-nāan-ites, and the Gīr'-gā-shites, and the Jēb'-ū-sites.

CHAPTER 16

¹Now Sār'-ā-ī Abram's wife bore him no children. And she had a maid, an Egyptian whose name was Hā'-gär. ²And Sār'-ā-ī said to Abram, Behold now, the LORD has kept me from bearing. I pray you, go in unto my maid. It may be that I may get children by her. And Abram listened to the voice of Sār'-ā-ī. ³And Sār'-ā-ī, Abram's wife, took Hā'-gär her maid, the Egyptian, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife (after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan).

⁴And he went in unto Hā'-gär, and she conceived. And when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes. ⁵And Sār'-ā-ī said to Abram, My wrong be upon you. I have given my maid into your bosom, and when she saw that she had conceived, I was despised in her eyes. The LORD judge between me and you. ⁶But Abram said to Sār'-ā-ī, Behold, your maid is in your hand. Do to her as it pleases you. And when Sār'-ā-ī dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face.

⁷And the Angel of the LORD found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. ⁸And He said, Hā'-gär, Sār'-ā-ī's maid, where did you come from? and where will you go? And she said, I flee from the face of my mistress Sār'-ā-ī. ⁹And the Angel of the LORD said to her, Return to your mistress and submit yourself under her hands. ¹⁰And the Angel of the LORD said to her, I will multiply your seed exceedingly, so that it shall not be numbered for multitude. ¹¹And the Angel of the LORD said to her, Behold, you are with child and shall bear a son. And *you* shall call his name Iśh'-mā-ēl, because the LORD has heard your affliction. ¹²And he will be a wild man. His hand will be against every man, and every man's

hand against him. And he shall live in the presence of all his brothers. ¹³And she called the name of the LORD who had spoken to her, Thou God of vision! For she said, Have I also looked after Him that sees me here? ¹⁴Therefore the well was called Bēer-lā'-hai-roi. Behold it is between Kā'-dēsh and Bē'-rēd.

¹⁵And Hā'-gār bore Abram a son. And Abram called his son's name, which Hā'-gār bore, Īsh'-mā-ēl. ¹⁶And Abram was eighty-six years old when Hā'-gār bore Īsh'-mā-ēl to Abram.

CHAPTER 17

¹And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, I am the Almighty God! Walk before Me and be perfect. ²And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly. ³And Abram fell on his face. And God talked with him, saying, ⁴As for Me, behold! My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. ⁵Neither shall your name any more be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham — for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶And I will make you exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you. ⁷And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant — to be a God unto you and to your seed after you.

⁸And I will give the land in which you are a stranger to you and to your seed after you, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession. And I will be their God.

⁹And God said to Abraham, You shall keep My covenant therefore, you, and your seed after you in their generations. ¹⁰This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your seed after you. Every man child among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin. And it shall be a token of the covenant between Me and you. ¹²And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations — he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, who is not of your seed. ¹³He that is born in your house, and he that is bought with your money, must be circumcised. And My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people — he has broken My covenant.

¹⁵And God said to Abraham, As for Sâr'-ā-ī your wife, you shall not call her name Sâr'-ā-ī, but her name shall be Sâr'-āh. ¹⁶And I will bless her, and give you a son also of her. Yes, I will bless her, and she shall be a *mother* of nations, kings of people shall be from her. ¹⁷And Abraham fell upon his face and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a

child be born unto him that is a hundred years old? And shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear? ¹⁸And Abraham said unto God, Oh that Ish'-mā-ēl might live before Thee! ¹⁹And God said, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son indeed. And you shall call his name Y'-sâac. And I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, *and* with his seed after him. ²⁰And as for Ish'-mā-ēl, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall father twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. ²¹But I will establish My covenant with Isaac, whom Sâr'-âh shall bear unto you at this set time in the next year. ²²And He left off talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.

²³And Abraham took his son Ish'-mā-ēl, and all that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money — every male among the men of Abraham's house — and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins in the selfsame day, even as God said unto him. ²⁴And Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁵And his son Ish'-mā-ēl was thirteen years old when he was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. ²⁶In the same day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised. ²⁷And all the men of his house, that were born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him.

CHAPTER 18

¹And the LORD appeared unto him in the plains of Mām'-rē, and he sat at the tent door in the heat of the day. ²And he lifted up his eyes and looked, and lo, three men stood by him. And when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself toward the ground. ³And *he* said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in Thy sight, do not pass away, I pray Thee, from Thy servant. ⁴Let a little water, I pray Thee, be brought, and wash Thy feet, and rest under the tree. ⁵And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and you may comfort your hearts. After that you shall pass on. For therefore you are come to your servant. And they said, Do so, as you have said. ⁶And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal; knead *it*, and make cakes upon the hearth. ⁷And Abraham ran out to the herd and brought a calf, tender and good. And *he* gave *it* unto a young man. And he hurried to dress it. ⁸And he took butter and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

⁹And they said to him, Where is Sâr'-âh your wife? And he said, Behold, in the tent. ¹⁰And He said, I will certainly return unto you according to the time of life, and lo, Sâr'-âh your wife shall have a son.

And Sâr'-äh heard *it* in the tent door which was behind Him. ¹¹Now Abraham and Sarah were old *and* far gone in days, *and* it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹²Therefore Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am past age, shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? ¹³And the LORD said unto Abraham, Why did Sarah laugh, saying, Shall I, who am old, truly bear a child? ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return again, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall have a son. ¹⁵Then Sarah denied, saying, I did not laugh — for she was afraid. And He said, No, but you did laugh.

¹⁶And the men rose up from there, and looked toward Söd'-öm. And Abraham was with them to bring them on the way. ¹⁷And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham the thing which I do, ¹⁸when Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the persons of the earth shall be blessed in him? ¹⁹For I know him, that he will command his children after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment — that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which He has spoken of him. ²⁰And the LORD said, Because the cry of Söd'-öm and Gô-mör'-räh is great, and because their sin is very grievous, ²¹I will go down now and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which has come unto Me. And if not, I will know. ²²And the men turned their faces away from there, and went toward Sodom. But Abraham still stood before the LORD.

²³And Abraham drew near and said, Wilt Thou also destroy the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Perhaps there are fifty righteous within the city. Wilt Thou also destroy and not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are in it? ²⁵Far be it from Thee to act in this manner, to kill the righteous with the wicked. And far be it from Thee, that the righteous should be as the wicked. Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

²⁶And the LORD said, If I find in Söd'-öm fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sakes. ²⁷And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak to the LORD, who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Perhaps there will be five lacking from the fifty righteous. Wilt Thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And He said, If I find there forty-five, I will not destroy it. ²⁹And he spoke unto Him yet again, and said, Perhaps there shall be forty found there. And He said, I will not do it for forty's sake. ³⁰And he said, O let not the LORD be angry, and I will speak. Perhaps there shall be thirty found there. And He said, I will not do *it* if I find thirty there. ³¹And he said, Lo now, I have taken upon me to speak unto the LORD. Perhaps there shall be twenty found there. And He said, I will not destroy it for twenty's sake. ³²And he said, Oh do not let the

LORD be angry, and I will speak only once more. Perhaps ten shall be found there. And He said, I will not destroy it for ten's sake. ³³And the LORD went His way as soon as He had left off talking with Abraham. And Abraham returned to his place.

CHAPTER 19

¹And there came two angels to Söd'-öm at evening. And Lot sat in the gate of Sodom. And Lot rose up to meet them when he saw *them*. And he bowed himself with his face toward the ground, ²and said, Behold now, my lords, I pray you turn into your servant's house and stay all night, and wash your feet, and you shall rise up early and go your ways. And they said, No, but we will stay in the street all night. ³But he urgently pressed on them, and they turned in unto him and entered into his house. And he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they did eat.

⁴But before they lay down, the men of the city, the men of Sodom, surrounded the house — both old and young, all the people from every quarter. ⁵And they called to Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in unto you this night? Bring them out to us, that we may know them. ⁶And Lot went out to the door unto them, and shut the door after him. ⁷And *he* said, I pray you, brothers, do not do so with me. ⁸Behold now, I have two daughters which have not known man. I pray you, let me bring them out unto you, and you do them as is good in your eyes. But do nothing unto these men, for therefore they came under the shadow of my roof. ⁹And they said, Stand back! And they said, This one came in to stay, and he must needs be a judge. Now we will deal worse with you than with them. And they pressed hard upon the man, Lot, and came near to breaking the door. ¹⁰But the men put out their hands and pulled Lot into the house to them, and shut the door. ¹¹And they smote the men that were at the door of the house with blindness, both small and great — so that they wearied themselves to find the door.

¹²And the men said unto Lot, Have you anyone here besides yourself? *Bring your* sons-in-law, and your sons, and your daughters, and whatever you have in the city, bring them out of this place. ¹³For we will destroy this place because the cry of them has grown great before the face of the LORD. And the LORD has sent us to destroy it.

¹⁴And Lot went out and spoke with his sons-in-law, who married his daughters, and said, Get up and get out of this place, for the LORD will destroy this city. But he seemed as one that mocked to his sons-in-law.

¹⁵And when the morning rose up, then the angels hurried Lot, saying, Rise up! Take your wife and your two daughters who are here, lest you be consumed in the iniquity of the city. ¹⁶While he lingered, the

angel laid hold upon his hand, and upon the hand of his wife, and upon the hand of his two daughters — the LORD being merciful unto him — and they brought him forth and set him outside the city.

¹⁷And it came to pass when they had brought him outside, that He said. Escape for your life! Do not look behind you, nor stay in all the plain. Escape to the mountain lest you be consumed. ¹⁸And Lot said unto them, Oh no, Lord, pray ¹⁹behold now, Thy servant has found grace in Thy sight, and Thou hast magnified Thy mercy, which Thou hast shown to me in saving my life. And I cannot escape to the mountain, lest some evil take me and I die. ²⁰Behold now, this city is near to flee unto, and it is a little one. Oh let me escape there (is it not a little one?) and my soul shall live. ²¹And He said unto him, See, I have accepted you concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city for which you have spoken. ²²You hurry and escape there! for I cannot do anything till you have come there. Therefore the name of the city was called Zō'-är.

²³The sun was risen upon the earth when Lot entered into Zō'-är. ²⁴Then the LORD rained upon Söd'-öm and upon Gō-mör'-räh brimstone and fire from the LORD out of heaven. ²⁵And He overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. ²⁶But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt.

²⁷And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he stood before the LORD. ²⁸And he looked toward Söd'-öm and Gō-mör'-räh, and toward all the lands of the plain, and saw, and, lo, the smoke of the country went up as the smoke of a furnace. ²⁹And when God destroyed the cities of the plain, it came to pass that God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow, when He overthrew the cities in which Lot lived. ³⁰And Lot went up out of Zō'-är, and lived in the mountain, and his two daughters with him. For he feared to live in Zō'-är, and he and his two daughters lived in a cave. ³¹And the firstborn said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is no man in the earth to come in unto us in the way of all the earth. ³²Come, let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie with him, so that we may preserve seed of our father. ³³And they made their father drink wine that night. And the firstborn went in, and lay with her father. And he did not notice when she lay down nor when she arose. ³⁴And it came to pass on the next day, that the firstborn said unto the younger, Behold, I lay last night with my father. Let us make him drink wine this night also, and you go in and lie down with him so that we may preserve seed of our father. ³⁵And they made their father drink wine that night also, and the younger arose and lay with him. And he did not notice when she lay down nor when she arose. ³⁶So both the daughters of Lot were with child by their

father. ³⁷And the firstborn bore a son, and called his name Mō'-āb. The same is the father of the Mō'-āb-ītes unto this day. ³⁸And the younger also bore a son, and called his name Bēn-ām'-mī. The same is the father of the children of Ām'-mon unto this day.

CHAPTER 20

¹And Abraham journeyed from there toward the south country, and lived between Kā'-dēsh and Shūr, and stayed in Gē'-rār. ²And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister. And Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch the king of Gē'-rār sent and took Sarah. ³But God came to Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, you are *as* dead for the woman whom you have taken — for she is a man's wife. ⁴But Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch had not come near her. And he said, Lord, wilt Thou also kill a righteous nation? ⁵Did he not say unto me, She is my sister? And she herself said, He is my brother. In the sincerity of my heart and innocency of my hands I have done this. ⁶And God said to him in a dream, Yes, I know that you did this in the sincerity of your heart — for I also withheld you from sinning against Me. Therefore I did not allow you to touch her. ⁷Now therefore, restore *his* wife to the man. For he is a prophet, and he shall pray for you, and you shall live. And if you do not restore *her*, know that you shall surely die — you, and all that are yours. ⁸Therefore Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears. And the men were greatly afraid. ⁹Then Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch called Abraham, and said to him, What have you done unto us? In what have I offended you, that you have brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? You have done deeds unto me that ought not to be done. ¹⁰And Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch said unto Abraham, What did you see that you have done this thing? ¹¹And Abraham said, Because I thought, Surely the fear of God is not in this place, and they will kill me for my wife's sake. ¹²And yet truly *she is* my sister. She is the daughter of my father, but not the daughter of my mother. And she became my wife.

¹³And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander from my father's house, that I said to her, This is your kindness which you show unto me — at every place where we shall come, say of me, He is my brother. ¹⁴And Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and men-servants and women-servants, and gave *them* unto Abraham. And *he* restored him Sarah his wife. ¹⁵And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before you. Live where it pleases you. ¹⁶And to Sarah he said, I have given your brother a thousand *pieces* of silver. Behold, he is to you a covering of the eyes, unto all that are with you, and with all *others*. So she was reprov'd.

¹⁷So Abraham prayed unto God, and God healed Abimelech and his wife and his maid-servants, and they bore *children*. ¹⁸For the Lord had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

CHAPTER 21

¹And the LORD visited Sarah as He had said. And the LORD did unto Sarah as He had spoken. ²For Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. ³And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him (whom Sarah bore to him) Ī'-śâac. ⁴And Abraham circumcised his son Ī'-śâac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. ⁵And Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Ī'-śâac was born to him.

⁶And Sarah said, God has made me laugh, *so that* all who hear will laugh with me. ⁷And she said, Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah should have suckled children? For I have borne *a son* to him in his old age. ⁸And the child grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast the day that Isaac was weaned.

⁹And Sarah saw the son of Hâ'-gär the Egyptian (whom she had borne unto Abraham) mocking. ¹⁰Therefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son. For the son of the bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, with Isaac. ¹¹And the thing was very grievous in Abraham's sight, because of his son.

¹²And God said to Abraham, Let it not be grievous in your sight because of the boy and because of your bondwoman. In all that Sarah has said unto you, listen to her voice — for in Isaac your seed shall be called. ¹³And also, I will make a nation of the son of the bondwoman, because he is your seed. ¹⁴And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a bottle of water, and gave it to Hâ'-gär, putting it on her shoulder. And *he gave her* the boy, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered in the wilderness of Bêer-shê'-bâ. ¹⁵And the water was gone in the bottle, and she cast the boy under one of the shrubs. ¹⁶And she went and sat down across from *him* — a good way off, about a bowshot. For she said, Let me not see the death of the boy. And she sat over against *him*, and lifted up her voice, and cried. ¹⁷And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hâ'-gär out of heaven, and said to her, What ails you, Hagar? Do not fear, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸Rise up, lift up the boy and hold him up with your hand, for I will make him a great nation. ¹⁹And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went and filled the bottle with water, and gave drink to the boy.

²⁰And God was with the boy, and he grew, and lived in the wilderness, and became an archer. ²¹And he lived in the wilderness of Pâr'-ân, and his mother took a wife for him out of the land of Egypt.

²²And it came to pass at that time, that Ā-bīm'-ě-lěch and Phī'-cōl, the chief captain of his army, spoke to Abraham, saying, God is with you in all that you do. ²³Now therefore swear unto me here by God that you will not deal falsely with me, nor with my son, nor with my son's son. *But* you shall do unto me according to the kindness that I have done to you and to the land in which you have lived *also*. ²⁴And Abraham said, I will swear. ²⁵And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of a well of water which Abimelech's servants had violently taken away. ²⁶And Abimelech said, I do not know who has done this thing, neither did you tell me, neither have I even heard *of it*, except today. ²⁷And Abraham took sheep and oxen and gave them unto Abimelech, and both of them made a covenant. ²⁸And Abraham set seven ewe lambs of the flock by themselves. ²⁹And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What are these seven ewe lambs which you have set by themselves? ³⁰And he said, For you shall take *these* seven ewe lambs from my hand, so that they may be a witness unto me that I have dug this well. ³¹Therefore he called that place Bēer-shē'-bā, because they swore, both of them, there. ³²So they made a covenant at Bēer-shē'-bā.

Then Abimelech and Phī'-cōl the chief captain of his army rose up, and they returned unto the land of the Phī-līs'-tines. ³³And Abraham planted a tree in Bēer-shē'-bā, and called there on the name of the LORD, the everlasting God. ³⁴And Abraham lived in the Philistines' land many days.

CHAPTER 22

¹And it came to pass after these things that God tested Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham! And he said, Behold me. ²And He said, Take now your son, your only one — Ī'-śāac, whom you love — and go into the land of Mō-rī'-āh and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will name to you.

³And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Ī'-śāac his son. And *he* split the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up and went to the place of which God had told him. ⁴Then on the third day, Abraham lifted up his eyes and saw the place afar off. ⁵And Abraham said unto his young men, You stay here with the ass. And I and the boy will go yonder and worship, and come again to you. ⁶And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it upon Isaac his son. And he took the fire in his hand, and a knife. And they both went together. ⁷And Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, My father. And he said, Behold me, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood. *But*

where is the lamb for a burnt offering? ⁶And Abraham said, My son, God will provide Himself a lamb for a burnt offering. So they both went together.

⁹And they came to the place which God had told him of. And Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. And *he* bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood. ¹⁰And Abraham stretched forth his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹And the Angel of the LORD called unto him out of Heaven, and said, Abraham! Abraham! And he said, Behold me. ¹²And He said, Do not lay your hand upon the boy, neither do anything to him. For now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only *son*, from Me. ¹³And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold! Behind him a ram was caught in a thicket by his horns. And Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as it is said *to this day*, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

¹⁵And the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham out of Heaven the second time, ¹⁶and said, I have sworn by Myself, says the LORD — because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only *son* — ¹⁷that in blessing I will bless you, and in multiplying I will multiply your seed like the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is upon the seashore. And your Seed shall possess the gate of His enemies. ¹⁸And in your Seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

¹⁹So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Bēer-shē'-bā. And Abraham lived at Bēer-shē'-bā.

²⁰And it came to pass after these things that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold Mil'-cāh. She also has borne children to your brother Nā'hôr — ²¹Hūz his firstborn, and Būz his brother, and Kē-mū'-ēl the father of Ār'-ām, ²²and Chēs'-ēd, and Hā'-zō, and Pil'-dāsh, and Jid'-lāph, and Bē-thū'-ēl. ²³And Bē-thū'-ēl fathered Rē-bēk'-āh. These eight did Mil'-cāh bear to Nā'hôr, Abraham's brother. ²⁴And his concubine, whose name was Reū'-māh, she also bore Tē'-bāh, and Gā'-hām, and Thā'-hāsh, and Mā'-ā-chāh.

CHAPTER 23

¹And Sarah was a hundred twenty seven years old — *these were* the years of the life of Sarah. ²And Sarah died in Kīr'-jāth-ār'-bā; the same is Hē'-brōn in the land of Canaan. And Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her.

³And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spoke unto the sons of Heth, saying, ⁴I am a stranger and a visitor with you. Give

me a possession of a burying-place with you, so that I may bury my dead out of my sight. ⁵And the children of Heth answered Abraham saying unto him, ⁶Hear us, my lord. You are a mighty prince among us. Bury your dead in the choice of our burying places — none of us shall withhold from you his burying-place from burying your dead. ⁷And Abraham stood up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, the children of Heth. ⁸And he spoke with them, saying, If it is your mind that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and ask for me of Ephron the son of Zō'-hār, ⁹that he may give me the cave of Mäch-pē'-läh which he has, which is in the end of his field. For as much money as it is worth he shall give it to me for a possession of a burying-place among you. ¹⁰And Ephron lived among the children of Heth. And Ephron the Hīt'-tite answered Abraham in the ears of the children of Heth, of all that went in at the gate of the city, saying, ¹¹No, my lord, hear me. I give you the field, and the cave that is in it I give to you. In the presence of the sons of my people I give it to you. Bury your dead. ¹²And Abraham bowed down himself before the people of the land. ¹³And he spoke unto Ephron in the ears of the people of the land, saying, Only if you *would*, please hear me. I will give you money for the field. Take it from me, and I will bury my dead there. ¹⁴And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him, ¹⁵My lord, listen to me. The land *is worth* four hundred shekels of silver. What is that between me and you? Therefore bury your dead. ¹⁶And Abraham listened unto Ephron. And Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver which he had named in the hearing of the sons of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, *which* passes with the merchant.

¹⁷And the field of Ephron, which was Mäch-pē'-läh, which was before Mäm'-rē — the field and the cave which was in it, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about — were made sure ¹⁸unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city. ¹⁹And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave at the field of Mäch-pē'-läh before Mäm'-rē — the same is Hē'-brōn in the land of Canaan. ²⁰And the field, and the cave that is in it, were made sure to Abraham for a possession of a burying-place by the sons of Heth.

CHAPTER 24

¹And Abraham was old, far gone in age. And the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. ²And Abraham said to the oldest servant of his house, who ruled over all that he had, I pray you, put your hand under my thigh. ³And I will make you swear by the LORD, the God of Heaven and the God of the earth, that you shall not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell. ⁴But you shall go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife to my son Isaac. ⁵And the servant said to him, Perhaps the woman

will not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I necessarily bring your son again to the land from which you came? ⁶And Abraham said to him, Take care that you do not bring my son there again.

⁷The LORD, the God of Heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke unto me, and who swore unto me, saying, Unto your seed I will give this land: He shall send His Angel before you. And you shall take a wife unto my son from there. ⁸And if the woman will not be willing to follow you, then you shall be clear from this oath. Only do not bring my son there again. ⁹And the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning the matter.

¹⁰And the servant took ten camels of the camels of his master, and departed. For all the goods of his master were in his hand. And he arose, and went to Mēs-ō-pō-tā'-mī-ă, unto the city of Nā'-hôr. ¹¹And he made his camels kneel down outside the city by a well of water at the time of the evening, the time that women go out to draw. ¹²And he said, O LORD, God of my master Abraham, I pray Thee, send me good speed this day, and show kindness to my master Abraham. ¹³Behold, I stand by the well of water. And the daughters of the men of the city come out to draw water. ¹⁴And let it come to pass that the young woman to whom I shall say, Let down your pitcher, I pray you, so that I may drink; and she shall say, Drink, and I will give your camels drink also — *let it be her that Thou hast appointed for Thy servant Isaac*. And by it I shall know that Thou hast shown kindness to my master.

¹⁵And before he had finished speaking, it came to pass that, behold, Rē-bēk'-äh came out, who was born to Bē-thū'-ël, son of Mil'-cäh, the wife of Nā'-hôr, Abraham's brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. ¹⁶And the young woman was very beautiful to look upon, neither had any man known her. And she went down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came up. ¹⁷And the servant ran to meet her, and said, I pray you, let me drink a little water of your pitcher. ¹⁸And she said, Drink, my lord. And she hurried and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him drink. ¹⁹And when she had finished giving him drink, she said, I will draw *water* for your camels also, until they have finished drinking. ²⁰And she hurried, and emptied her pitcher in the trough, and ran again to the well to draw *water*. And *she* drew for all his camels. ²¹And the man was watching her, keeping silent, in order to know whether the LORD had prospered his journey or not. ²²And it came to pass as the camels had finished drinking, that the man took a golden earring of half a shekel weight, and two bracelets for her hand, weighing ten *shekels* of gold. ²³And *he* said, Whose daughter are you? I pray you, tell me. Is there room in your father's house for us to stay in? ²⁴And she said to him, I am the daughter of Bē-thū'-ël the

son of Mil'-cäh, whom she bore unto Nā'-hôr. ²⁵And she said to him, We have both straw and fodder enough, and room to lodge in. ²⁶And the man bowed down his head, and worshipped the Lord. ²⁷And he said, Blessed be the LORD, God of my master Abraham, who has not left my master destitute of His mercy and His truth. *As for me*, the LORD led me in the way to the house of my master's brothers. ²⁸And the young woman ran and told her mother's house these things.

²⁹And Rē-běk'-äh had a brother, and his name was Lā'-băn. And Lā'-băn ran out to the man, to the well. ³⁰And when he saw the earrings and bracelets upon his sister's hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, So spoke the man to me — he came to the man. And behold, he stood by the camels at the well. ³¹And he said, Come in, blessed of the LORD. Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.

³²And the man came into the house. And he unloaded his camels, and gave straw and fodder to the camels, and water to wash his feet and the feet of the men that were with him. ³³And there was *food* set before him to eat. But he said, I will not eat until I have told my errand. And he said, Speak on. ³⁴And he said, I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵And the LORD has blessed my master greatly, and he has become great. And He has given him flocks and herds and silver and gold, and menservants and maidservants, and camels and asses. ³⁶And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old. And he has given to him all that he has. ³⁷And my master made me swear, saying, You shall not take a wife to my son of the daughters of the Cä'-nāan-ites, in whose land I live. ³⁸But you shall go to my father's house, and to my kindred, and take a wife to my son. ³⁹And I said to my master, Perhaps the woman will not follow me. ⁴⁰And he said to me, The LORD, before whom I walk, will send his Angel with you, and prosper your way. And you shall take a wife for my son from my kindred, and from my father's house. ⁴¹Then shall you be clear from my oath when you come to my kindred, and if they do not give you *one*, you shall be clear from my oath.

⁴²And I came this day to the well, and said, O LORD, God of my master Abraham, if now Thou dost prosper my way which I go, ⁴³behold, I stand by the well of water. And it shall come to pass that, when the virgin comes forth to draw *water*, and I say to her, Give me, I pray you, a little water from your pitcher to drink, ⁴⁴and she say to me, Both you drink, and I will also draw for your camels — *let* the same be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son. ⁴⁵And before I finished speaking in my heart, behold! Rebekah came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder. And she went down to the well and drew *water*. And I said unto her, I pray you, let me drink. ⁴⁶And she hurried and let down her pitcher from her *shoulder*, and said,

Drink, and I will give drink to your camels also. So I drank, and she made the camels drink also. ⁴⁷And I asked her and said, Whose daughter are you? And she said, The daughter of Bě-thū'-ēl, Nā'-hōr's son, whom Mil'-cāh bore unto him. And I put the earring upon her face and the bracelets upon her hands. ⁴⁸And I bowed down my head and worshipped the LORD, and blessed the LORD, God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter to his son.

⁴⁹And now if you will deal kindly and truthfully with my master, tell me. And if not, tell me so that I may turn to the right hand or to the left. ⁵⁰Then Lā'-bān and Bě-thū'-ēl answered and said, The thing has come forth from the LORD. We cannot speak to you bad or good. ⁵¹Behold! Rebekah is before you; take *her* and go. And let her be the wife of your master's son, even as the LORD has spoken.

⁵²And it came to pass that when Abraham's servant heard their words, he worshipped the LORD, *bowing himself* to the earth. ⁵³And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and clothing, and gave *them* to Rebekah. He also gave precious things to her brother and to her mother. ⁵⁴And they ate and drank, he and the men that were with him, and stayed all night. And they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away to my master. ⁵⁵And her brother and her mother said, Let the young woman stay with us *a few days*, rather ten. After that she shall go. ⁵⁶And he said to them, Do not hinder me, since the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away, that I may go away to my master. ⁵⁷And they said, We will call the young woman and inquire at her mouth. ⁵⁸And they called Rebekah, and said to her, Will you go with this man? And she said, I will go. ⁵⁹And they sent away Rebekah their sister, and her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. ⁶⁰And they blessed Rebekah, and said to her, Our sister, be *the mother* of thousands of millions, and let your seed possess the gate of those who hate them.

⁶¹And Rebekah rose up, and her young women, and they rode upon the camels and followed the man. And the servant took Rebekah and went his way. ⁶²And Isaac came from the way of the well Lā-hai'-roi, for he lived in the south country. ⁶³And Isaac went out to think things over in the field at the beginning of the evening. And he lifted up his eyes, and looked. And behold, camels were coming. ⁶⁴And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she quickly alighted from off the camel. ⁶⁵For she had said to the servant, What man is this that walks in the field to meet us? And the servant said, It is my master. Therefore she took a veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶And the servant told Isaac all things that he had done. ⁶⁷And Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent, and took Rebekah, and she became his wife. And he loved her. And Isaac was comforted after his mother's *death*.

CHAPTER 25

¹Then again Abraham took a wife, and her name was Kē-tū'-rāh. ²And She bore him Zīm'-rān and Jök'-shān and Mē'-dān and Mīd'-ī-ān and Ish'-bāk and Shū'-āh. ³And Jök'-shān fathered Shē'-bā and Dē'-dān. And the sons of Dē'-dān were Āssh'-û-rīm and Lē-tū'-shīm and Lē-ūm'-mīm. ⁴And the sons of Midian were Ē'-phāh and Ē'-phēr and Hā'-nōch and Ā-bī'-dā and Ēl-dā'-āh. All these were the children of Kē-tū'-rāh.

⁵And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac. ⁶But to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts. And *he* sent them away from Isaac his son, while he still lived, eastward to the east country. ⁷And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life, which he lived — a hundred seventy-five years. ⁸Then Abraham gave up the spirit and died in a good old age, old and satisfied. And *he* was gathered to his people. ⁹And his sons Isaac and Ish'-mā-ēl buried him in the cave of Māch-pē'-lāh, in the field of Ephron the son of Zō'-hār the Hittite, which is before Mām'-rē — ¹⁰the field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth. There Abraham was buried, and Sarah his wife.

¹¹And after the death of Abraham, it came to pass that God blessed his son Isaac. And Isaac lived by the well Lā-haī'-roi.

¹²Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hā'-gār the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bore to Abraham. ¹³And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations. The firstborn of Ishmael was Nē-bā'-jōth. Then *came* Kē'-dār, and Ād'-bēel, and Mīb'-sām, ¹⁴and Mīsh'-mā, and Dū'-māh, and Mās'-sā, ¹⁵Hā'-dār, and Tē'-mā, Jē'-tūr, Nā'-phīsh, and Kē'-dē-māh. ¹⁶These are the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their towns and by their castles — twelve princes according to their nations. ¹⁷And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred thirty-seven years. And he gave up the spirit and died, and was gathered to his people. ¹⁸And they lived from Hāv'-ī-lāh unto Shur, which *is* before Egypt, as you go toward Ās-syr'-ī-ā. *And* he died in the presence of all his brothers.

¹⁹And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham's son. Abraham fathered Isaac. ²⁰And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah to wife, the daughter of Bē-thū'-ēl the Syrian of Pā-dān-ār'-ām, the sister of Lā'-bān the Syrian. ²¹And Isaac prayed unto the LORD for his wife, because she was barren. And the LORD heard him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. ²²And the children struggled together within her. And she said, *If it is so, why am I this way?* And she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her, *Two nations are in your womb, and two kinds of people shall be separated from your bowels. And the one people shall stronger than the other people, and the older shall serve the younger.*

²⁴And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold! twins were in her womb. ²⁵And the first came out red, all over like a hairy garment — and they called his name Ē'-säu. ²⁶And after that his brother came out, and his hand took hold on Ē'-säu's heel. And his name was called Jā'-cōb. And Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷And the boys grew. And Ē'-säu was a skillful hunter, a man of the field. And Jā'-cōb was a plain man, living in tents. ²⁸And Isaac loved Ē'-säu because he ate of *his* deer meat. But Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹And Jacob boiled pottage. And Esau came from the field, and he was faint. ³⁰And Esau said to Jacob, I pray you, feed me with that red pottage, for I am faint. Therefore his name was called Ē'-dōm. ³¹And Jacob said, Sell me your birthright today. ³²And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point of dying, and what profit shall this birthright be to me? ³³And Jacob said, Swear to me this day. And he swore to him, and he sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentils. And he ate and drank, and rose up and went his way. So Esau despised *his* birthright.

CHAPTER 26

¹And there was a famine in the land, besides the famine that was in the days of Ā'-brā-hām. And Isaac went to Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch king of the Phi-lis'-tines, unto Gē'-rār. ²And the LORD appeared unto him and said, Do not go down into Egypt. Live in the land which I shall tell you of. ³Stay in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you — for unto you and unto your seed I will perform the oath which I swore unto Abraham your father. ⁴And I will make your seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give to your seed all these countries. And in your seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed — ⁵because Abraham obeyed My voice and kept My charge, My commandments, My statutes, and My laws.

⁶And Isaac lived in Gē'-rār. ⁷And the men of the place asked *him* about his wife. And he said, She is my sister. For he feared to say, My wife — lest the men of the place should kill *him* for Rebekah, because she was beautiful to look upon. ⁸And when he had been there a long time, it came to pass that Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch king of the Philistines looked out through the window, and saw. And behold! Isaac was caressing Rebekah his wife. ⁹And Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch called Isaac and said, Behold! She surely is your wife. And why did you say, She is my sister? And Isaac said to him, Because I said, Lest I die on account of her. ¹⁰Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch said, What is this you have done to us? One of the people might have lain with your wife, and you would have brought guilt upon us. ¹¹And Abimelech charged all *his* people, saying, He that touches this man or his wife shall surely be put to death. ¹²Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year a

hundredfold. And the LORD blessed him. ¹³And the man became great. And *he* went forward and grew until he became very great. ¹⁴And he had possession of flocks and possession of herds, and many household servants. And the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵For all the wells which his father's servants had dug in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped them and filled them with earth. ¹⁶And Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch said to Isaac, Go away from us, for you are much mightier than we are.

¹⁷And Isaac departed from there, and pitched his tent in the valley of Gē'-rār, and lived there. ¹⁸And Isaac dug again the wells of water which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father — for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham. And he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.

¹⁹And Isaac's servants dug in the valley, and found there a well of living water. ²⁰And the herdmen of Gē'-rār strove with Isaac's herdmen, saying, The water is ours. And he called the name of the well E'-sēk, because they strove with him. ²¹And they dug another well, and *they* strove for that also. And he called the name of it Sīt'-nāh. ²²And he moved from there, and dug another well, and they did not strive for that. And he called the name of it Re'-hō-bōth. And he said, For now the LORD has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

²³And he went from there to Bēer-shē'-bā. ²⁴And the LORD appeared to him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham your father. Do not fear, for I am with you, and will bless you and multiply your seed for My servant Abraham's sake. ²⁵And he built an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there. And Isaac's servants dug a well there. ²⁶Then Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch went to him from Gē'-rār, with Ā-hūz'-zāth one of his friends, and Phī'-chōl the chief captain of his army. ²⁷And Isaac said to them, Why do you come to me, since you hate me and have sent me away from you? ²⁸And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with you. And we said, Let there be now an oath between us, between us and you, and let us make a covenant with you; ²⁹that you will do us no harm since we have not touched you, and since we have done nothing but good to you, and have sent you away in peace. You are now the blessed of the LORD. ³⁰And he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. ³¹And they rose up early in the morning, and swore to one another. And Isaac sent them away, and they departed from him in peace. ³²And the same day it came to pass that Isaac's servants came and told him about the well which they had dug. And *they* said to him, We have found water. ³³And he called it Shē'-bāh. Therefore the name of the city is Bēer-shē'-bā unto this day.

³⁴And Esau was forty years old when he took to wife Judith the daughter of Bēer'-ī the Hīt'-tite, and Bāsh'-ĕ-māth the daughter of Ē'-lōn the Hīt'-tite — ³⁵who were a grief of mind to Isaac and to Rebekah.

CHAPTER 27

¹And it came to pass, when Isaac was old and his eyes were dim, so that he could not see, he called his oldest son Esau and said to him, My son. ²And he said to him, Behold, here I am. And he said, Behold now, I am old, I do not know the day of my death. ³Now therefore I pray you, take your weapons, your quiver and your bow, and go out to the field and hunt deer meat for me. ⁴And make tasty meat for me, such as I love, and bring it to me so that I may eat, that my soul may bless you before I die. ⁵And Rebekah was listening when Isaac spoke to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt *for* deer meat in order to bring *it*.

⁶And Rebekah spoke to her son Jacob, saying, Behold, I heard your father speak to your brother Esau, saying, ⁷Bring me deer meat, and make me tasty meat so that I may eat and bless you before the LORD before my death. ⁸Therefore, my son, obey my voice according to what I command you. ⁹Go now to the flock, and bring me from there two good kids of the goats. And I will make them tasty meat for your father, such as he loves. ¹⁰And you shall bring it to your father so that he may eat, and that he may bless you before his death. ¹¹And Jacob said to his mother Rebekah, Behold, Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth man. ¹²My father will perhaps feel me, and I shall seem to him as a deceiver. And I shall bring a curse upon me, and not a blessing. ¹³And his mother said to him, Your curse be upon me, my son, only obey my voice and go bring *them to me*. ¹⁴And he went. And *he* took *them* and brought *them* to his mother. And his mother made tasty meat such as his father loved. ¹⁵And Rebekah took the costly garments of her older son Esau, which were with her in the house, and put them on Jacob her younger son. ¹⁶And she put the skins from the kids of the goats on his hands, and on the smooth of his neck. ¹⁷And she gave the tasty meat and the bread which she had prepared into the hand of her son Jacob.

¹⁸And he came to his father and said, My father! And he said, Here I am; who are you, my son? ¹⁹And Jacob said to his father, I am Esau your first-born. I have done as you asked me. Arise, I pray you, sit and eat of my deer meat, that your soul may bless me. ²⁰And Isaac said to his son, How is it that you have found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because the LORD your God brought *it* to me. ²¹And Isaac said to Jacob, Come near, I pray you, so that I may feel you, my son, whether you are truly my son Esau or not. ²²And Jacob went near to Isaac his father. And he felt him and said, The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau. ²³And he did not know him

because his hands were hairy like his brother Esau's hands. So he blessed him. ²⁴And he said, Are you truly my son Esau? And he said, I am. ²⁵And he said, Bring *it* to me, and I will eat of my son's deer meat, so that my soul may bless you. And he brought it near to him, and he ate. And he brought him wine, and he drank. ²⁶And his father Isaac said to him, Come near now and kiss me, my son. ²⁷And he came near and kissed him. And he smelled the smell of his clothing, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the LORD has blessed. ²⁸Therefore God give you of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine. ²⁹Let people serve you, and let nations bow down to you. Be lord over your brothers, and let your mother's sons bow down to you. Cursed be everyone that curses you, and blessed be he that blesses you.

³⁰And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was scarcely gone from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. ³¹And he also had made tasty meat and brought it to his father. And he said unto his father, Let my father arise and eat of his son's deer meat so that your soul may bless me. ³²And his father Isaac said to him, Who are you? And he said, I am your son, your first-born, Esau. ³³And Isaac trembled with a great trembling, and said, Who? Where is he who has hunted deer and brought it to me, and I have eaten of all before you came, and have blessed him? Yes! he shall be blessed! ³⁴And when Esau heard the voice of his father, he cried with a great and exceeding bitter cry, and said to his father, Bless *me*, even me also, O my father! ³⁵And he said, Your brother came with deceit, and has taken away your blessing. ³⁶And he said, Is he not rightly named Jacob? For he has supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright, and behold, now he has taken away my blessing. And he said, Have you not reserved a blessing for me? ³⁷And Isaac answered and said to Esau, Behold! I have made him your lord, and all his brothers I have given him for servants. And with corn and wine I have supported him. And what shall I do now to you, my son? ³⁸And Esau said to his father, Have you but one blessing, my father? Bless me, *even* me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice and wept. ³⁹And Isaac his father answered and said to him, Behold! Your dwelling shall be of the fatness of the earth and of the dew of heaven from above. ⁴⁰And by your sword you shall live, and shall serve your brother. And it shall come to pass when you shall have the dominion, you shall break his yoke from off your neck.

⁴¹And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing with which his father had blessed him. And Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand. Then I will kill my brother Jacob. ⁴²And these words of her older son Esau were told to Rebekah. And she sent and called her younger son Jacob, and said to him, Behold,

your brother Esau comforts himself regarding you, *intending* to kill you. ⁴³Now therefore, my son, obey my voice and arise. Flee to my brother Lā'-bān, to Hār'-ān, ⁴⁴and stay with him a few days ⁴⁵until your brother's fury turns away, until your brother's anger turns away from you and he forgets what you have done to him. Then I will send and bring you from there. Why should I also be bereaved of both of you in one day? And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth. If Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

CHAPTER 28

¹And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and commanded him. And *he* said to him, You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. ²Arise, go to Pā-dān-ār'-ām, to the house of Bě-thū'-ēl your mother's father. And take a wife from there of the daughters of Lā'-bān your mother's brother. ³And may God almighty bless you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, so that you may be a multitude of people. ⁴And *may He* give you the blessing of Abraham — to you and to your seed with you — so that you may inherit the land in which you are a stranger, which God gave to Abraham. ⁵And Isaac sent Jacob away. And he went to Pā-dān-ār'-ām to Lā'-bān, son of Bě-thū'-ēl the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, the mother of Jacob and Esau.

⁶When Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Pā-dān-ār'-ām in order to take a wife from there, and that as he blessed him he gave him a command, saying, You shall not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan — ⁷and that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and had gone to Pā-dān-ār'-ām — ⁸and when Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan did not please Isaac his father — ⁹then Esau went to Ish'-mā-ēl, and took Mā'-hā-lāth the daughter of Ish'-mā-ēl, Abraham's son, the sister of Nē-bā'-jōth, unto the wives which he had, to be his wife.

¹⁰And Jacob went out from Bēer-shē'-bā, and went toward Hār'-ān. ¹¹And he lighted upon a certain place, and stayed there all night, because the sun had set. And he took of the stones of that place, and put *them down for* pillows, and lay down in that place to sleep. ¹²And he dreamed. And behold! a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to Heaven. And behold! the angels of God ascending and descending on it. ¹³And behold! the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD, God of Abraham your father, and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your seed. ¹⁴And your seed shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south. And in you and in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. ¹⁵And, behold, I am with you, and will keep you in every *place*

where you go, and will bring you again into this land — for I will not leave you until I have done that which I have spoken of unto you.

¹⁶And Jacob awakened from his sleep. And he said, Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it. ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, How fearful is this place! This is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of Heaven! ¹⁸And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone which he had put *down for* his pillow, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil on the top of it. ¹⁹And he called the name of that place Bēth'-ēl. But the name of that city was Lüz at first. ²⁰And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in this way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and clothing to put on, ²¹so that I come again unto my father's house in peace — then shall the LORD be my God. ²²And this stone which I have set for a pillar shall be God's house. And of all that Thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee.

CHAPTER 29

¹Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the people of the east. ²And he looked, and behold! a well in the field. And, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it, for they watered the flocks out of that well. And a great stone was upon the well's mouth. ³And all the flocks were gathered there. And they rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the sheep, and put the stone again upon the well's mouth in its place. ⁴And Jacob said to them, My brothers, where are you from? And they said, We are from Hār'-ān. ⁵And he said to them, Do you know Lā'-bān the son of Nā'-hôr? And they said, We know *him*. ⁶And he said to them, Is he well? And they said, *He is well*. And, behold, his daughter Rā'-chēl comes with the sheep. ⁷And he said, Lo, the day is yet high. It is not yet time for gathering the cattle together. Water the sheep, and go feed *them*. ⁸And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks have been gathered together. And they roll the stone from the well's mouth — then we water the sheep.

⁹While he still spoke with them, Rā'-chēl came with her father's sheep — for she kept them. ¹⁰And when Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Lā'-bān his mother's brother, and the sheep of Lā'-bān his mother's brother, then it came to pass Jacob went near and rolled the stone from the well's mouth, and watered the flocks of Lā'-bān his mother's brother. ¹¹And Jacob kissed Rachel, and lifted up his voice and wept. ¹²And Jacob told Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he was Rebekah's son. And she ran and told her father. ¹³And when Laban heard the tidings of Jacob his sister's son, he ran to meet him and embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to his house. And he told Lā'-bān all these things. ¹⁴And Lā'-bān said to him, Surely you are my bone and my flesh. And he stayed with him for a month.

¹⁵And Lā'-bān said to Jacob, Because you are my brother, should you then serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be? ¹⁶And Lā'-bān had two daughters. The name of the oldest was Lē'-āh, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷Leah was weak of eyes, but Rachel was beautiful and well-favored. ¹⁸And Jacob loved Rachel, and said, I will serve you seven years for Rachel your younger daughter. ¹⁹And Lā'-bān said, *It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to another man. Stay with me.* ²⁰And Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days — for the love he had for her.

²¹And Jacob said to Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, so that I may go in unto her. ²²And Laban gathered together all the men of the place, and made a feast. ²³And in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to him. And he went in unto her. ²⁴And Laban gave Zil'-pāh his maid to his daughter Leah for a handmaid. ²⁵And in the morning, behold! it was Leah! And he said to Laban, What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you tricked me? ²⁶And Laban said, It must not be done so in our country, to give the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Fulfill her week, and we will give you this also for the service which you shall serve with me still another seven years. ²⁸And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week. And he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife also. ²⁹And Laban gave Bil'-hāh his maid to his daughter Rachel, to be her handmaid. ³⁰And he also went in unto Rachel. He also loved Rachel more than Leah, and served with him still seven more years.

³¹And when the LORD saw that Leah was hated; He opened her womb. But Rachel was barren. ³²And Leah conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Reū'-bēn — for she said, Surely the LORD has looked upon my afflictions. Now therefore my husband will love me. ³³And she conceived again, and bore a son, and said, Because the LORD has heard that I was hated, He has therefore given me this son also. And she called his name Sīm'-ē-ōn. ³⁴And she conceived again, and bore a son, and said, Now this time my husband will return to me, because I have borne him three sons. Therefore his name was called Lē'-vī. ³⁵And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she said, Now I will praise the LORD. Therefore she called his name Jū'-dāh, and quit bearing.

CHAPTER 30

¹And when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister. And *she* said to Jacob, Give me children, or else I *will* die. ²And Jacob's anger was kindled against Rachel. And he said, Am I in God's stead, who has withheld from you the fruit of the womb? ³And she said, Behold my maid Bil'-hāh — go in unto her, and she

shall bear upon my knees, so that I may also have children by her. ⁴And she gave him her handmaid Bīl'-häh to wife. And Jacob went in unto her. ⁵And Bīl'-häh conceived, and bore Jacob a son. ⁶And Rachel said, God has judged me, and has also heard my voice, and has given me a son. Therefore she called his name Dan. ⁷And Rachel's maid Bīl'-häh conceived again, and bore Jacob a second son. ⁸And Rachel said, With the wrestlings of God I have wrestled with my sister, and I have prevailed. And she called his name Nāph'-tä-li. ⁹When Leah saw that she had quit bearing, she took her maid Zil'-päh and gave her to Jacob to wife. ¹⁰And Leah's maid Zil'-päh bore Jacob a son. ¹¹And Leah said, A troop comes. And she called his name Gad. ¹²And Leah's maid Zil'-päh bore Jacob a second son. ¹³And Leah said, I am happy, for the daughters will call me blessed. And she called his name Āsh'-ēr.

¹⁴And Reū'-bēn went in the days of the wheat harvest, and found may-apples in the field, and brought them to his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, I pray you, give me *some* of your son's may-apples. ¹⁵And she said to her, *Is it* a small matter that you have taken my husband? And would you also take my son's may-apples? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with you tonight for your son's may-apples. ¹⁶And Jacob came out of the field in the evening. And Leah went out to meet him, and said, You must come in unto me, for I have surely hired you with my son's may-apples. And he lay with her that night. ¹⁷And God listened to Leah, and she conceived, and bore Jacob the fifth son. ¹⁸And Leah said, God has given me my hire, because I have given my maid to my husband. And she called his name Īs'-sā-chär. ¹⁹And Leah conceived again, and bore Jacob the sixth son. ²⁰And Leah said, God has presented me *with* a good dowry. Now my husband will live with me, because I have borne him six sons. And she called his name Zē-bū'-lün. ²¹And afterward she bore a daughter, and called her name Dī'-näh.

²²And God remembered Rachel, and God listened to her and opened her womb. ²³And she conceived and bore a son, and she said, God has taken away my reproach. ²⁴And she called his name Joseph. And she said, The LORD shall add another son to me.

²⁵And when Rachel had borne Joseph, it came to pass that Jacob said to Lā'-bān, Send me away so that I may go into my own place and to my country. ²⁶Give me my wives and my children, for whom I have served you, and let me go — for you know my service which I have done you. ²⁷And Laban said to him, I pray you, if I have found favor in your eyes, stay. *For* I have learned by experience that the LORD has blessed me for your sake. ²⁸And he said, Appoint your wages and I will give *it*. ²⁹He said to him, You know how I have served you, and how your cattle were with me. ³⁰For you had little before I *came*, and it has *now* increased to a multitude. And the LORD has blessed you

since my coming. And now when shall I provide for my own house also? ³¹And he said, What shall I give you? And Jacob said, You shall not give me anything. If you will do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep your flock. ³²I will pass through all the flocks today, taking out all the speckled and spotted sheep, and all of the black sheep among the lambs, and the spotted and the speckled among the goats. And *these* shall be my hire. ³³So shall my righteousness answer for me in time to come, and it shall come for my hire before your face. Every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the sheep, shall be counted stolen with me. ³⁴And Laban said, Behold, let it be according to your word. ³⁵And that day he took out the he-goats that were striped and spotted, and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white in it, and all the black from among the lambs, and gave *them* into the hand of his sons. ³⁶And he set three days' journey between himself and Jacob. And Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flocks.

³⁷And Jacob took rods of green poplar, and of the hazel and chestnut tree. And he peeled white streaks in them, and made the white appear which was in the rods. ³⁸And he set the rods which he had peeled before the flocks in the gutters in the watering troughs when the flocks came to drink, so that they should conceive when they came to drink. ³⁹And the flocks conceived in front of the rods, and brought forth striped cattle, speckled, and spotted. ⁴⁰And Jacob separated the lambs, and set the faces of the flocks toward the striped, and all the black in the flock of Laban. And he put his own flocks by themselves, and did not put them with the flock of Laban. ⁴¹And when the stronger flocks conceived, Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the flocks in the gutters, so that they might conceive among the rods. ⁴²But when the flocks were feeble, he did not put them in — so the feebler ones were Laban's and the stronger ones were Jacob's. ⁴³And the man increased exceedingly, and had many flocks, and maidservants, and manservants, and camels, and asses.

CHAPTER 31

¹And he heard the words of Laban's sons, saying, Jacob has taken away all that was our father's, and he has gotten all this glory from *that* which was our father's. ²And Jacob saw the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before. ³And the LORD said to Jacob, Return to the land of your fathers, and to your kindred, and I will be with you. ⁴And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field to his flocks. ⁵And he said to them, I see your father's face, that it is not toward me as before — but the God of my father has been with me. ⁶And you know that with all my power I have served your father, ⁷and your father has deceived me and changed my wages ten times. But God did not allow him to hurt me. ⁸If he said this,

The speckled shall be your wages — then all the flocks bore speckled. And if he said this, The striped shall be your hire — then all the flocks bore striped. ⁹So God has taken away the flocks of your father, and has given them to me. ¹⁰And at the time the cattle conceived, I lifted up my eyes and saw in a dream, and, behold! the rams which leaped upon the cattle were striped, speckled, and mottled. ¹¹And the Angel of God spoke to me in a dream, *saying*, Jacob! And I said, Here I am. ¹²And he said, Lift up your eyes and see all the rams which leap upon the cattle, *that they are* striped, speckled, and mottled. For I have seen all that Laban does to you. ¹³I am the God of Bēth'-ēl, where you anointed the pillar, where you vowed a vow to Me. Now arise, get out from this land, and return to the land of your kindred.

¹⁴And Rachel and Leah answered and said to him, *Is there* yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father's house? ¹⁵Are we not counted strangers by him? For he has sold us, and has also entirely devoured our money. ¹⁶For all the riches which God has taken from our father, that is ours and our children's. Now then, whatever God has said to you, do.

¹⁷Then Jacob rose up and set his sons and wives upon camels. ¹⁸And he carried away all his flocks, and all his goods which he had gotten — the cattle of his getting, which he had gotten in Pā-dān-ār-ām — in order to go to Isaac his father in the land of Canaan. ¹⁹And Laban went to shear his sheep. And Rachel had stolen the images which were her father's. ²⁰And Jacob stole away the heart of Laban the Syrian, in that he did not tell him that he fled. ²¹So he fled with all that he had. And he rose up and passed over the river, and set his face *toward* Mount Gīl'-ē-ād.

²²It was told Laban on the third day that Jacob had fled. ²³And he took his brothers with him, and pursued after him seven days' journey. And they overtook him in Mount Gīl'-ē-ād. ²⁴And God came to Laban the Syrian in a dream by night, and said to him, Take heed that you do not speak either good or bad to Jacob. ²⁵Then Laban overtook Jacob. Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mount. And Laban with his brothers pitched in Mount Gilead. ²⁶And Laban said to Jacob, What have you done, that you have stolen away my heart and carried away my daughters as captives *taken* with the sword? ²⁷Why did you flee away secretly, and steal away from me, and did not tell me so that I might have sent you away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret and with harp? ²⁸And *why* have you not allowed me to kiss my sons and my daughters? You have done foolishly in so doing. ²⁹It is in the power of my hand to do you harm. But the God of your fathers spoke to me last night, saying, Take heed that you do not speak either good or bad to Jacob. ³⁰And now you have gone because you longed after your father's house, *but* why have you stolen my gods?

³¹And Jacob answered and said to Laban, Because I was afraid, for I said, Perhaps you would take your daughters away from me by force. ³²With whomever you find your gods, let him not live. Before our brothers, choose what is yours with me, and take it to you. For Jacob did not know that Rachel had stolen them. ³³And Laban went into Jacob's tent, and into Leah's tent, and into the tents of the two maid-servants, and he did not find them. And he went out of Leah's tent, and entered into Rachel's tent. ³⁴Now Rachel had taken the images and put them into the camel's saddle, and sat on them. And Laban searched all the tent, but did not find them. ³⁵But she said to her father, Let it not displease my lord that I cannot rise up before you. For the custom of women is upon me. And he searched, but did not find the images.

³⁶And Jacob was angry, and rebuked Laban. And Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? What is my sin, that you have so hotly pursued after me? ³⁷For you have searched all my stuff — what have you found of all your household stuff? Set it here before my brothers and your brothers, that they may judge between us both. ³⁸I was with you these twenty years. Your ewes and she-goats have not cast their young, and the rams of your flock I have not eaten. ³⁹That which was torn I did not bring to you; I bore the loss of it. You required it at my hand, *whether* stolen by day, or stolen by night. ⁴⁰So I was; in the day the heat consumed me, and the frost by night. And my sleep departed from my eyes. ⁴¹So I have been twenty years in your house — I served you fourteen years for your two daughters, and six for your flocks. And you have changed my wages ten times. ⁴²Unless the God of my fathers, the God of Abraham, and the Fear of Isaac had been with me, surely you would have sent me away now empty. God has seen my affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked you last night.

⁴³And Laban answered and said to Jacob, *These* daughters are my daughters, and *these* children are my children, and *these* flocks are my flocks — all that you see is mine. And what can I do this day to these my daughters, or to their children which they have borne? ⁴⁴Now therefore come, let us make a covenant, you and I. And let it be for a witness between you and me. ⁴⁵And Jacob took a stone and set it up for a pillar. ⁴⁶And Jacob said to his brothers, Come, gather stones. And they took stones and made a heap. And they ate there upon the heap. ⁴⁷And Laban called it Jé'-gär-sä-hä-dü'-thä — but Jacob called it Gä'-lēed. ⁴⁸And Laban said, This heap is a witness between you and me this day. Therefore the name of it was called Gä'-lēed, ⁴⁹and Miz'-päh — for he said, The LORD watch between you and me when we are absent from one another. ⁵⁰If you shall afflict my daughters, or if you shall take other wives besides my daughters, no man is with us. See! God is witness between you and me. ⁵¹And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold this pillar which I have cast

between you and me. ⁵²This heap is witness, and *this* pillar is witness, that I will not pass over this heap to you, and that you shall not pass over this heap and this pillar to me, for harm. ⁵³The God of Abraham, and the God of Nā'-hôr, the God of their father, judge between us. And Jacob swore by the Fear of his father Isaac. ⁵⁴Then Jacob offered sacrifice on the mountain, and called his brothers to eat bread. And they ate bread and stayed all night in the mountain. ⁵⁵And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them. And Laban departed and returned to his place.

CHAPTER 32

¹And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. ²And when Jacob saw them he said, This is God's host. And he called the name of that place Mā-hā-nā'-im. ³And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother, to the land of Sē'-ir, the country of Ē'-dôm. ⁴And he commanded them, saying, So shall you speak to my lord Esau: Your servant Jacob says thus, I have lived with Laban and stayed until now. ⁵And I have oxen and asses, flocks, and menservants, and women-servants. And I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find grace in your sight. ⁶And the messengers returned to Jacob saying, We came to your brother Esau, and also he comes to meet you, and four hundred men with him. ⁷Then Jacob was greatly afraid and distressed, and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks and herds, and the camels, into two bands. ⁸And he said, If Esau come to the one company and strike it, then the other company which is left shall escape. ⁹And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the LORD who said to me, Return unto your country and to your kindred, and I will deal well with you: ¹⁰I am not worthy of the least of all the mercies and of all the truth which Thou hast shown to Thy servant — for with my staff I passed over this Jordan, and now I have become two bands. ¹¹Deliver me, I pray Thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau. For I fear him, lest he come and strike me, *and* the mother with the children. ¹²And Thou didst say, I will surely do you good, and make your seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

¹³And he lodged there that night. And he took of that which came to his hand a present for Esau his brother — ¹⁴two hundred she-goats, twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes, and twenty rams, ¹⁵thirty milk camels with their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty she-asses and ten foals. ¹⁶And he delivered *them* into the hands of his servants, every drove by themselves. And he said to his servants, Pass over in front of me and put a space between drove and drove. ¹⁷And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meets you, and asks you saying, To whom do you *belong*? and, Where do you go? and, To whom do these before you belong? ¹⁸Then you shall say, Your servant Jacob's.

It is a present sent to my lord Esau. And, behold, he also is behind us. ¹⁹And so he commanded the second and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, In this way you shall speak to Esau when you find him. ²⁰And moreover, you shall say, Behold, your servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goes before me, and afterward I will see his face. Perhaps he will accept me.

²¹So the present went over before him. And he himself lodged that night in the company. ²²And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two women-servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford Jāb'-bōk. ²³And he took them, and set them over the brook, and sent over what he had.

²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a Man wrestled there with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵And when He saw that He did not prevail against him, He touched the hollow of his thigh. And the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint as he wrestled with Him. ²⁶And He said, Let me go, for the day breaks. And he said, I will not let Thee go except Thou bless me. ²⁷And He said unto him, What is your name? And he said, Jacob. ²⁸And He said, Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Īs'-rā-ēl — for like a prince you have power with God and with men, and have prevailed. ²⁹And Jacob asked and said, I pray Thee, tell me Thy name. And He said, Why is it *that* you ask after My name? And He blessed him there. ³⁰And Jacob called the name of the place Pēn'-ī-ēl — for I have seen God face to face, and my life is preserved. ³¹And as he passed over Pēn-ū'-ēl the sun rose upon him, and he limped upon his thigh. ³²Therefore the children of Īs'-rā-ēl do not eat of the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of the thigh, until this day — because He touched the hollow of Jacob's thigh in the sinew that shrank.

CHAPTER 33

¹And Jacob lifted up his eyes and looked. And behold! Esau came, and four hundred men with him. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids. ²And he put the handmaids and their children first, and Leah and her children afterward, and Rachel and Joseph last. ³And he passed over in front of them, and bowed himself to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. ⁴And Esau ran to meet him, and embraced him, and fell upon his neck and kissed him. And they wept. ⁵And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children, and said, Who are these with you? And he said, The children which God has graciously given your servant. ⁶Then the handmaidens came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. ⁷And Leah also, and her children, came near and bowed themselves. And afterward Joseph came near, and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. ⁸He asked, *What do you mean* by all this drove which I met? And he said, *These are* to find grace

in the sight of my lord. ⁹And Esau said, I have enough, my brother. Keep what you have yourself. ¹⁰And Jacob said, No, I pray you, if now I have found grace in your sight, then receive my present at my hand. For therefore have I seen your face, as though I had seen the face of God, and you were pleased with me. ¹¹I pray you, take my blessing that is brought to you, because God has dealt graciously with me, and because I have enough. And he urged him, and he took it. ¹²And he said, Let us take our journey, and let us go, and I will go before you. ¹³And he said to him, My lord knows that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are with me. And if the men should overdrive them one day, all the flock will die. ¹⁴I pray you, let my lord pass over before his servant, and I will lead on softly, according as the flocks that go before me, and the children, are able to endure, until I come unto my lord to Sē'-īr. ¹⁵And Esau said, Let me now leave with you some of the folk that are with me. And he said, Why, then? Let me find grace in the sight of my lord.

¹⁶So Esau returned that day on his way to Sē'-īr. ¹⁷And Jacob journeyed to Sūc'-cōth and built him a house, and made booths for his cattle. Therefore the name of the place is called Sūc'-cōth.

¹⁸And Jacob came to Shá'-lēm, a city of Shē'-chēm, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Pā-dān-ār'-ām. And he pitched his tent in front of the city. ¹⁹And he bought a piece of a field, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hā'-môr, Shē'-chēm's father, for a hundred pieces of money. ²⁰And he erected there an altar, and called it Ēl-ēl'-ô-hē-Īs'-rā-ēl.

CHAPTER 34

¹And Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she bore unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. ²And when Shē'-chēm, the son of Hā'-môr the Hī'-vīte, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her, and defiled her. ³And his soul did cleave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the girl and spoke kindly to the girl. ⁴And Shē'-chēm spoke to his father Hamor, saying, Get me this girl for a wife. ⁵And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter. Now his sons were with his cattle in the field. And Jacob held his peace until they had come.

⁶And Hā'-môr the father of Shē'-chēm went out to Jacob to speak with him. ⁷And the sons of Jacob came out of the field when they heard. And the men were grieved, and they were very angry, because he had done folly in Īs'-rā-ēl, in lying with the daughter of Jacob. *Now this thing ought not to be done.* ⁸And Hā'-môr communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shē'-chēm longs for your daughter. I pray you, give her to him for a wife. ⁹And you make marriages with us, giving your daughters to us, and taking our daughters unto you. ¹⁰And

you shall live with us. And the land shall be before you. Live and trade in it, and get possessions in it. ¹¹And Shē'-chēm said to her father and to her brothers, Let me find grace in your eyes, and whatever you shall say unto me I will give. ¹²Heap upon me ever so much price and dowry, and I will give according as you shall say unto me. But give me the girl for a wife. ¹³And the sons of Jacob answered Shē'-chēm and Hā'-môr his father, speaking with deceit because he had defiled Dinah their sister. ¹⁴And they said to them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised – for that would be a reproach to us. ¹⁵But in this we will agree with you, if you will be as we are, that every male of you be circumcised, ¹⁶then we will give our daughters to you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will live with you, and we will become one people. ¹⁷But if you will not listen to us, to be circumcised, then we will take our daughter, and we will go. ¹⁸And their words pleased Hā'-môr and Shē'-chēm, Hā'-môr's son. ¹⁹And the young man did not hesitate to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's daughter. And he was more honorable than all the house of his father.

²⁰And Hā'-môr and Shē'-chēm his son came to the gate of their city, and talked with the men of their city, saying, ²¹These men are at peace with us. Therefore let them live in the land, and trade in it. For the land, behold, is large enough for them. Let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. ²²Only on this *condition* will the men agree to live with us, to be one people, if every male among us is circumcised as they are circumcised. ²³Shall not their cattle and their substance and every animal of theirs be ours? Only let us agree with them, and they will live with us. ²⁴And all that went out of the gate of his city listened to Hā'-môr and to Shē'-chēm his son. And every male was circumcised, all that went out of the gate of his city.

²⁵And it came to pass on the third day, when they were sore, that two of the sons of Jacob, Sîm'-ê-ôn and Lē'-vî, Dinah's brothers, took each man his sword and came upon the city boldly, and killed all the males. ²⁶And they killed Hā'-môr and Shē'-chēm his son with the edge of the sword, and took Dinah out of Shē'-chēm's house, and went out. ²⁷The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister. ²⁸They took their sheep and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city and that which was in the field. ²⁹And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives, they took captive, and spoiled even all that was in the house.

³⁰And Jacob said to Sîm'-ê-ôn and Lē'-vî, You have troubled me, to make me stink among those who live in the land, among the Că'-nāan-ites and the Pē-rîz'-zîtes. And I, *being* few in number, they shall gather themselves together against me, and kill me. And I shall be destroyed,

my house and I. ³¹And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with a harlot?

CHAPTER 35

¹And God said to Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and live there. And make an altar there to God, who appeared to you when you fled from the face of Esau your brother. ²Then Jacob said to his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the strange gods that are among you, and be clean, and change your garments. ³And let us arise and go up to Bethel, and I will make an altar there unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. ⁴And they gave all the strange gods which were in their hands to Jacob, and *the* earrings which were in their ears. And Jacob hid them under the oak which was by Shé'-chēm. ⁵And they journeyed. And the terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob. ⁶So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Bethel, he and all the people that were with him. ⁷And he built an altar there and called the place Ēl-Bēth'-ēl — because God appeared to him when he fled from the face of his brother. ⁸But Dēb'-ō-rāh, Rē-bēk'-āh's nurse, died, and she was buried beneath Bethel, under an oak. And the name of it was called Āl-lōn-bā'-chūth.

⁹And God appeared to Jacob again when he came out of Pā-dān-ār'-ām, and blessed him. ¹⁰And God said to him, Your name is Jacob. Your name shall not be called Jacob any more, but Īs'-rā-ēl shall be your name. And He called his name Īs'-rā-ēl. ¹¹And God said to him, I am God Almighty. Be fruitful and multiply. A nation and a company of nations shall be from you, and kings shall come out of your loins. ¹²And the land which I gave unto Abraham and Isaac, I will give to you, and to your seed after you I will give the land. ¹³And God went up from him in the place where He talked with him. ¹⁴And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where He talked with him, a pillar of stone. And he poured a drink offering on it, and he poured oil on it. ¹⁵And Jacob called the name of the place where God spoke with him, Bethel.

¹⁶And they journeyed from Bethel. And there was only a little way to come to Ē'-phrāth. And Rachel travailed, and she had hard labor. ¹⁷And it came to pass when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said to her, Do not fear, you shall have this son also. ¹⁸And it came to pass as her soul was departing (for she died) that she called his name Bēn-ō'-nī. But his father called him Bēn'-jā-mīn. ¹⁹And Rachel died and was buried in the way to Ē'-phrāth, which is Bēth'-lē-hēm. And Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave. ²⁰That is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day.

²¹And Īs'-rā-ēl journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Ē'-dār. ²²And when Israel lived in that land, Reū'-bēn went and lay

with Bil'-häh his father's concubine. And Israel heard *it*. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: ²³The sons of Leah were Reü'-bën, Jacob's first-born, and Sim'-ë-ön, and Lë'-vi, and Jü'-däh, and Īs'-sä-chär, and Zë-bü'-lün. ²⁴The sons of Rachel were Joseph and Bën'-jä-mìn. ²⁵And the sons of Bil'-häh, Rachel's handmaid, were Dan and Nāph'-tä-li. ²⁶And the sons of Zil'-päh, Leah's handmaid, were Gad and Asher. These are the sons of Jacob, which were born to him in Pā-dän-âr'-äm.

²⁷And Jacob came unto Isaac his father, unto Mäm'-rë, unto the city of Ār'-bäh, which is Hë'-brön, where Abraham and Isaac had lived. ²⁸And the days of Isaac were a hundred and eighty years. ²⁹And Isaac gave up the spirit and died, and was gathered to his people, old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

CHAPTER 36

¹Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Ē'-döm. ²Esau took his wives from the daughters of Canaan, Ā'-däh the daughter of Ē'-lön the Hit'-tite, and Ā-höl-i-bä'-mäh the daughter of Ā'-näh the daughter of Zib'-ë-ön the Hi'-vite; ³and Bāsh'-ë-māth Īsh'-mä-ël's daughter, sister of Në-bä'-jōth. ⁴And Ā'-däh bore Ē-li'-phāz to Esau. And Bāsh'-ë-māth bore Reü'-ël. ⁵And Ā-höl-i-bä'-mäh bore Jë'-ūsh and Jä'-ä-lām and Kôr'-äh. These are the sons of Esau, which were born to him in the land of Canaan. ⁶And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the souls of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance which he had gotten in the land of Canaan, and went into the country away from the face of his brother Jacob. ⁷For their riches were more than that they might dwell together. And the land in which they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle. ⁸So Esau lived in Mount Së'-ir. Esau is Ē'-döm.

⁹And these are the generations of Esau, the father of the Ē'-döm-ites, in Mount Së'-ir. ¹⁰These are the names of Esau's sons: Ē-li'-phāz the son of Ā'-däh the wife of Esau, Reü'-ël the son of Bāsh'-ë-māth the wife of Esau. ¹¹And the sons of Ē-li'-phāz were Të'-mān, Ö'-mär, Zë'-phō, and Gā'-tām, and Kë'-nāz. ¹²And Tīm'-nä was concubine to Ē-li'-phāz Esau's son. And she bore Ām'-ä-lëk to Ē-li'-phāz. These were the sons of Ā'-däh Esau's wife. ¹³And these are the sons of Reü'-el: Nā'-hāth, and Zë'-räh, Shām'-mäh, and Miz'-päh. These were the sons of Bāsh'-ë-māth Esau's wife. ¹⁴And these were the sons of Ā-höl-i-bä'-mäh, the daughter of Ā'-näh the daughter of Zib'-ë-ön, Esau's wife: and she bore to Esau Jë'-ūsh, and Jä'-ä-lām, and Kôr'-äh.

¹⁵These were *the* princes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Ē-li'-phāz, the firstborn *son* of Esau, Prince Të'-mān, Prince Ö'-mär, Prince Zë'-phō, Prince Kë'-nāz, ¹⁶Prince Kôr'-äh, Prince Gā'-tām, and Prince Ām'-ä-lëk. These are the princes of Ē-li'-phāz in the land of Ē'-döm. These were the sons of Ā'-däh.

¹⁷And these are the sons of Reū'-ēl, Esau's son: Prince Nā'-hāth, Prince Zē'-rāh, Prince Shām'-māh, Prince Miz'-zāh. These are the princes of Reū'-ēl in the land of Ē'-dōm. These are the sons of Bāsh'-ē-māth, Esau's wife.

¹⁸And these are the sons of Ā-hōl-i-bā'-māh, Esau's wife: Prince Jē'-ūsh, Prince Jā'-ā-lām, Prince Kōr'-āh. These are the princes of Ā-hōl-i-bā'-māh, the daughter of Ā'-nāh, Esau's wife. ¹⁹These are the sons of Esau, who is Ē'-dōm, and these are their princes.

²⁰These are the sons of Sē'-ir the Hōr'-ite, who inhabited the land: Lō'-tān, and Shō'-bāl, and Zīb'-ē-ōn, and Ā'-nāh, ²¹and Dī'-shōn, and Ē'-zēr, and Dī'-shān. These are the princes of the Hōr'-ites, the children of Sē'-ir, in the land of Ē'-dōm. ²²And the children of Lō'-tān were Hōr'-i and Hē'-mām. And Lō'-tān's sister was Tīm'-nā. ²³And the children of Shō'-bāl were these: Āl'-vān, and Mān'-ā-hāth, and Ē'-bāl, and Shē'-phō, and Ō'-nām. ²⁴And these are the children of Zīb'-ē-ōn: both Ā'-jāh and Ā'-nāh. This *was that* Ā'-nāh that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zīb'-ē-ōn his father. ²⁵And the children of Ā'-nāh were these: Dī'-shōn and Ā-hōl-i-bā'-māh the daughter of Ā'-nāh. ²⁶And these are the children of Dī'-shōn: Hēm'-dān, and Ēsh'-bān, and Ith'-rān, and Chē'-rān. ²⁷The children of Ē'-zēr are these: Bil'-hān, and Zā'-ā-vān, and Ā'-kān. ²⁸The children of Dī'-shān are these: Uz and Ār'-ān.

²⁹These are the princes of the Hōr'-ites: Prince Lō'-tān, Prince Shō'-bāl, Prince Zīb'-ē-ōn, Prince Ā'-nāh, ³⁰Prince Dī'-shōn, Prince Ē'-zēr, Prince Dī'-shān. These are the princes of Hōr'-i, among their princes in the land of Sē'-ir.

³¹And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Ē'-dōm, before any king reigned over the children of Israel. ³²And Bē'-lā the son of Bē'-ōr reigned in Ē'-dōm. And the name of his city was Dīn'-hā-bāh. ³³And Bē'-lā died, and Jō'-bāb the son of Zē'-rāh of Bōz'-rāh reigned in his stead. ³⁴And Jō'-bāb died, and Hū'-shām of the land of Tē'-mān-i reigned in his stead. ³⁵And Hū'-shām died, and Hā'-dād the son of Bē'-dād, who killed Mīd'-i-ān in the field of Mō'-āb, reigned in his stead. And the name of his city was Ā'-vīth. ³⁶And Hā'-dād died, and Sām'-lāh of Mās'-rēk-āh reigned in his stead. ³⁷And Sām'-lāh died, and Saul of Rē'-hō-bōth *by* the river reigned in his stead. ³⁸And Saul died, and Bā-āl-hā'-nān the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. ³⁹And Bā-āl-hā'-nān the son of Achbor died, and Hā'-dār reigned in his stead. And the name of his city was Pā'-ū. And his wife's name was Mē'-hēt'-ā-bēl, the daughter of Mā'-trēd, the daughter of Mē'-zā-hāb. ⁴⁰And these are the names of the princes of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names: Prince Tīm'-nāh, Prince Āl'-vāh, Prince Jē'-thēth, ⁴¹Prince Ā-hōl-i-bā'-māh, Prince Ē'-lāh, Prince Pī'-nōn, ⁴²Prince Kē'-nāz, Prince Tē'-mān, Prince Mīb'-zār, ⁴³Prince Māg'-dī-ēl,

Prince Iram. These are the princes of Ē'-dōm, according to their dwelling places in the land of their possession. He is Esau the father of the Ē'-dōm-ites.

CHAPTER 37

¹And Jacob lived in the land in which his father was a stranger, in the land of Canaan. ²These are the generations of Jacob: Joseph, *being* seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers. And the boy was with the sons of Bil'-häh and with the sons of Zil'-päh, his father's wives. And Joseph brought to his father an evil report of them. ³Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age. And he made him a coat of *many* colors. ⁴And when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him. ⁵And Joseph dreamed a dream and told it to his brothers. And they hated him still more. ⁶And he said to them, I pray you, Hear this dream which I have dreamed. ⁷For behold! We were binding sheaves in the field, and lo, my sheaf arose and also stood upright. And behold! Your sheaves stood around and bowed down to my sheaf. ⁸And his brothers said to him, Shall you indeed reign over us? Or shall you indeed have the rule over us? And they hated him still more for his dreams and for his words. ⁹And he dreamed still another dream, and told it to his brothers. And he said, Behold, I have dreamed another dream. And behold! The sun and the moon and the eleven stars bowed down to me. ¹⁰And he told it to his father and to his brothers. And his father rebuked him and said to him, What is this dream that you have dreamed? Shall I, and your mother, and your brothers indeed come to bow down ourselves to the earth before you? ¹¹And his brothers were jealous of him. But his father observed the saying.

¹²And his brothers went to feed his father's flock in Shē'-chēm. ¹³And Israel said to Joseph, Do not your brothers feed in Shechem? Come, and I will send you to them. And he said to him, Here *I am*. ¹⁴And he said to him, I pray you, go see whether it is well with your brothers and well with the flocks. And bring me word again. So he sent him out of the valley of Hē'-brōn, and he came to Shechem. ¹⁵And a certain man found him, and, behold, *he was* wandering in the field. And the man asked him, saying, What are you looking for? ¹⁶And he said, I am looking for my brothers. Tell me, I pray you, where do they feed? ¹⁷And the man said, They are gone from here, for I heard them say, Let us go to Dō'-thän. And Joseph went after his brothers, and found them in Dō'-thän. ¹⁸And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near them, they conspired against him to kill him. ¹⁹And they said to one another, Behold, this dreamer comes. ²⁰Therefore come now, and let us kill him, and throw him into some pit, and we will say some evil beast has devoured him. And we shall see what

will become of his dreams. ²¹And Reū'-bēn heard *it*, and he delivered him out of their hands and said, Let us not kill him. ²²And Reū'-bēn said to them, Shed no blood. Throw him into this pit that is in the wilderness, and lay no hand upon him (so that he might rescue him out of their hands, to deliver him to his father again).

²³And when Joseph had come to his brothers, they stripped Joseph out of his coat, the coat of *many* colors that was on him. ²⁴And they took him and threw him into a pit. And the pit was empty, *with* no water in it. ²⁵And they sat down to eat bread. And they lifted up their eyes, and looked. And behold, a company of Īsh'-mā-ēl-ites came from Gīl'-ē-ād, with their camels bearing spices and balm and myrrh, going to carry *it* down to Egypt. ²⁶And Judah said to his brothers, What profit *is it* if we should kill our brother and hide his blood? ²⁷Come, let us sell him to the Īsh'-mā-ēl-ites, and let not our hand be upon him — for he is our brother, and our flesh. And his brothers listened. ²⁸Then these passed by Mīd'-ī-ān-ites, who were merchantmen. And they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Īsh'-mā-ēl-ites for twenty *pieces* of silver. And they brought Joseph into Egypt.

²⁹And Reū'-bēn returned to the pit. And behold! Joseph was not in the pit. And he tore his clothes. ³⁰And he returned to his brothers and said, The child no longer is, and I, where shall I go? ³¹And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a kid of the goats, and dipped the coat in the blood. ³²And they sent the coat of *many* colors, and they brought it to their father. And they said, We have found this. Do you know whether it is your son's coat or not? ³³And he knew it, and said, *It is* my son's coat. An evil beast has eaten him. Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces. ³⁴And Jacob tore his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. ³⁵And all his sons, and all his daughters, rose up to comfort him. But he refused to be comforted. And he said, For I will go down into the grave to my son mourning. So his father wept for him.

³⁶And the Mīd'-ī-ān-ites sold him into Egypt unto Pōt'-ī-phār, an officer of Phār'-ā-ōh's, and captain of the guard.

CHAPTER 38

¹And at that time Judah went down from his brothers and turned in to a certain Ā-dūl'-lām-ite, whose name was Hī'-rāh. ²And Judah saw there a daughter of a certain Cā'-nāan-ite, whose name was Shū'-āh. And he took her and went in to her. ³And she conceived and bore a son. And he called his name Er. ⁴And she conceived again, and bore a son, and she called his name Ō'-nān. ⁵And she yet again conceived and bore a son. And she called his name Shē'-lāh. And she was at Chē'-zīb when she bore him. ⁶And Judah took a wife for Er his first-

born, whose name was Tā'-mār. ⁷And Er, Judah's firstborn, was wicked in the sight of the LORD. And the LORD killed him. ⁸And Judah said to Ō'-nān, Go in unto your brother's wife, and marry her, and raise up seed to your brother. ⁹And Ō'-nān knew that the seed would not be his. And it came to pass, when he went in to his brother's wife, that he spilled on the ground, lest he should give seed to his brother. ¹⁰And the thing which he did was evil in the eyes of the LORD. Therefore He killed him also. ¹¹Then said Judah to Tā'-mār his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at your father's house until Shē'-lāh my son is grown (for he said, Lest perhaps he die also, as his brothers *did*). And Tā'-mār went and lived in her father's house.

¹²And as many days went by, Judah's wife, the daughter of Shū'-āh, died. And Judah was comforted, and went up to his sheep-shearer to Tim'-nāth, he and his friend Hi'-rāh the Ā-dūl'-lām-ite. ¹³And it was told to Tā'-mār, saying, Behold, your father-in-law goes up to Tim'-nāth to shear his sheep. ¹⁴And she put off her widow's clothes, and covered herself with a veil, and wrapped herself. And she sat in an open place, which is by the way to Tim'-nāth. For she saw that Shē'-lāh was grown and she was not given to him as wife. ¹⁵When Judah saw her, he thought she was a harlot, because she had covered her face. ¹⁶And he turned aside to her by the wayside, and said, Come, I pray you, let me come in unto you (for he did not know that she was his daughter-in-law). And she said, What will you give me, so that you may come in unto me? ¹⁷And he said, I will send a kid from the flock. And she said, Will you give me a pledge until you send it? ¹⁸And he said, What pledge shall I give you? And she said, Your signet, and your bracelet, and your staff that is in your hand. And he gave it to her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him. ¹⁹And she arose, and went away, and laid away her veil from her, and put on the clothes of her widowhood. ²⁰And Judah sent the kid by the hand of his friend the Ā-dūl'-lām-ite, to receive *his* pledge from the woman's hand. But he did not find her. ²¹Then he asked the men of that place, saying, Where is the harlot who was openly by the wayside? And they said, There was no harlot here. ²²And he returned to Judah, and said, I cannot find her. And also the men of the place said, There was no harlot here. ²³And Judah said, Let her take *it* to her, lest we be ashamed. Behold, I sent this kid, and you have not found her.

²⁴And it came to pass, about three months afterward, that it was told Judah, saying, Your daughter-in-law Tā'-mār has played the harlot, and also, behold, she is with child by whoredom. And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burned. ²⁵When she was brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, I am with child by the man whose *things* these are. And she said, I pray you, Observe, whose *things* are these, the signet, and bracelets, and staff? ²⁶And Judah

acknowledged *them*, and said, She has been more righteous than I *have*, because I did not give Shē-lāh my son to her. And he never knew her again.

²⁷And in the time of her travail, behold, twins were in her womb. ²⁸And when she travailed, it came to pass that *one* put out *his* hand. And the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. ²⁹And as he drew back his hand, it came to pass that, behold, his brother came out. And she said, How have you torn a break for yourself? Therefore his name was called Phâr'-ēz. ³⁰And afterwards his brother came out, who had the scarlet thread upon his hand. And his name was called Zâr'-āh.

CHAPTER 39

¹And Joseph was brought down to Egypt. And Pōt'-ī-phār, an officer of Phâr'-ā-ōh, captain of the guard, an Ē-gyp'-tiān, bought him from the hands of the Ish'-mā-ēl-ītes who had brought him down there. ²And the LORD was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man. And he was in the house of his master the Ē-gyp'-tiān. ³And his master saw that the LORD was with him, and that the LORD made all he did to prosper in his hand. ⁴And Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him. And he made him overseer over his house, and he put into his hand all that he had. ⁵And it came to pass from the time that he had made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that the LORD blessed the Ē-gyp'-tiān's house for Joseph's sake. And the blessing of the LORD was upon all that he had, in the house and in the field. ⁶And he left all that he had in Joseph's hand. And he did not know anything that he had, except the bread which he ate. And Joseph was beautiful in form and in appearance.

⁷And it came to pass after these things, that his master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph. And she said, Lie with me. ⁸But he refused and said to his master's wife, Behold, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has given all that he has into my hand. ⁹*There* is none greater in this house than I am. Neither has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? ¹⁰And it came to pass, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not listen to her. to lie with her or to be with her. ¹¹And it came to pass about this time that he came into the house to do his work. And none of the men of the house were inside. ¹²And she caught him by his robe, saying, Lie with me. And he left his robe in her hand and fled, and got out. ¹³And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his robe in her hand, and had fled, ¹⁴she called to the men of her house and spoke to them, saying, See, he has brought in a Hebrew to us to mock us. He came in to me, to lie with me, and I cried with a loud voice. ¹⁵And when he heard that

I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his robe with me, and fled, and got out. ¹⁶And she laid up his robe beside her until his lord came home. ¹⁷And she spoke to him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant which you have brought to us came in to me to mock me. ¹⁸And it came to pass as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his robe with me and ran out. ¹⁹And when his master heard the words of his wife which she spoke to him, saying, Your servant did this to me, his wrath was kindled. ²⁰And Joseph's master took him and put him in the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound. And he was there in the prison.

²¹But the LORD was with Joseph, and showed him mercy, and gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. ²²And the keeper of the prison gave all the prisoners that were in the prison into Joseph's hand. And whatever they did there, he was the doer *of it*. ²³The keeper of the prison did not look to anything under his hand, because the LORD was with him; and whatever he did, the LORD made it to prosper.

CHAPTER 40

¹And after these things it came to pass that the butler of the king of Egypt, and his baker, had offended their lord the king of Egypt. ²And Phâr'-ă-ōh was angry against two *of* his officers, against the chief of the butlers and against the chief of the bakers. ³And he put them under guard in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. ⁴And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them. And they continued for a time under guard.

⁵And they dreamed a dream, both of them, each man his dream in one night, each man according to the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt — who were bound in the prison. ⁶And Joseph came in to them in the morning, and looked upon them, and behold, they were sad. ⁷And he asked Phâr'-ă-ōh's officers who were with him under guard in his lord's house, saying, Why do you look so sad today? ⁸And they said to him, We have dreamed a dream, and *there is* no interpreter of it. And Joseph said to them, *Do not* interpretations *belong* to God? I pray you, tell me. ⁹And the chief butler told his dream to Joseph, and said to him, In my dream, behold! A vine was before me. ¹⁰And in the vine were three branches. And it was as if it budded, *and* its blossoms shot forth. And the clusters of it brought forth ripe grapes. ¹¹And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand. And I took the grapes and pressed them into Pharaoh's cup, and I gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. ¹²And Joseph said to him, This is the interpretation of it. The three branches are three days. ¹³Yet within three days Pharaoh shall lift up your head and restore you to your place. And you shall deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, just

as you did when you were his butler. ¹⁴But think on me when it is well with you, and I pray you show kindness unto me, and make mention of me to Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house. ¹⁵For indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews, and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

¹⁶When the chief baker saw the interpretation was good, he said to Joseph, I also was in my dream, and behold! Three white baskets were on my head. ¹⁷And in the top basket were all kinds of baked foods for Pharaoh. And the birds ate them out of the basket upon my head. ¹⁸And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation of it. The three baskets are three days. ¹⁹Yet within three days Pharaoh shall lift up your head from off you, and shall hang you on a tree. And the birds shall eat your flesh from off you.

²⁰And it came to pass the third day, Pharaoh's birthday, that he made a feast to all his servants. And he lifted up the head of the chief butler, and of the chief baker, among his servants. ²¹And he restored the chief butler back into his butlership again. And he gave the cup into Pharaoh's hand. ²²But he hanged the chief baker, even as Joseph had interpreted to them. ²³Yet the chief butler did not remember Joseph, but forgot him.

CHAPTER 41

¹And it came to pass at the end of two full years that Pharaoh dreamed. And behold! He stood by the river. ²And behold! There came up out of the river seven cows beautiful in appearance, and fat of flesh. And they fed in a meadow. ³And behold! Seven other cows came up after them out of the river, evil in appearance, and lean of flesh. And *they* stood by the *other* cows upon the brink of the river. ⁴And the evil-appearing and lean-fleshed cows ate up the seven beautiful-appearing and fat cows. So Pharaoh awoke.

⁵And he slept and dreamed the second time. And behold! Seven ears of corn came up on one stock, fat and good. ⁶And behold! Seven thin ears, and blasted with the east wind, sprang up after them. ⁷And the seven thin ears devoured the seven fat and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and behold, *it was* a dream. ⁸And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled, and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men of it. And Pharaoh told them his dream, but *there was* none who could interpret them to Pharaoh. ⁹Then the chief butler spoke to Pharaoh, saying, I remember my fault this day. ¹⁰Pharaoh was angry with his servants, and put me under guard in the captain of the guard's house, me and the chief baker. ¹¹And we dreamed a dream one night, he and I. We dreamed each man according to the interpretation of his dream. ¹²And *there was* there with us a young man, a Hebrew, servant to the captain of the guard. And we told him, and he interpreted our dreams to us. He

interpreted to each man according to his dream. ¹³And as he interpreted to us, so it was. He restored me to my office, and he hanged him.

¹⁴Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph. And they brought him out of the dungeon. And he shaved and changed his clothing, and came in unto Pharaoh. ¹⁵And Pharaoh said to Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and *there is* none that can interpret it. And I have heard it said of you that you can understand a dream to interpret it. ¹⁶And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, *It is* not in me. God shall give Pharaoh an answer of peace. ¹⁷And Pharaoh said to Joseph, In my dream, behold! I stood upon the bank of the river. ¹⁸And behold! There came up out of the river seven cows, beautiful in appearance and fat of flesh. And they fed in a meadow. ¹⁹And behold! Seven other cows came up after them, poor and evil of appearance, and lean of flesh, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness. ²⁰And the lean and the evil-appearing cows did eat up the first seven fat cows. ²¹And when they had eaten them up, it could not be known that they had eaten them — but they were still evil of appearance, as at the beginning. So I awoke. ²²And I saw in my dream, and behold! Seven ears came up in one stock, full and good. ²³And behold! Seven ears, withered, thin, blasted with the east wind, sprang up after them. ²⁴And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears. And I told *this* to the magicians, but *there* was none that could open it to me.

²⁵And Joseph said to Pharaoh, The dream of Pharaoh is one. God has shown Pharaoh what He is about to do. ²⁶The seven good cows are seven years. And the seven good ears are seven years. The dream is one. ²⁷And the seven thin and evil-appearing cows that came up after them are seven years. And the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind shall be seven years of famine. ²⁸This is the thing which God has spoken to Pharaoh; what God is about to do, He shows to Pharaoh. ²⁹Behold, there come seven years of great plenty throughout all the land of Egypt. ³⁰And there shall arise after them seven years of famine. And all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt, and the famine shall consume the land. ³¹And the plenty shall not be known in the land because of the famine following — for it shall be very grievous. ³²And since the dream was doubled to Pharaoh twice, *it is* because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. ³³Now therefore let Pharaoh look for a man who is discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. ³⁴Let Pharaoh do *this*, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. ³⁵And let them gather all the food of those good years that come, and lay up grain under the hand of Pharaoh, and let them keep food in the cities. ³⁶That food shall be for a store to the land against the seven years of famine, which

shall be in the land of Egypt, so that the land does not perish through the famine.

³⁷And the thing was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. ³⁸And Pharaoh said to his servants, Can we find *anyone* like this, a man in whom the Spirit of God is? ³⁹And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Since God has showed you all this, no man is as discreet and wise as you are. ⁴⁰You shall be over my house, and all my people shall be ruled according to your word. Only in the throne will I be greater than you are. ⁴¹And Pharaoh said to Joseph, See, I have set you over all the land of Egypt. ⁴²And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand. And he dressed him in clothing of fine linen, and put a gold chain around his neck. ⁴³And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had, and they cried before him, Bow the knee! And he made him *ruler* over all the land of Egypt.

⁴⁴And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without you shall no man lift up his hand or foot in all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁵And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zāph'-nāth-pā-ā-né'-āh. And he gave him for *his* wife Ās'-ē-nāth the daughter of Pō-ti'-phēr-āh, priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.

⁴⁶And Joseph was thirty years old when he stood before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And Joseph went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went throughout all the land of Egypt. ⁴⁷And in the seven years of plenty, the earth brought forth by handfuls. ⁴⁸And he gathered up all the food of the seven years which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up food in the cities. He laid up the food of the field, which was round about every city, in the same city. ⁴⁹And Joseph gathered grain like the sand of the sea, very much, until he quit numbering *it* — for it was without number. ⁵⁰And two sons were born unto Joseph before the years of famine came — whom Ās'-ē-nāth the daughter of Pō-ti'-phēr-āh priest of On, bore unto him. ⁵¹And Joseph called the name of the first-born Mā-nās'-sēh. For *he said*, God has made me forget all my toil and all my father's house. ⁵²And the name of the second he called Ē'-phrā-īm. For *he said*, God has caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction.

⁵³And the seven years of plenty that was in the land of Egypt, were ended. ⁵⁴And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said. And the famine was in all lands, but in all the land of Egypt there was bread. ⁵⁵And when all the land of Egypt was famished, the people cried to Pharaoh for bread. And Pharaoh said to all the Egyptians, Go to Joseph. What he says to you, do. ⁵⁶And the famine was over all the face of the earth. And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold to the Egyptians. And the famine became sore in the land of Egypt. ⁵⁷And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph, because the famine was *so* sore in all lands.

CHAPTER 42

¹Now when Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, Jacob said to his sons, Why do you look upon one another? ²And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt. Go down there and buy for us from there, so that we may live and not die.

³And Joseph's ten brothers went down to buy grain in Egypt. ⁴But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob did not send with his brothers — for he said, Lest perhaps mischief befall him. ⁵And the sons of Israel came to buy among those that came, for the famine was in the land of Canaan. ⁶And Joseph was the governor over the land — he *was the one* that sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brothers came and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth. ⁷And Joseph saw his brothers, and he knew them, but made himself strange to them, and spoke roughly to them. And he said to them, Where do you come from? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. ⁸And Joseph knew his brothers, but they did not know him. ⁹And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said to them, *You are spies!* You have come to see the nakedness of the land. ¹⁰And they said to him, No, my lord, but your servants have come to buy food. ¹¹We are all one man's sons. We are honest; your servants are not spies. ¹²And he said to them, No, but you have come to see the nakedness of the land. ¹³And they said, Your servants are twelve brothers, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan. And behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not. ¹⁴And Joseph said to them, That is what I spoke to you, saying, *You are spies!* ¹⁵By this you shall be proved; by the life of Pharaoh you shall not go forth from here unless your youngest brother comes here. ¹⁶Send one of you, and let him bring your brother, and you shall be kept in prison so that your words may be proved, whether *any* truth is in you. Or else, by the life of Pharaoh, surely you are spies. ¹⁷And he put them all together into ward three days.

¹⁸And Joseph said to them the third day, Do this and live, *for* I fear God. ¹⁹If you are honest, let one of your brothers be bound in the house of your prison. You go carry grain for the famine of your houses. ²⁰But bring your youngest brother to me, so that your words shall be proved true, and you shall not die. And they did so.

²¹And they said one to another, We are truly guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul when he besought us, and we would not hear. Therefore this distress has come upon us. ²²And Reü'-bēn answered them, saying, Did I not speak to you saying, Do not sin against the child? And you would not hear. Therefore, behold, also his blood is required. ²³And they did not know that Joseph understood, for he spoke to them by an interpreter. ²⁴And he

turned himself about from them, and wept. And he returned to them again and talked with them, and took Sīm'-ē-ōn from them and bound him before their eyes. ²⁵Then Joseph commanded their sacks to be filled with grain, and that every man's money be put back into his sack, and to give them provision for the way. And so he did unto them. ²⁶And they loaded their asses with grain, and departed from there.

²⁷And as one of them opened his sack to give his ass fodder in the inn, he saw his money — for, behold, it was in the mouth of the sack. ²⁸And he said to his brothers, My money has been put back. And, lo, *it is* even in my sack. And their hearts failed, and they were afraid, saying to one another, What is this *that* God has done to us? ²⁹And they came to Jacob their father, unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that happened to them, saying, ³⁰The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us, and took us for spies of the country. ³¹And we said to him, We are honest, we are not spies. ³²We are twelve brothers, sons of our father. One is not, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan. ³³And the man, the lord of the country, said to us, By this I shall know that you are honest. Leave one of your brothers *here* with me, and take *food* for the famine of your households, and be gone. ³⁴And bring your youngest brother to me. Then I shall know that you are not spies, but *that* you are honest. So I will deliver you your brother, and you shall trade in the land.

³⁵And when they emptied their sacks, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack. And when they and their father saw the bundles of money, they were afraid. ³⁶And Jacob their father said to them, You have bereaved me. Joseph is not, and Sīm'-ē-ōn is not, and you will take Bēn'-jā-mīn *away*. All these things are against me. ³⁷And Reuben spoke to his father, saying, Kill my two sons if I do not bring him to you. Deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to you again. ³⁸And he said, My son shall not go down with you. For his brother is dead, and he is left alone. If mischief should befall him by the way you go, then you shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave.

CHAPTER 43

¹And the famine was sore in the land. ²And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the grain which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said to them, Go again, buy us a little food. ³And Judah spoke to him, saying, The man solemnly protested to us, saying, You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you. ⁴If you will send our brother with us, we will go down and buy you food. ⁵But if you will not send *him*, we will not go down. For the man said unto us, You shall not see my face unless your brother is with you. ⁶And Israel said, Why have you dealt so ill with me, to tell the man whether you had yet a brother? ⁷And they said, The man asked us strictly of

our state and of our kindred, saying, Is your father still alive? Have you yet *another* brother? And we told him according to the tenor of these words. Could we certainly know that he would say, Bring your brother down? ⁸And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the boy with me, and we will arise and go, so that we may live and not die – both we and you, *and* also our little ones. ⁹I will be surety for him. You shall require him of my hand. If I do not bring him to you and set him before you, then let me bear the blame forever. ¹⁰For unless we had lingered, surely now we would have returned the second time.

¹¹And their father Israel said to them, If *it must be* so now, do this. Take of the best fruits of the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices, and myrrh, nuts, and almonds. ¹²And take double money in your hand, and the money that was brought again in the mouth of your sacks, carry *it* again in your hand. Perhaps it was an oversight. ¹³Take also your brother, and arise, go again to the man. ¹⁴And God Almighty give you mercy before the man, so that he may send away your other brother and Benjamin. If I am bereaved, I am bereaved.

¹⁵And the men took that present, and they took double money in their hand, and Benjamin. And they rose up and went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. ¹⁶And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said to the ruler of his house, Bring *these* men home, and kill and make ready – for *these* men shall dine with me at noon. ¹⁷And the man did as Joseph said. And the man brought the men into Joseph's house. ¹⁸And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house. And they said, Because of the money that was returned in our sacks at the first time we are brought in, so that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, and our asses. ¹⁹And they came near to the steward of Joseph's house, and they talked with him at the door of the house, ²⁰and said, O sir, we indeed came down the first time to buy food. ²¹And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, *every* man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight. And we have brought it again in our hands. ²²And we have brought down other money in our hands to buy food. We cannot tell who put our money in our sacks. ²³And he said, Peace be unto you, do not fear. Your God, and the God of your father, has given you treasure in your sacks. I had your money. And he brought Sim'-ě-ōn out to them. ²⁴And the man brought the men into Joseph's house, and gave them water, and they washed their feet. And he gave fodder to their asses. ²⁵And they made ready the presents for the coming of Joseph at noon – for they heard that they should eat bread there.

²⁶And when Joseph came home, they brought him the present which was in their hand into the house, and bowed themselves to him to the

earth. ²⁷And he asked them as to *their* welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom you spoke? Is he still alive? ²⁸And they answered, Your servant, our father, is in good health. He is still alive. And they bowed down their heads and made obeisance. ²⁹And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your younger brother of whom you spoke to me? And he said, God be gracious unto you, my son. ³⁰And Joseph made haste, for his bowels yearned toward his brother. And he sought *a place* to weep. And he entered into *his* room and wept there. ³¹And he washed his face, and went out, and controlled himself, and said, Set the bread on. ³²And they set *it* on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Ē-gyp'-tiāns who ate with him, by themselves, because the Ē-gyp'-tiāns may not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an ā-bōm'-ī-nā-tiōn to the Ē-gyp'-tians. ³³And they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth. And the men marvelled at one another. ³⁴And he took messes unto them from before him. But Bēn'-jā-min's mess was five times as much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

CHAPTER 44

¹And he commanded the steward of his house, saying, Fill the men's sacks *with* food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in his sack's mouth. ²And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his grain money. And they did according to the word that Joseph had spoken. ³As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses. ⁴And when they had gone out of the city, not far off, Joseph said to his steward, Rise up, follow after the men. And when you overtake them, say to them, Why have you rewarded evil for good? ⁵Is not *this* in which my lord drinks, and by which indeed he divines? You have done evil in so doing.

⁶And he overtook them, and he spoke to them these same words. ⁷And they said to him, Why does your lord say these words? God forbid that your servants should do according to this thing. ⁸Behold, the money which we found in our sack's mouth, we brought it in to you out of the land of Canaan. How then should we steal out of your lord's house silver or gold? ⁹With whomever of your servants it may be found, both let him die, and we all will be my lord's bondmen. ¹⁰And he said, Now also *let* it be according to your word. He with whom it is found shall be my servant, and you shall be blameless. ¹¹Then they speedily took down every man his sack to the ground, and every man opened his sack. ¹²And he searched, beginning at the oldest and leaving off at the youngest. And the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. ¹³Then they tore their clothes, and every man loaded his ass and returned to the city.

¹⁴And Judah and his brothers came to Joseph's house, for he was still there. And they fell before him on the ground. ¹⁵And Joseph said to them, What deed is this that you have done? Do you not know that such a man as I can certainly divine? ¹⁶And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? What shall we speak? Or how shall we clear ourselves? God has found out the iniquity of your servants. Behold, we are my lord's servants, both we and he also with whom the cup is found. ¹⁷And he said, God forbid that I should do so. The man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my servant. And as for you, get you up in peace to your father.

¹⁸Then Judah came near him and said, O my lord, pray let your servant speak a word in my lord's ears, and do not let your anger burn against your servant, for you are even as Pharaoh. ¹⁹My lord asked his servants, saying, Do you have a father or a brother? ²⁰And we said unto my lord, We have a father, an old man, and a child of his old age, a little one. And his brother is dead, and he alone is left of his father, and his father loves him. ²¹And you said to your servants, Bring him down to me, that I may set my eyes upon him. ²²And we said to my lord, The boy cannot leave his father, for if he should leave his father, *his father* would die. ²³And you said to your servants, Unless your youngest brother comes down with you, you shall see my face no more. ²⁴And when we came up to your servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. ²⁵And our father said, Go again *and* buy us a little food. ²⁶And we said, We cannot go down. If our youngest brother is with us, then we will go down, for we may not see the man's face unless our youngest brother is with us. ²⁷And your servant my father said to us, You know that my wife bore me two *sons*. ²⁸And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces. And I never saw him since. ²⁹And if you take this also from me, and mischief befall him, you shall bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. ³⁰Now therefore when I come to your servant my father, and the boy is not with us, seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life, ³¹it shall come to pass, when he sees that the lad is not *with us*, he will die. And your servants shall bring down the gray hairs of your servant our father with sorrow to the grave. ³²For your servant became surety for the lad to my father, saying, If I do not bring him to you, then I shall bear the blame to my father forever. ³³Now therefore, I pray you, let your servant abide instead of the boy as a bondman to my lord. And let the boy go up with his brothers. ³⁴For how shall I go up to my father, and the boy be not with me? Lest perhaps I see the evil that shall come upon my father.

CHAPTER 45

¹Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him. And he cried, Cause every man to go out from me! And there

stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept aloud. And the Ē-gyp'-tians in the house of Pharaoh heard. ³And Joseph said to his brothers, I am Joseph. Does my father still live? And his brothers could not answer him, for they were troubled at his presence. ⁴And Joseph said to his brothers, Come near me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵Now therefore do not be grieved, nor angry with yourselves that you sold me here — for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For these two years the famine has been in the land, and *there are* still five years in which *there shall* neither *be* plowing nor harvest. ⁷And God sent me before you to preserve you a remnant in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. ⁸So now *it was* not you *who* sent me here, but God. And He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and a ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, So says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me, do not wait. ¹⁰And you shall dwell in the land of Gō'-shēn, and you shall be near to me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, and your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹And I will nourish you there, for *there are* still five years of famine — lest you and your household, and all that you have, come to poverty. ¹²And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that *it is* my mouth that speaks to you. ¹³And you shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. And you shall hurry and bring down my father here. ¹⁴And he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck, and wept. And Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵Moreover he kissed all his brothers, and wept upon them. And afterwards his brothers talked with him.

¹⁶And the report of it was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brothers have come. And it was good in the eyes of Pharaoh, and of his servants. ¹⁷And Pharaoh said to Joseph, Say unto your brothers, Do this. Load your beasts and go, get you into the land of Canaan, ¹⁸and take your father and your household and come unto me. And I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and you shall eat the fat of the land. ¹⁹Now you are commanded; do this. Take wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. ²⁰And do not regard your stuff, for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours. ²¹And the children of Israel did so. And Joseph gave them wagons according to the commandment of Pharaoh, and gave them provision for the way. ²²To all of them he gave each man changes of clothing, but to Benjamin he gave three hundred *pieces* of silver, and five changes of clothing. ²³And to his father he sent this: ten asses loaded with the good things of Egypt, and ten she-asses loaded with grain and bread and meat for his father by the way. ²⁴So he sent his brothers away, and they departed. And

he said to them, See that you do not fall out by the way. ²⁵And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan, unto Jacob their father. ²⁶And *they* told him, saying, Joseph is still alive, and he is governor over all the land of Egypt. And Jacob's heart fainted, for he did not believe them. ²⁷And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said to them. And when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived. ²⁸And Israel said, *It is enough*. Joseph my son is still alive. I will go and see him before I die.

CHAPTER 46

¹And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Bēer-shē'-bā, and offered sacrifices to the God of his father Isaac. ²And God spoke to Israel in the visions of the night, and said, Jacob, Jacob! And he said, Here I am. ³And He said, I am God, the God of your fathers. Do not fear to go down into Egypt, for I will make of you a great nation. ⁴I will go down with you into Egypt, and I will also surely bring you up *again*. And Joseph shall put his hand upon your eyes. ⁵And Jacob rose up from Bēer-shē'-bā. And the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. ⁶And they took their cattle, and their goods which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his seed with him. ⁷His sons, and his sons' sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed, he brought with him into Egypt.

⁸And these are the names of the children of Israel who came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reu'-bēn, Jacob's firstborn. ⁹And the sons of Reuben were Hā'-nōch, and Phāl'-lū, and Hēz'-rōn, and Cār'-mī. ¹⁰And the sons of Sīm'-ē-ōn were Jē-mū'-ēl, and Jā'-mīn, and Ō'-hād, and Jā'-chīn, and Zō'-hār, and Shā'-ūl the son of a woman of Canaan. ¹¹And the sons of Lē'-vī were Gēr'-shōn, Kō'-hāth, and Mē-rār'-ī. ¹²And the sons of Judah were Er, and Ō'-nān, and Shē'-lāh, and Phār'-ēz, and Zār'-āh. But Er and Ō'-nān died in the land of Canaan. And the sons of Phār'-ēz were Hēz'-rōn and Hām'-ūl. ¹³And the sons of Is'-sā-chār were Tō'-lā, and Phū'-vāh, and Jōb, and Shīm'-rōn. ¹⁴And the sons of Zē-bū'-lūn were Sē'-rēd, and Ē'-lōn, and Jāh'-lēel. ¹⁵These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore to Jacob in Pā-dān-ār'-ām, with his daughter Dinah. All the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty-three.

¹⁶And the sons of Gad were Ziph'-ī-ōn, and Hāg'-gī, Shū'-nī, and Ēz'-bōn, Ē'-rī, and Ā-rō'-dī, and Ā-rē'-lī. ¹⁷And the sons of Ash'-ēr were Jim'-nāh, and Ish'-ū-āh, and Is'-ū-ī, and Bē-rī'-āh, and Sē'-rāh their sister. And the sons of Bē-rī'-āh were Hē'-bēr and Māl'-chī-ēl. ¹⁸These are the sons of Zil'-pāh, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and these *whom* she bore to Jacob were sixteen souls.

¹⁹The sons of Rachel Jacob's wife were Joseph and Benjamin. ²⁰And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Mā-nās'-sēh and Ē'-phrā-īm, whom Ās'-ē-nāth the daughter of Pō-tī'-phēr-āh priest of Ōn bore him. ²¹And the sons of Benjamin were Bē'-lāh, and Bē'-chēr, and Āsh'-bēl, Gē'-rā, and Nā'-ā-mān, Ē'-hī, and Rōsh, and Mūp'-pīm, and Hūp'-pīm, and Ārd. ²²These are the sons of Rachel, who were born to Jacob. All the souls were fourteen.

²³And the sons of Dan: Hū'-shīm. ²⁴And the sons of Nāph'-tā-li were Jāh'-zēel, and Gū'-nī, and Jē'-zēr, and Shīl'-lēm. ²⁵These are the sons of Bil'-hāh, whom Laban gave to Rachel his daughter, and she bore these to Jacob. All the souls were seven.

²⁶All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, who came out of his loins, besides Jacob's sons' wives, all the souls were sixty-six. ²⁷And the sons of Joseph, who were born to him in Egypt, were two souls. All the souls of the house of Jacob, who came into Egypt, were seventy.

²⁸And he sent Judah before him to Joseph, to direct his face to Gō'-shēn. ²⁹And they came into the land of Gō'-shēn. And Joseph made his chariot ready, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Gō'-shēn, and presented himself to him. And he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. ³⁰And Israel said to Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen your face, because you are still alive. ³¹And Joseph said to his brothers and to his father's house, I will go up and show Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brothers and my father's house, who were in the land of Canaan, have come unto me. ³²And the men are shepherds, for their trade has been to feed cattle. And they have brought their flocks and their herds and all that they have. ³³And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation? ³⁴Then you shall say, Your servants' trade has been about cattle from our youth even until now, both we and also our fathers — so that you may live in the land of Gō'-shēn, for every shepherd is an abomination to the Egyptians.

CHAPTER 47

¹Then Joseph came and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brothers, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, have come out of the land of Canaan. ²And behold, they are in the land of Gō'-shēn. And he took some of his brothers, five men, and presented them to Pharaoh. ³And Pharaoh said unto his brothers, What is your occupation? And they said to Pharaoh, Your servants are shepherds, both we and our fathers. ⁴They said moreover to Pharaoh, For we have come to live in the land. For your servants have no pasture for their flocks. For the famine is sore in the land of Canaan. Now therefore, we pray you, let your servants dwell in the land of

Gō'-shēn. ⁵And Pharaoh spoke to Joseph, saying, Your father and your brothers have come unto you. ⁶The land of Egypt is before you. Make your father and brothers to live in the best of the land; in the land of Gō'-shēn let them live. And if you know of *any* men of ability among them, then make them rulers over my house. ⁷And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh. And Jacob blessed Pharaoh. ⁸And Pharaoh said unto Jacob, How old are you? ⁹And Jacob said to Pharaoh, The days of the years of my pilgrimage are a hundred and thirty years. Few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and I have not attained unto the days of the years of the life of my fathers in the days of their pilgrimage. ¹⁰And Jacob blessed Pharaoh, and went out from before Pharaoh.

¹¹And Joseph placed his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Rām'-ē-sēs, as Pharaoh had commanded. ¹²And Joseph nourished his father and his brothers, and all his father's household, with bread, according to *their* families.

¹³And *there was* no bread in all the land, for the famine was very sore, so that the land of Egypt and all the land of Canaan fainted because of the famine. ¹⁴And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the grain which they bought. And Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. ¹⁵And when money failed in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came to Joseph and said, Give us bread — for why should we die in your presence? For the money failed. ¹⁶And Joseph said, Give your cattle, and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. ¹⁷And they brought their cattle to Joseph. And Joseph gave them bread for *their* horses, and for *their* flocks, and for the cattle of the herds, and for the asses. And he fed them with bread for all their cattle for that year. ¹⁸When that year was ended, they came to him the second year and said, We will not hide *it* from my lord, how that our money is spent. My lord also has our herds of cattle. There is nothing left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies and our lands. ¹⁹Why should we die before your eyes, both we and our land? Buy us and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants for Pharaoh. And give *us* seed, that we may live and not die, that the land be not desolate. ²⁰And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh, for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them. So the land became Pharaoh's. ²¹And as for the people, he removed them to cities, from *one* end of the borders of Egypt even to the *other* end of it. ²²Only he did not buy the land of the priests, for the priests had a portion from Pharaoh, and ate their portion which Pharaoh gave them. Therefore they did not sell their land.

²³Then Joseph said to the people, Behold, I have bought you this day, and your land, for Pharaoh. Lo, *here is* seed for you, and you shall sow the land. ²⁴And it shall come to pass in the increase, that you shall give the fifth *part* unto Pharaoh, and four parts shall be your own, for seed of the field, and for your food, and for them of your household, and for food for your little ones. ²⁵And they said, You have saved our lives. Let us find grace in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants. ²⁶And Joseph made it a law of the land of Egypt to this day, *that* Pharaoh should have the fifth *part*, excepting only the land of the priests, *which* did not become Pharaoh's.

²⁷And Israel lived in the land of Egypt, in the country of Gó'-shēn. And they had possession in it, and grew, and multiplied exceedingly. ²⁸And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years, so the whole age of Jacob was a hundred forty-seven years. ²⁹And the time drew near that he must die. And he called his son Joseph, and said to him, If now I have found grace in your sight, I pray you put your hand under my thigh and deal kindly and truly with me. I pray you, do not bury me in Egypt. ³⁰But I will lie with my fathers. You shall carry me out of Egypt and bury me in their buryingplace. And he said, I will do as you have said. ³¹And he said, Swear unto me. And he swore unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed's head.

CHAPTER 48

¹And it came to pass after these things, that *one* told Joseph, Behold, your father is sick. And he took with him his two sons, Mā-nās'-sēh and Ē'-phrā-īm. ²And *one* told Jacob, and said, Behold, your son Joseph comes to you. And Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. ³And Jacob said to Joseph, God almighty appeared to me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me. ⁴And He said to me, Behold, I will make you fruitful and multiply you. And I will make of you a multitude of people, and will give this land to your seed after you *for* an everlasting possession. ⁵And now your two sons, Ē'-phrā-īm and Mā-nās'-sēh, who are born to you in the land of Egypt before I came to you into Egypt, are mine — like Reū'-bēn and Sīm'-ě-ōn, they shall be mine. ⁶And your issue, which you beget after them, shall be yours, *and* shall be called after the name of their brothers in their inheritance. ⁷And as for me, when I came from Pā'-dān, Rachel died beside me in the land of Canaan in the way, when there was still but a little way to come to Ē'-phrāth. And I buried her there in the way of Ē'-phrāth (the same is Bēth'-lē-hēm).

⁸And Israel beheld Joseph's sons, and said, Who are these? ⁹And Joseph said to his father, They are my sons, whom God has given me in this *place*. And he said, I pray you bring them to me, and I will bless them. ¹⁰Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, *so that* he could not see. And he brought them near him, and he kissed

them and embraced them. ¹¹And Israel said to Joseph, I had not thought *I would* see your face, and, lo, God has showed me also your seed. ¹²And Joseph brought them out from between his knees, and he bowed himself with his face to the earth. ¹³And Joseph took them both, *Ē'-phrā-īm* in his right hand toward Israel's left hand, and *Mā-nās'-sēh* in his left hand toward Israel's right hand. And he brought *them* near to him. ¹⁴And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand upon *Mā-nās'-sēh's* head, crossing his hands – for *Mā-nās'-sēh* was the first-born.

¹⁵And he blessed Joseph and said, *May* God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac walked, the God who fed me all my life unto this day, ¹⁶the Angel who redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads. And let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. ¹⁷And when Joseph saw that his father laid his right hand upon the head of *Ē'-phrā-īm*, it displeased him. And he held up his father's hand to remove it from *Ē'-phrā-īm's* head to *Mā-nās'-sēh's* head. ¹⁸And Joseph said to his father, Not so, my father. For this is the firstborn. Put your right hand upon his head. ¹⁹And his father refused and said, I know, my son, I know. He also shall become a people, and he also shall be great, but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he is, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. ²⁰And he blessed them that day, saying, In you shall Israel bless, saying, God make you as *Ē'-phrā-īm* and as *Mā-nās'-sēh*. And he set *Ē'-phrā-īm* before *Mā-nās'-sēh*. ²¹And Israel said to Joseph, Behold, I die. But God shall be with you, and bring you again into the land of your fathers. ²²Moreover I have given to you one portion above your brothers, which I took out of the hand of the *Ām'-ōr-ite* with my sword and with my bow.

CHAPTER 49

¹And Jacob called to his sons and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days. ²Gather yourselves together, and hear, you sons of Jacob, and listen to Israel your father.

³*Reū'-bēn*, you are my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength, the excellency of dignity and the excellency of power – ⁴unstable as water, you shall not excel, because you went up to your father's bed; then you defiled *it*. He went up to my couch.

⁵*Sim'-ē-ōn* and *Lē'-vī* are brothers; instruments of cruelty are *in* their habitations. ⁶O my soul, do not come into their secret. Let not my honor be united with their assembly. For in their anger they killed a man, and in their self-will they dug down a wall. ⁷Let their anger be

cursed, for it was fierce — and their wrath, for it was cruel. I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel.

⁸Judah, may your brothers praise you. May your hand be in the neck of your enemies. May your father's children bow down before you. ⁹Judah is a lion's whelp. My son, you have gone up from the prey. He stooped, he crouched like a lion, and like a strong lion. Who shall rouse him up? ¹⁰The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a Law-giver from between his feet, until Shi'-lōh come. And the gathering of the people shall be unto him. ¹¹Binding his foal to the vine, and his ass's colt to the choice vine, he washed his garments in wine, and his clothes in the blood of grapes. ¹²His eyes shall be darker than wine, and his teeth whiter than milk.

¹³Zē-bū'-lūn shall live at the haven of the sea. And he shall be a haven for ships. And his border shall be unto Sī'-dōn.

¹⁴Īs'-sā-chār is a strong ass crouching down between two burdens. ¹⁵And he saw that rest was good and that the land was pleasant. And he bowed his shoulder to bear, and became a servant unto tribute.

¹⁶Dan shall judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. ¹⁷Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder in the path, that bites the horse's heels, so that its rider shall fall backward. ¹⁸I have waited for Thy salvation, O LORD.

¹⁹Gad, a troop shall overcome him. But he shall overcome at the last.

²⁰Out of Āsh'-ēr his bread shall be fat, and he shall yield royal dainties.

²¹Nāph'-tā-li is a hind let loose. He gives goodly words.

²²Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a well, whose daughters run over the wall. ²³The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him. ²⁴But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob (from there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel) — ²⁵even by the God of your father, who shall help you — and by the Almighty, who shall bless you with blessings of Heaven above, blessings of the deep that lies under, blessings of the breasts and of the womb. ²⁶The blessings of your father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors, to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brothers.

²⁷Benjamin is a wolf that tears in pieces. In the morning he shall devour the prey, and at night he shall divide the spoil.

²⁸All these are the twelve tribes of Israel. And this is what their father spoke to them, and blessed them; everyone according to his blessing he blessed them. ²⁹And he charged them and said to them, I am to be gathered to my people. Bury me with my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ē'-phrōn the Hit'-tite, ³⁰in the cave that is in the field of Mäch-pē'-läh, which is before Mäm'-rē, in the land of Canaan, which Abraham bought with the field of Ē'-phrōn the Hit'-tite for a possession of a burying-place. ³¹There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife. There they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife. And there I buried Leah. ³²The purchase of the field, and of the cave that is in it, was from the children of Heth. ³³And when Jacob had made an end of commanding his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the spirit, and was gathered to his people.

CHAPTER 50

¹And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him. ²And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father. And the physicians embalmed Israel. ³And forty days were fulfilled for him, for so are fulfilled the days of those who are embalmed. And the Ē-gyp'-tiāns mourned for him seventy days. ⁴And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spoke to the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, I pray you speak in the ears of Pharaoh saying, ⁵My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die. You shall bury me in my grave which I have dug for me in the land of Canaan. Now therefore, I pray you, let me go up and bury my father, and I will come again. ⁶And Pharaoh said, Go up and bury your father, according as he made you swear.

⁷And Joseph went up to bury his father. And all the servants of Pharaoh went up with him, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, ⁸and all the house of Joseph, and his brothers, and his father's house. They left only their little ones and their flocks and their herds in the land of Gō'-shēn. ⁹And both chariots and horsemen went up with him. And it was a very great company. ¹⁰And they came to the threshing-floor of Ā'-tād, beyond Jōr'-dān, and there they mourned with a great and very sore lamentation. And he made a mourning for his father seven days. ¹¹And when the inhabitants of the land, the Cā'-nāan-ītes, saw the mourning in the floor of Ā'-tād, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Ē-gyp'-tiāns. Therefore the name of it was called Ā'-bēl-miz'-rā-īm, which is beyond Jordan. ¹²And his sons did to him according as he commanded them. ¹³For his sons carried him to the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Mäch-pē'-läh, which Abraham bought with the field for a possession of a burying-place from Ē'-phrōn the Hit'-tite, before Mäm'-rē.

¹⁴And Joseph returned to Egypt, he and his brothers, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father.

¹⁵And when Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will perhaps hate us, and will certainly repay us all the evil which we did unto him. ¹⁶And they sent a messenger to Joseph, saying, Your father did command before he died, saying, ¹⁷So shall you say to Joseph, Forgive, I pray you now, the trespass of your brothers, and their sin. For they did evil to you. And we pray you, forgive now the trespass of the servants of the God of your father. And Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸And his brothers also went and fell down before his face. And they said, Behold, we are your servants. ¹⁹And Joseph said to them, Do not fear. For am I in the place of God? ²⁰But as for you, you thought evil against me, *but* God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as *it is* this day, to save a great many people alive. ²¹Now therefore do not fear. I will nourish you and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spoke kindly to them.

²²And Joseph lived in Egypt, he and his father's house. And Joseph lived a hundred and ten years. ²³And Joseph saw Ē'-phrā-īm's children of the third *generation*. Also the children of Mā'-chīr the son of Mā-nās'-sēh were brought up upon Joseph's knees. ²⁴And Joseph said to his brothers, I die. And God will surely visit you, and bring you out of this land into the land which He swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. ²⁵And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and you shall carry up my bones from here. So Joseph died, *being* a hundred and ten years old. And they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

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CHAPTER 1

¹Now these are the names of the children of Israel who came into Egypt. Every man and his household came with Jacob. ²Reū'-bēn, Sīm'-ē-ōn, Lē'-vī, and Judah, ³Īs'-sā-chār, Zē-bū'-lūn, and Benjamin, ⁴Dan, and Nāph'-tā-lī, Gad, and Asher. ⁵And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls, for Joseph was *already* in Egypt. ⁶And Joseph died, and all his brothers, and all that generation. ⁷And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased very much, and multiplied, and became exceeding mighty. And the land was filled with them. ⁸Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹And he said to his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we are. ¹⁰Come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and when there comes a war, they join also unto our enemies, and fight against us, and so get out of the land. ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built treasure cities for Pharaoh, Pī'-thōm and Rā-ām'-seš. ¹²But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. ¹³And the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with harshness. ¹⁴And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, *working* in mortar and in brick, and in all kinds of service in the field. All the service in which they made them serve was with harshness.

¹⁵And the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of which the name of the one was Shīph'-rāh, and the name of the other Pū'-āh. ¹⁶And he said, When you do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see *them* upon the stool, if it is a son, then you shall kill him. But if it is a daughter, then she shall live. ¹⁷But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the men children alive. ¹⁸And the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, Why have you done this thing, and have saved the men-children alive? ¹⁹And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women. For they are lively, and are delivered before the midwives come in to them. ²⁰Therefore God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and became very mighty. ²¹And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that He made them houses. ²²And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born you shall cast into the river, and every daughter you shall save alive.

CHAPTER 2

¹And a man of the house of Levi took a daughter of Levi *as his wife*. ²And the woman conceived and bore a son. And when she saw him, that he was a beautiful *child*, she hid him three months. ³But when

she could no longer hide him, she took an ark of bulrushes for him, and daubed it with slime and with pitch, and put the child in it. And she laid it in the flags by the river's edge. ⁴And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him.

⁵And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to wash at the river. And her maidens walked along by the riverside. And when she saw the ark among the flags, she sent her maid to bring it. ⁶And when she had opened it, she saw the child. And behold, the babe wept. And she had pity on him, and said, This is one of the Hebrews' children. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call a nurse of the Hebrew women for you, that she may nurse the child for you? ⁸And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Go. And the maid went and called the child's mother. ⁹And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, Take this child away and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages. And the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰And the child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Mō'-ses. And she said, Because I took him out of the water.

¹¹And in those days, when Moses was grown, he went out to his brothers and looked upon their burdens. And he saw an Ē-gyp'-tiän striking a Hebrew, one of his brothers. ¹²And he looked this way and that way, and when he did not see anyone, he killed the Ē-gyp'-tiän and hid him in the sand. ¹³And when he went out the second day, behold, two men of the Hebrews strove together. And he said to him that did the wrong, Why do you strike your fellow? ¹⁴And he said, Who made you a prince and a judge over us? Do you intend to kill me as you killed the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely this thing is known. ¹⁵Now when Pharaoh heard this thing, he sought to kill Moses. But Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and lived in the land of Mīd'-i-än. And he sat down by a well. ¹⁶Now the priest of Mīd'-i-än had seven daughters. And they came and drew water, and filled the troughs to water their father's flock. ¹⁷And the shepherds came and drove them away. But Moses stood up and helped them, and watered their flock. ¹⁸And when they came to Reū'-ēl their father, he said, How is it that you have come so soon today? ¹⁹And they said, An Ē-gyp'-tiän delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and also drew water for us and watered the flock. ²⁰And he said to his daughters, And where is he? Why is it that you have left the man? Call him, that he may eat bread. ²¹And Moses was content to live with the man. And he gave Moses his daughter Zīp'-pō-rāh. ²²And she bore a son, and called his name Gēr'-shōm. For he said, I have been a stranger in a strange land.

²³And in time the king of Egypt died. And the children of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up to God because of the bondage. ²⁴And God heard their groan-

ing, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect for *them*.

CHAPTER 3

¹Now Moses kept the flock of his father-in-law Jēth'-rō, the priest of Mīd'-ī-ān. And he led the flock to the back side of the desert. And *he* came to the mountain of God, to Hōr'-ēb. ²And the Angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire, out of the midst of the bush. And he looked, and behold! the bush burned with fire! And the bush was not burned up. ³And Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned. ⁴And when the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses! Moses! And he said, Here I am. ⁵And he said, Do not come here. Put off your shoes from off your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. ⁶Moreover He said, I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face — for he was afraid to look upon God.

⁷And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt. And *I* have heard their cry because of their task-masters — for I know their sorrows. ⁸And I am coming down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, to bring them up out of that land unto a good land, a large *land*, unto a land flowing with milk and honey — to the place of the Cā'-nāan-ītes, and the Ām'-ōr-ītes, and the Pē-riz'-zītes, and the Hī'-vītes, and the Jēb'-ū-sītes. ⁹Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel has come unto Me. And I have also seen the oppression with which the Ē-gyp'-tiāns oppress them. ¹⁰Therefore come now, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring forth My people the children of Israel out of Egypt. ¹¹And Moses said unto God, Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? ¹²And He said, I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a token to you, that I have sent you: When you have brought forth the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God upon this mountain. ¹³And Moses said to God, Behold, *when* I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you — and they shall say to me, What is His name? — what shall I say to them? ¹⁴And God said to Moses, I AM THAT I AM. And He said, So you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you. ¹⁵God said moreover unto Moses, So shall you say to the children of Israel: The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial unto all generations. ¹⁶Go and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, The LORD God of your fathers, the God

of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob appeared to me, saying, I have surely visited you, and *have seen* that which is done to you in Egypt. ¹⁷And I have said, I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, and the Hī'-tītes, and the Ām'-or-ītes, and the Pě-rīz'-zītes, and the Hī'-vītes, and the Jēb'-ū-sītes, into a land flowing with milk and honey. ¹⁸And they shall listen to your voice. And you shall come, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt. And you shall say to him, The LORD God of the Hebrews has met with us. And now let us go, we beseech you, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God. ¹⁹And I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, no, not by a mighty hand. ²⁰And I will stretch out My hand and smite Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in the midst of it. And after that he will let you go. ²¹And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Ē-gyp'-tīans. And it shall come to pass that when you go, you shall not go empty. ²²But every woman shall ask of her neighbor, and of her that stays in her house, jewels of silver and jewels of gold and clothing. And you shall put them upon your sons and upon your daughters. And you shall spoil the Ē-gyp'-tīans.

CHAPTER 4

¹And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me nor listen to my voice — for they will say, The LORD has not appeared to you. ²And the LORD said to him, What is that in your hand? And he said, A rod. ³And He said, Throw it on the ground. And he threw it on the ground. And it became a serpent. And Moses ran from it. ⁴And the LORD said to Moses, Put forth your hand and take it by the tail. And he put forth his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand — ⁵so that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, has appeared unto you.

⁶And the LORD said furthermore to him, Now put your hand in your bosom. And he put his hand into his bosom. And when he took it out, behold, his hand was as leprous as snow. ⁷And He said, Put your hand into your bosom again. And he put his hand into his bosom again. And *he* plucked it out of his bosom, and behold, it was turned again like his *other* flesh. ⁸And if they will not believe you, neither listen to the voice of the first sign, then they will believe the voice of the latter sign. ⁹And also if they will not believe these two signs, neither listen unto your voice, then you shall take from the water of the river and pour it upon the dry *land*. And the water which you take out of the river shall become blood on the dry *land*. ¹⁰And Moses said unto the LORD, O my Lord, I am not a man of words, neither before now, nor since Thou hast spoken unto Thy servant, but I am slow of speech

and of a slow tongue. ¹¹And the LORD said unto him, Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the LORD? ¹²Now therefore go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you shall say. ¹³And he said, O my Lord, I pray Thee, send by the hand of *him whom* Thou wilt send. ¹⁴And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Moses. And He said, Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he comes forth to meet you. And when he sees you, he will be glad in his heart. ¹⁵And you shall speak to him, and put words in his mouth. And I will be with your mouth and with his mouth, and will teach you what you shall do. ¹⁶And he shall be your spokesman to the people — he shall become your mouth, and you shall be to him instead of God. ¹⁷And you shall take this rod in your hand, with which you shall do signs.

¹⁸And Moses went and returned to Jēth'-rō his father-in-law, and said to him, I pray you, let me go and return to my brothers who are in Egypt and see if they are still alive. And Jēth'-rō said to Moses, Go in peace. ¹⁹And the LORD said unto Moses in Mid'-ī-ān, Go! Return to Egypt, for all the men who sought your life are dead. ²⁰And Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt. And Moses took the rod of God in his hand. ²¹And the LORD said to Moses, When you go to return into Egypt, see that you do all those wonders which I have put in your hand before Pharaoh — but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go. ²²And you shall say to Pharaoh, Thus says the Lord: Israel is My son, My first-born. ²³And I say to you, Let My son go, that he may serve Me. And if you refuse to let him go, behold, I will kill your son, your first-born.

²⁴And it came to pass by the way, in the inn, that the LORD met him and sought to kill him. ²⁵Then Zip'-pō-rāh took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and threw it at his feet, and said, Surely a bloody husband you are to me. ²⁶So He let him go. Then she said, You are a bloody husband, because of the cīr-cūm-cīš'-iōn.

²⁷And the LORD said to Āar'-ōn, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went and met him in the mount of God, and kissed him. ²⁸And Moses told Āar'-ōn all the words of the LORD who had sent him, and all the signs which He had commanded him. ²⁹And Moses and Āar'-ōn went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel. ³⁰And Āar'-ōn spoke all the words which the LORD had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. ³¹And the people believed. And when they heard that the LORD had visited the children of Israel, and that He had looked upon their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

CHAPTER 5

¹And afterward Moses and Āar'-ōn went in and told Pharaoh, Thus says the LORD God of Israel: Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness. ²And Pharaoh said, Who is the LORD, that I should obey His voice to let Israel go? I do not know the LORD, neither will I let Israel go. ³And they said, The God of the Hebrews has met with us. Let us go, we pray you, three days' journey into the desert and sacrifice to the LORD our God — lest He fall upon us with plague or with the sword. ⁴And the king of Egypt said to them, Moses and Aaron, why do you keep the people from their work? Get to your burdens! ⁵And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land now are many, and you make them rest from their burdens. ⁶And Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people and their officers the same day, saying, ⁷You shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as before. Let them go and gather straw for themselves. ⁸And you shall lay upon them the number of bricks which they have made before now. You shall not take away *any* of it. For they are idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God. ⁹Let more work be laid upon the men, and let them labor in it. And do not let them regard vain words.

¹⁰And the taskmasters of the people and their officers went out. And they spoke to the people, saying, So says Pharaoh, I will not give you straw. ¹¹Go and get straw where you can find it, yet not any of your work shall be taken away. ¹²So the people were scattered abroad through all the land of Egypt, to gather stubble for straw. ¹³And the taskmasters hurried *them*, saying, Do your works, *your* daily tasks, just as when there was straw. ¹⁴And the officers of the children of Israel, whom Pharaoh's taskmasters had set over them, were beaten. *And they* demanded, Why have you not completed your task in making brick, both yesterday and today, as you did before?

¹⁵Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried to Pharaoh, saying, Why do you deal so with your servants? ¹⁶There is no straw given to your servants, and they say to us, Make brick! And behold, your servants are beaten, but the fault is in your own people. ¹⁷But he said, You are idle! *You are* idle! Therefore you say, Let us go and do sacrifice to the LORD. ¹⁸Therefore go now and work, for there shall be no straw given to you; yet you shall deliver the number of bricks. ¹⁹And the officers of the children of Israel saw that they were in an evil *case*, after it was said, You shall not take away *anything* from your bricks of your daily task.

²⁰And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh. ²¹And they said to them, The LORD look upon you and judge, because you have made our smell to be hated

in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants, to put a sword in their hands to kill us. ²²And Moses returned to the LORD, and said, Lord, why hast Thou treated this people ill? Why is it that Thou hast sent me? ²³For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Thy name, he has done evil to this people. Neither hast Thou delivered Thy people at all.

CHAPTER 6

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh — for with a strong hand he shall let them go, and with a strong hand he shall drive them out of his land. ²And God spoke to Moses, and said to him, I am the LORD. ³And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by *the name of* God Almighty. But I was not known to them by the name JĒ-HŌ'-VĀH. ⁴And I have also established My covenant with them, to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their pilgrimage, in which they were strangers. ⁵And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Ē-gyp'-tiāns keep in bondage. And I have remembered My covenant. ⁶Therefore say to the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burden of the Ē-gyp'-tiāns, and I will rescue you out of their bondage. And I will redeem you with a stretched-out arm, and with great judgments. ⁷And I will take you to Me for a people, and I will be to you a God. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God, who brings you out from under the burdens of the Ē-gyp'-tiāns. ⁸And I will bring you in to the land concerning which I lifted up My hand to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. And I will give it to you for a heritage. I am the LORD!

⁹And Moses said so to the children of Israel. But they did not listen to Moses through shortness of spirit and through cruel bondage. ¹⁰And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹¹Go in, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. ¹²And Moses spoke before the LORD, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh hear me, *since* I have lips that are not circumcised? ¹³And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, and gave them a charge to the children of Israel, and to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁴These are the heads of their fathers' houses: The sons of Reū'-bēn the first-born of Israel were Hā'-nōch and Pāl'-lū, Hēz'-rōn and Cār'-mī. These are the families of Reū'-bēn. ¹⁵And the sons of Sīm'-ē-ōn were Jē-mū'-ēl and Jā'-mīn and Ō'-hād and Jā'-chīn and Zō'-hār and Shā'-ūl, the son of a Cā-nāan-ī'-tīsh woman. These are the families of Sīm'-ē-ōn. ¹⁶And these are the names of the sons of Lē'-vī according to their generations: Gēr'-shōn, and Kō'-hāth, and Mē-rār'-ī. And the years of the life of Lē'-vī were a hundred and thirty-seven years. ¹⁷The

sons of Gēr'-shōn were Lib'-nī and Shīm'-ē-ī, according to their families. ¹⁸And the sons of Kō'-hāth were Ām'-rām and İz'-här and Hē'-brōn and Ūz'-zī-ēl. And the years of the life of Kō'-hāth were a hundred and thirty-three years. ¹⁹And the sons of Mē-rār'-ī were Mäh'-lī and Mū'-shī. These are the families of Lē'-vī according to their generations. ²⁰And Ām'-rām took Jōch'-ē-bēd his father's sister for his wife. And she bore him Aaron and Moses. And the years of the life of Ām'-rām were a hundred and thirty-seven years. ²¹And the sons of İz'-här were Kōr'-äh and Nēph'-ēg and Zich'-ri. ²²And the sons of Ūz'-zī-ēl were Mī'-shā-ēl and Ēl-zā'-phän and Zith'-rī. ²³And Aaron took Ē-lī'-shē-bā, daughter of Ām-mīn'-ā-dāb, sister of Nā-āsh'-ōn, for his wife. And she bore him Nā'-dāb and Ā-bī'-hū, Ēl-ē-ā'-zär and Ith'-ä-mär. ²⁴And the sons of Kōr'-äh were Ās'-sīr and Ēl-kā'-näh and Ā-bī'-ä-sāph. These are the families of the Kōr'-hītes. ²⁵And Aaron's son Ēl-ē-ā'-zär took of the daughters of Pū'-tī-ēl for his wife. And she bore him Phīn'-ē-hās. These are the heads of the fathers of the Lē'-vītes according to their families. ²⁶These are the Aaron and Moses to whom the LORD said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their armies. ²⁷These are the ones who spoke to Pharaoh king of Egypt to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt. These are that Moses and Aaron.

²⁸And it came to pass on the day when the LORD spoke unto Moses in the land of Egypt, ²⁹that the LORD spoke to Moses saying, I am the LORD. You speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you. ³⁰And Moses said before the LORD, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh listen to me?

CHAPTER 7

¹And the LORD said to Moses, See, I have made you a god to Pharaoh. And Aaron your brother shall be your prophet. ²You shall speak all that I command you. And Aaron your brother shall speak to Pharaoh, that he send the children of Israel out of his land. ³And I will harden Pharaoh's heart and multiply My signs and My wonders in the land of Egypt. ⁴But Pharaoh shall not listen to you, so that I may lay My hand upon Egypt, and bring My armies, *and* My people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. ⁵And the Ē-gyp'-tiāns shall know that I am the LORD when I stretch forth My hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them. ⁶And Moses and Aaron did as the LORD commanded them; so they did. ⁷And Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron was eighty-three years old, when they spoke to Pharaoh.

⁸And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying: ⁹When Pharaoh shall speak to you saying, Show a miracle for yourselves, you shall say to Aaron, Take your rod, and throw *it* in front of Pharaoh.

And it shall become a snake. ¹⁰And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh. And they did as the LORD had commanded. And Aaron threw down his rod in front of Pharaoh and in front of his servants, and it became a snake. ¹¹Then Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sôr'-cêr-êrs. Now the magicians of Egypt also did the same way with their secret arts. ¹²For each man threw down his rod, and they became snakes. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods. ¹³And He hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.

¹⁴And the LORD said to Moses, Pharaoh's heart is hardened. He refuses to let the people go. ¹⁵You go to Pharaoh in the morning. Lo, he goes out to the water. And you shall stand by the river's brink until he comes. And you shall take in your hand the rod which was turned to a snake. ¹⁶And you shall say to him, The LORD God of the Hebrews has sent me to you, saying, Let My people go so that they may serve Me in the wilderness. And, behold, until now you would not hear. ¹⁷Thus says the LORD, In this you shall know that I am the LORD. Behold! I will smite with the rod that is in my hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood. ¹⁸And the fish in the river shall die, and the river shall stink. And the Ē-gyp'-tiâns shall hate to drink of the water of the river. ¹⁹And the LORD spoke to Moses, Say to Aaron, Take your rod, and stretch out your hand upon the waters of Egypt, upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water, that they may become blood – and that there may be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in *vessels* of wood and in *vessels* of stone.

²⁰And Moses and Aaron did so, as the LORD commanded. And he lifted up the rod and struck the waters that were in the river, in the sight of Pharaoh and in the sight of his servants. And all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. ²¹And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, and the Ē-gyp'-tiâns could not drink of the water of the river. And there was blood throughout all the land of Egypt. ²²And the magicians of Egypt did so with their secret arts. And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, neither did he listen to them, as the LORD had said. ²³And Pharaoh turned and went into his house; neither did he set his heart to this also. ²⁴And all the Egyptians dug round about the river for water to drink, for they could not drink of the water of the river. ²⁵And seven days were completed after the LORD had stricken the river.

CHAPTER 8

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, Go to Pharaoh, and say to him: Thus says the LORD, Let my people go so that they may serve Me. ²And if you refuse to let them go, behold, I will strike all your borders

with frogs. ³And the river shall bring forth frogs plentifully, which shall go up and come into your house, and into your bedroom, and upon your bed, and into the house of your servants, and upon your people, and into your ovens, and into your kneading troughs. ⁴And the frogs shall come, up both on you, and on your people, and upon all your servants.

⁵And the LORD spoke unto Moses, Say unto Aaron: Stretch out your hand with your rod over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt. ⁶And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt, and the frogs came up and covered the land of Egypt. ⁷And the magicians did so with their secret arts, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt. ⁸Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Pray unto the LORD, that He may take away the frogs from me and from my people. And I will let the people go, so that they may do sacrifice unto the LORD. ⁹And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Glory over me! When shall I pray for you, and for your servants, and for your people, to destroy the frogs from you and your houses, so that they may remain in the river only? ¹⁰And he said, Tomorrow. And he said, *It shall be* according to your word, so that you may know that *there is* none like the LORD our God. ¹¹And the frogs shall depart from you, and from your houses, and from your servants, and from your people. They shall remain in the river only. ¹²And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh. And Moses cried unto the LORD because of the frogs which He had brought against Pharaoh. ¹³And the LORD did according to the word of Moses. And the frogs died out of the houses, out of the villages, and out of the fields. ¹⁴And they gathered them together in heaps. And the land stank. ¹⁵But when Pharaoh saw that there was a breathing spell, he hardened his heart, and did not listen to them – even as the LORD had said.

¹⁶And the LORD said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron: Stretch out your rod, and strike the dust of the land, so that it may become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. ¹⁷And they did so. For Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth. And it became lice in man and in beast. All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. ¹⁸And the magicians did so with their secret arts to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice upon man and upon beast. ¹⁹Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, This is the finger of God. And Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them – as the LORD had said.

²⁰And the LORD said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning and stand before Pharaoh. Lo, he comes forth to the water. And say unto him, Thus says the LORD: Let My people go, so that they may serve Me. ²¹Else, if you will not let My people go, behold, I will send swarms

of flies upon you, and upon your servants, and upon your people, and into your houses. And the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms *of flies*, and also the ground on which they are. ²²And in that day I will cut off the land of Gō'-shēn, in which My people live, so that no swarms *of flies* shall be there – to the end that you may know that I am the LORD in the midst of the earth. ²³And I will put a dividing line between My people and your people. This miracle shall be tomorrow. ²⁴And the LORD did so. And there came a grievous swarm *of flies* into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants' houses, and into all the land of Egypt. The land was destroyed because of the swarms.

²⁵And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go sacrifice to your God in the land. ²⁶And Moses said, It is not right *for us* to do so, for we shall sacrifice the ā-bom-ī-nā'-tion of the Egyptians to the LORD our God. Lo, shall we sacrifice the ā-bom-ī-nā'-tion of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us? ²⁷We will go three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, as He shall command us. ²⁸And Pharaoh said, I will let you go so that you may sacrifice to the LORD your God in the wilderness. Only you shall not go very far away. Pray for me. ²⁹And Moses said, Behold, I will go out from you, and I will pray unto the LORD that the swarms *of flies* may depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow. But do not let Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to the LORD. ³⁰And Moses went out from Pharaoh and prayed unto the LORD. ³¹And the LORD did according to the word of Moses. And He removed the swarms *of flies* from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people. There remained not one. ³²And Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, neither would he let the people go.

CHAPTER 9

¹Then the LORD said to Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh and tell him, Thus says the LORD God of the Hebrews: Let My people go so that they may serve Me. ²For if you refuse to let *them* go, and will hold them still, ³behold, the hand of the LORD is upon your cattle which is in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the oxen, and upon the sheep. *There shall be* a very grievous plague. ⁴And the LORD shall separate between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt. And there shall nothing die of all *that* belongs to the children of Israel. ⁵And the LORD appointed a set time, saying, Tomorrow the LORD shall do this thing in the land. ⁶And the LORD did that thing on the next day, and all the cattle of Egypt died. But of the cattle of the children of Israel, not one died. ⁷And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the people go.

⁸And the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, Take to yourselves handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward the sky in the sight of Pharaoh. ⁹And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth *with* sores upon man and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And they took ashes of the furnace and stood before Pharaoh. And Moses sprinkled it up toward the sky, and it became a boil breaking forth with sores upon man and upon beast. ¹¹And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils, for the boil was upon the magicians and upon all the Egyptians. ¹²And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he did not listen to them, even as the LORD had spoken to Moses.

¹³And the LORD said to Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh, and say to him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, Let My people go, so that they may serve Me. ¹⁴For I will at this time send all My plagues upon your heart, and upon your servants, and upon your people, so that you may know that there is none like Me in all the earth. ¹⁵For now I will stretch out My hand, that I may strike you and your people with plagues, and you shall be cut off from the earth. ¹⁶And in very deed for this *cause* I have raised you up, in order to show My power in you, and that My name may be declared throughout all the earth. ¹⁷Do you still exalt yourself against My people, that you will not let them go? ¹⁸Behold! Tomorrow about this time I will cause it to rain a very grievous hail, such as has not been in Egypt since the foundation of it even until now. ¹⁹Therefore send now, and gather your cattle, and all that you have in the field. *Upon* every man and beast which shall be found in the field, and shall not be brought home, the hail shall come down upon them, and they shall die. ²⁰He that feared the word of the LORD among the servants of Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle to flee into the houses. ²¹And he that did not regard the word of the LORD left his servants and his cattle in the field.

²²And the LORD said to Moses, Stretch forth your hand toward heaven, so that there may be hail in all the land of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every herb of the field, throughout the land of Egypt. ²³And Moses stretched forth his rod toward heaven. And the LORD sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran along upon the ground. And the LORD rained hail upon the land of Egypt. ²⁴So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as there was none like it in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. ²⁵And the hail struck throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast. And the hail struck every herb of the field, and broke every tree of the field. ²⁶Only in the land of Gō'-shēn, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.

²⁷And Pharaoh sent and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time. The LORD is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. ²⁸Pray unto the LORD — for it is enough — let there be no more mighty thunderings and hail. And I will let you go, and you shall stay no longer. ²⁹And Moses said unto him, as soon as I go out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto the LORD. And the thunder shall stop, neither shall there be any more hail, so that you may know that the earth is the LORD's. ³⁰But as for you and your servants, I know that you will not fear the LORD God. ³¹And the flax and the barley was stricken, for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was balled. ³²But the wheat and the rye were not stricken, for they had not grown up. ³³And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto the LORD. And the thunders and hail stopped, and the rain was not poured upon the earth. ³⁴And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders had ceased, he sinned still more and hardened his heart, he and his servants. ³⁵And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, neither would he let the children of Israel go — even as the LORD had spoken by Moses.

CHAPTER 10

¹And the LORD said to Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, for I have hardened his heart and the heart of his servants, so that I might show these My signs before him, ²and so that you may tell in the ears of your son, and of your son's son, what things I have worked in Egypt, and My signs which I have done among them — so that you may know that I am the LORD. ³And Moses and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of the Hebrews, How long will you refuse to humble yourself before Me? Let My people go, so that they may serve Me. ⁴Else, if you refuse to let My people go, behold, tomorrow I will bring the locusts into your coast. ⁵And they shall cover the face of the earth, so that one cannot be able to see the earth. And they shall eat the rest of that which has escaped, which remains to you from the hail, and shall eat every tree which grows for you out of the field. ⁶And they shall fill your houses, and the houses of all your servants, and the houses of all the Egyptians — which neither your fathers, nor your fathers' fathers have seen, since the day they were upon the earth until this day. And he turned himself and went out from Pharaoh. ⁷And Pharaoh's servants said to him, How long shall this man be a snare to us? Let the men go so that they may serve the LORD their God. Do you not yet know that Egypt is destroyed? ⁸And Moses and Aaron were brought again unto Pharaoh, and he said to them, Go! Serve the LORD your God. Who are the ones that shall go? ⁹And Moses said, We will go with our young and with our old, with our sons and with our daughters. We will go with our flocks and with our herds. For we *must hold* a feast unto the LORD. ¹⁰And he

said to them, May the LORD be so with you, as I send you and your little ones away. Watch out, for evil is before you. ¹¹Not so! You men go now and serve the LORD, for *it is* you who did desire *it*. And they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence.

¹²And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out your hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt and eat every herb of the land – all that the hail has left. ¹³And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day and all *that* night. When it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. ¹⁴And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt and rested in all the coasts of Egypt – very grievous. Before them there were no such locusts as they, neither after them shall be such. ¹⁵For they covered the face of the whole earth so that the land was darkened. And they ate every herb of the land and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left. And there did not remain any green thing in the trees, or in the herbs of the field, through all the land of Egypt.

¹⁶Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste. And he said, I have sinned against the LORD your God, and against you. ¹⁷Now therefore, I pray you, forgive my sin only this once, and pray unto the LORD your God, that He may take away from me this death only. ¹⁸And he went out from Pharaoh, and prayed unto the LORD. ¹⁹And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts and threw them into the Red. Sea. There did not remain one locust in all the coasts of Egypt. ²⁰But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he would not let the children of Israel go.

²¹And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out your hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, so that one may even feel the darkness. ²²And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven. And there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days. ²³They did not see one another, nor did any rise from his place, for three days. But all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings. ²⁴And Pharaoh called unto Moses, and said, You go serve the LORD. Only let your flocks and your herds be left. Let your little ones also go with you. ²⁵And Moses said, You must give us also sacrifices and burnt offerings, so that we may sacrifice unto the LORD our God. ²⁶Our cattle also shall go with us. There shall not a hoof be left behind. For we must take from them to serve the LORD our God. And we do not know with what we must serve the LORD until we come there. ²⁷But the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he would not let them go. ²⁸And Pharaoh said to him, Go away from me! Take heed to yourself; see my face no more. For in the day you see my face you shall die. ²⁹And Moses said, You have spoken well. I will never see your face again.

CHAPTER 11

¹And the LORD said to Moses, I will still bring one *more* plague upon Pharaoh and upon Egypt. Afterward he will let you go from here. When he shall let *you* go, he shall surely thrust you out from here altogether. ²Speak now in the ears of the people, and let every man borrow from his neighbor, and every woman from her neighbor, jewels of silver and jewels of gold. ³And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover the man Moses was very great in the land of Egypt, in the sight of Pharaoh's servants, and in the sight of the people. ⁴And Moses said, Thus saith the LORD: About midnight I will go out into the midst of Egypt. ⁵And all the first-born in the land of Egypt shall die, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sits upon his throne, even unto the first-born of the maid-servant that is behind the mill — and the first-born of beasts. ⁶And there shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, such as there was none like it, nor shall be like it any more. ⁷But against any of the children of Israel not even a dog shall move his tongue, against man or beast — so that you may know that the LORD puts a difference between the Egyptians and Israel. ⁸And all these, your servants, shall come down unto Me and bow themselves down unto Me, saying, You and all the people that follow you get out. And after that I will go out. And he went out from Pharaoh in a great anger. ⁹And the LORD said to Moses, Pharaoh shall not listen to you, so that My wonders may be multiplied in the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And Moses and Aaron did all these wonders before Pharaoh. And the LORD hardened Pharaoh's heart so that he would not let the children of Israel go out of his land.

CHAPTER 12

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, ²This month shall be unto you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you. ³You speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them each man a lamb for his father's house, a lamb for a house. ⁴And if the household is too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next to his house take it according to the number of the souls — each one, according to the eating of his mouth, you shall count concerning the lamb. ⁵Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year. You shall take it out from the sheep or from the goats. ⁶And you shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month. And the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. ⁷And they shall take of the blood and strike it on the *two* side posts and upon the upper door post of the houses in which they shall eat it. ⁸And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted with fire, and unleavened bread. They shall eat it with bitter *herbs*. ⁹Do not eat of it raw, nor boiled at all with water, but roasted with fire — its head with

its legs, and with the inner parts of it. ¹⁰And you shall let nothing of it remain until the morning. And that which remains of it until the morning you shall burn with fire.

¹¹And you shall eat of it this way, with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in a hurry. It is the LORD's passover. ¹²For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast. And I will execute judgment against all the princes of Egypt. I am the LORD. ¹³And the blood shall be a token to you upon the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you. And the plague shall not be upon you for a destruction when I smite the land of Egypt. ¹⁴And this day shall be a memorial unto you. And you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by a law forever. ¹⁵You shall eat unleavened bread seven days. Even the first day you shall put away leaven out of your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that soul shall be cut off from Israel. ¹⁶And in the first day there shall be a holy gathering, and in the seventh day there shall be a holy gathering for you. No manner of work shall be done in them, except that which every man must eat — that only may be done by you. ¹⁷And you shall keep the *feast of unleavened bread*. For in this same day I have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall keep this day in your generations by a law forever. ¹⁸In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread — until the twenty-first day of the month at evening. ¹⁹Seven days there shall be no leaven found in your houses — for whoever eats that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he is a stranger or born in the land. ²⁰You shall eat nothing leavened. In all your dwelling-places you shall eat unleavened bread.

²¹Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said unto them, Draw out and take a lamb for yourselves according to your families, and kill the passover. ²²And you shall take a bunch of hyssop [hiss'-op] and dip it in the blood that is in the bowl, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the bowl. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until the morning. ²³For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians. And when He sees the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you. ²⁴And you shall observe this thing for a law to you and to your sons forever. ²⁵And it shall come to pass, when you have come to the land which the LORD will give you, according as He has promised, that you shall keep this service. ²⁶And when your children shall say unto you, What do you mean by this service? — ²⁷you shall say, It is

the sacrifice of the LORD's passover, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. ²⁸And the children of Israel went away and did as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron — so they did.

²⁹And at midnight the LORD struck all the first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first-born of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon — and all the first-born of cattle. ³⁰And Pharaoh rose up in the night, he and all his servants, and all the Egyptians. And there was a great cry in Egypt, for there was not a house where there was not one dead. ³¹And he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, Rise up! Get away from my people, both you and the children of Israel! And go serve the LORD, as you have said. ³²Also take your flocks and your herds, as you have said, and be gone. And bless me also. ³³And the Egyptians were urging the people, that they might send them out of the land in a hurry — for they said, We are all dead. ³⁴And the people took their dough before it was leavened, their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. ³⁵And the children of Israel did according to the word of Moses — and they borrowed jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and clothing from the Egyptians. ³⁶And the LORD gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they loaned to them. And they spoiled the Egyptians.

³⁷And the children of Israel journeyed from Rām'-ě-sēs to Sūc'-cōth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, besides children. ³⁸And also a mixed multitude went up with them, and flocks, and herds — very much cattle. ³⁹And they baked unleavened cakes of the dough which they brought out of Egypt, for it was not leavened — because they were thrust out of Egypt and could not stay, neither had they prepared any food for themselves.

⁴⁰Now the time that the children of Israel lived in Egypt was four hundred and thirty years. ⁴¹And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years — even the very same day — it came to pass that all the armies of the LORD went out from the land of Egypt. ⁴²It is a night to be much kept unto the LORD for bringing them out from the land of Egypt. This is that night of the LORD to be kept by all the children of Israel in their generations.

⁴³And the LORD said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the Law of the Passover. There shall be no stranger eat of it. ⁴⁴But every man's servant that is bought for money, when you have circumcised him, then he shall eat of it. ⁴⁵A foreigner and a hired servant shall not eat of it. ⁴⁶It shall be eaten in one house. You shall not carry any of the flesh abroad out of the house. Neither shall you break a bone of it. ⁴⁷All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. ⁴⁸And when a stranger

shall stay with you, and desires to keep the Passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it. And he shall be as one that is born in the land. And no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. ⁴⁹There shall be one law to him that is home-born, and unto the stranger that lives among you. ⁵⁰So all the children of Israel did. Even as the LORD commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did. ⁵¹And it came to pass the very same day, that the LORD did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their armies.

CHAPTER 13

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²Sanctify all the first-born unto Me, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, of man and of beast. It is Mine.

³And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day in which you came out of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. For the LORD brought you out from this *place* by the strength of His hand. There shall be no leavened bread eaten. ⁴You came out this day in the month Ā'-bīb. ⁵And it shall be when the LORD shall bring you into the land of the Cā'-nāan-ītes, and the Hī'-tites, and the Ām'-ōr-ītes, and the Hī'-vītes, and the Jēb'-ū-sītes, which He swore unto your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, that you shall keep this service in this month. ⁶You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to the LORD. ⁷Unleavened bread shall be eaten seven days. And there shall no leavened bread be seen with you, nor shall there be leaven seen with you in all your borders.

⁸And you shall show your son in that day, saying, *This is* because of that which the LORD did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. ⁹And it shall be a sign to you upon your hand, and for a memorial between your eyes, that the LORD's law may be in your mouth. For the Lord has brought you out of Egypt with a strong hand. ¹⁰You shall therefore keep this law in its season from year to year.

¹¹And when the LORD shall bring you into the land of the Canaan-ites, as He swore unto you and to your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart unto the LORD all that opens the womb, and every firstling that comes of any animal which you have — the males shall be the LORD's. ¹³And every firstling of an ass you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you will not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. And all the firstborn of man among your children you shall redeem. ¹⁴And it shall be when your sons asks you in time to come, saying, What is this? you shall say unto him, The LORD brought us out of Egypt by the strength of His hand, from the house of bondage. ¹⁵And when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, the LORD killed all the first-born of the land of Egypt, both the first-born of man, and the first-born of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all that opens

the womb, which are males – but all the first-born of my children I redeem. ¹⁶And it shall be for a token upon your hand, and for frontlets between your eyes – for the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt by strength of hand.

¹⁷And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, God did not lead them *through* the way of the land of the Phi-lis'-tines, although that was near. For God said, Lest the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt. ¹⁸But God led the people around, *through* the way of the wilderness of the Red Sea. And the children of Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁹And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him – for he had strictly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and you shall carry my bones away from here with you. ²⁰And they took their journey from Sūc'-cōth and camped in Ē'-thām, in the edge of the wilderness. ²¹And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the *right* away – and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light, to go by day and night. ²²He did not take away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, *from* before the people.

CHAPTER 14

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel that they turn and camp before Pi-hā-hi'-rōth, between Mig'-dōl and the sea, over against Bā'-āl-zē-phōn. You shall camp before it, by the sea. ³For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are tangled in the land; the wilderness has shut them in. ⁴And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, that he will follow after them. And I will be honored upon Pharaoh, and upon all his army – so that the Egyptians may know that I am the LORD. And they did so.

⁵And the king of Egypt was told that the people fled. And the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was turned against the people. And they said, Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us? ⁶And he made his chariot ready, and took his people with him. ⁷And he took six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over every one of them. ⁸And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And he pursued after the children of Israel, and the children of Israel went out with a high hand. ⁹But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army. And *they* overtook them camping by the sea, beside Pi-hā-hi'-rōth, before Bā'-āl-zē-phōn. ¹⁰And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes. And, behold, the Egyptians marched after them. And they were very afraid. And the children of Israel cried out unto the LORD. ¹¹And they said unto Moses, Have you taken us away to die in the wilderness because there were no graves in Egypt? Why have you

dealt this way with us, to carry us forth out of Egypt? ¹²Did we not tell you this word in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, so that we may serve the Egyptians? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. ¹³And Moses said to the people, Do not fear. Stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will show you this day. For the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you shall never see them anymore. ¹⁴The LORD shall fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.

¹⁵And the LORD said unto Moses, Why do you cry unto Me? Speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward. ¹⁶But lift up your rod and stretch out your hand over the sea, and divide it. And the children of Israel shall go on dry *ground* through the midst of the sea. ¹⁷And behold! I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them. And I will get honor for Me upon Pharaoh, and upon all his army, upon his chariots and upon his horsemen. ¹⁸And the Egyptians shall know that I am the LORD when I have gotten honor for Me upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

¹⁹And the Angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them. And the pillar of the cloud went from in front of their face and stood behind them. ²⁰And it came between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of Israel. And it was a cloud and darkness, but it gave light by night to *Israel*, so that the one did not come near the other all night. ²¹And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. And the LORD caused the sea to go *back* by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry *land*, and the waters were divided. ²²And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry *ground*. And the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand and on their left.

²³And the Egyptians pursued and went after them to the middle of the sea — all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, and his horsemen. ²⁴And in the morning watch it came to pass that the LORD looked to the army of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of the cloud, and troubled the army of the Egyptians. ²⁵And *He* took off their chariot wheels, and made them go heavily, so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel, for the LORD fights for them against the Egyptians. ²⁶And the LORD said to Moses, Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. ²⁷And Moses stretched forth his hand over the sea. And the sea returned to its strength when the morning appeared. And the Egyptians fled against it. And the LORD overthrew the Egyptians in the middle of the sea. ²⁸And the waters returned and covered the chariots and the horsemen, all the army of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them. There did not remain so much as one of them. ²⁹But the children of Israel walked

upon dry *land* in the middle of the sea. And the waters were a wall to them on their right hand and on their left. ³⁰So the LORD saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians. And Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the seashore. ³¹And Israel saw that great work which the LORD did upon the Egyptians. And the people feared the LORD, and believed the LORD and His servant Moses.

CHAPTER 15

¹Then the children of Israel and Moses sang this song unto the LORD, and spoke, saying,

I will sing unto the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously — the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. ²The LORD is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will prepare Him a habitation — my father's God, and I will exalt Him. ³The LORD is a Man of war — the LORD is His name. ⁴Pharaoh's chariots and his army He has thrown into the sea — his chosen captains also are drowned in the Red Sea. ⁵The depths have covered them — they sank into the bottom like a stone. ⁶Thy right hand, O LORD, has become glorious in power. Thy right hand, O LORD, has dashed the enemy in pieces. ⁷And in the greatness of Thy excellency Thou hast overthrown them that rose up against Thee. Thou didst send forth Thy wrath, consuming them like stubble. ⁸And with the blast of Thy nostrils the waters were gathered together; the floods stood upright like a heap; the depths were curdled in the heart of the sea. ⁹The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil; my lust shall be satisfied upon them, I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them. ¹⁰Thou didst blow with Thy wind; the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹Who is like Thee, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like Thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders? ¹²Thou didst stretch out Thy hand, the earth swallowed them. ¹³Thou in Thy mercy hast led forth the people which Thou hast redeemed. Thou hast guided them in Thy strength unto Thy holy habitation. ¹⁴The people shall hear *and* be afraid. Sorrow shall take hold on the people of Phī-lis'-tiā. ¹⁵Then the princes of Edom shall be amazed. Trembling shall take hold upon the mighty men of Mō'-āb. All the people of Canaan shall melt away. ¹⁶Fear and dread shall fall upon them. By the greatness of Thy arm they shall be as still as a stone, until Thy people pass over, O LORD; until the people *which* Thou hast purchased pass over. ¹⁷Thou shalt bring them and plant them in the mountain of Thy inheritance, in the place, O LORD, Thou hast made for Thee to dwell in — the Sanctuary, O LORD, *which* Thy hands have established. ¹⁸The LORD shall reign forever and ever. ¹⁹For the horse of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and the LORD brought again the waters of the sea

upon them. But the children of Israel went on dry *land* in the middle of the sea.

²⁰And Mîr'-î-ăm the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand. And all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. ²¹And Mîr'-î-ăm answered them, Sing unto the LORD, for He has triumphed gloriously. The horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. ²²So Moses brought Israel from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur. And they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water.

²³And when they came to Mâr'-ăh, they could not drink of the waters of Mâr'-ăh, because they were bitter. Therefore the name of it was called Mâr'-ăh. ²⁴And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? ²⁵And he cried unto the LORD. And the LORD showed him a tree. *And* when he had cast it into the waters, the waters were made sweet. There he made a decree and a law for them, and there he proved them. ²⁶And he said, If you will carefully listen to the voice of the LORD your God, and will do that which is right in His sight, and will give ear to His commandments, and keep all His laws, I will put none of these diseases upon you, which I have brought upon the Egyptians — for I am the LORD who heals you. ²⁷And they came to Ē'-lîm, where *there were* twelve wells of water, and seventy palm trees. And they camped there by the waters.

CHAPTER 16

¹And they took their journey from Ē'-lîm, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came into the wilderness of Sin, which is between Ē'-lîm and Sî'-nâi, on the fifteenth day of the second month after their departing out of the land of Egypt. ²And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. ³And the children of Israel said unto them, O that we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, when we ate bread to the full — for you have brought us forth into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger. ⁴Then the LORD said to Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you. And the people shall go out and gather a certain amount every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My law or not. ⁵And on the sixth day it shall come to pass that they shall prepare that which they bring in. And it shall be twice as much as they gather day by day. ⁶And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At evening, then you shall know that the LORD has brought you out from the land of Egypt. ⁷And in the morning, then you shall see the glory of the LORD. For He hears your murmurings against the LORD. And what are we, that you murmur against us? ⁸And Moses said, *This shall come to pass* when the LORD shall give

you flesh to eat in the evening and bread to the full in the morning. For the LORD hears your murmurings which you murmur against Him. And what are we? Your murmurings are not against us, but against the LORD.

⁹And Moses spoke unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before the LORD. For He has heard your murmurings. ¹⁰And as Aaron spoke unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, they looked toward the wilderness. And behold! The glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. ¹¹And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ¹²I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel. Speak unto them, saying, You shall eat flesh at evening, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread. And you shall know that I am the LORD your God. ¹³And at evening the quails came up and covered the camp. And in the morning the dew lay round about the host. ¹⁴And when the layer of dew had gone up, behold, there was a small round thing upon the face of the wilderness, small as the hoar frost upon the ground. ¹⁵And when the children of Israel saw it, they said, What is that? For they did not know what it was. And Moses said unto them, This is the bread which the LORD has given you to eat. ¹⁶This is the thing which the LORD has commanded: Each man gather of it according to his eating, an *ō'-mēr* for every man, according to the number of your souls. Each one shall take for those who are in his camp. ¹⁷And the children of Israel did so, and gathered, some more, and some less. ¹⁸And when they measured it with an *ō'-mēr*, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little lacked nothing. They gathered each one according to his eating.

¹⁹And Moses said, Let no man leave of it until the morning. ²⁰Nevertheless they did not listen to Moses, but some of them left of it until the morning. And it became rotten with worms, and stank. And Moses was angry with them. ²¹And they gathered it every morning, each man according to his eating. And when the sun became hot, it melted.

²²And it came to pass, on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two *ō'-mērs* for one man. And all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. ²³And he said to them, This is that which the LORD has said, Tomorrow is the rest of the holy sabbath unto the LORD. Bake what you will bake *today*, and boil what you will boil. And that which remains over, lay up for you to be kept until the morning. ²⁴And they laid it up until the morning, as Moses said. And it did not stink, neither was there any worm in it. ²⁵And Moses said, Eat that today. For today is a sabbath unto the LORD. Today you shall not find it in the field. ²⁶Six days you shall gather it, but on the seventh day is the sabbath. In it there shall be none.

²⁷And some of the people went out on the seventh day in order to

gather. And they did not find any. ²⁸And the LORD said to Moses, How long do you refuse to keep My commandments and My laws? ²⁹See, because the LORD has given you the sabbath, therefore He gives you the bread of two days on the sixth day. Every man stay in his place. Let no man go out of his place on the seventh day. ³⁰So the people rested on the seventh day. ³¹And the house of Israel called the name of it Manna. And it was like cōr-ĭ-ān'-dēr seed, white. And the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. ³²And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commanded: Fill an ō'-mēr of it to be kept for your generations, so that you may see the bread with which I have fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. ³³And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot and put an ō'-mēr full of manna in it, and lay it up before the LORD, to be kept for your generations. ³⁴As the LORD commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Tēst'-ĭ-mō-ny, to be kept. ³⁵And the children of Israel ate manna forty years, until they came to a land in which people lived. They ate manna until they came into the borders of the land of Canaan. ³⁶(Now an ō'-mēr is the tenth *part* of an ē'-phāh.)

CHAPTER 17

¹And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journey, according to the commandment of the Lord, and pitched in Rēph'-ĭ-dīm. And there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people scolded Moses and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said to them, Why do you scold me? Why do you tempt the LORD? ³And the people thirsted there for water. And the people murmured against Moses and said, Why have you brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst? ⁴And Moses cried unto the LORD, saying, What shall I do unto this people? They are almost ready to stone me. ⁵And the LORD said unto Moses, Go on in front of the people, and take with you the elders of Israel. And take your rod with which you struck the river, in your hand, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there upon the rock in Hōr'-ēb. And you shall smite the rock, and there shall come water out of it, so that the people may drink. And Moses did so in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Mās'-sāh, and Mēr'-ĭ-bāh, because of the scolding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the LORD, saying, Is the LORD among us or not?

⁸Then Ām'-ā-lēk came and fought with Israel in Rēph'-ĭ-dīm. ⁹And Moses said to Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out to fight with Ām'-ā-lēk. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in my hand. ¹⁰So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with Ām'-ā-lēk. And Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top

of the hill. ¹¹And when Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed. And when he let down his hand, Ām'-ă-lĕk prevailed. ¹²But Moses' hands were heavy. And they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it. And Aaron and Hur held up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side. And his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. ¹³And Joshua defeated Ām'-ă-lĕk and its people with the edge of the sword. ¹⁴And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua. For I will utterly put out the remembrance of Ām'-ă-lĕk from under heaven. ¹⁵And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jĕ-hó'-vāh-nīs'-sī. ¹⁶For he said, Because the LORD has sworn that the LORD will have war with Ām'-ă-lĕk from generation to generation.

CHAPTER 18

¹When Jĕth'-rō, the priest of Mīd'-ī-ān, Moses' father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses and for Israel his people, that the LORD had brought Israel out of Egypt, ²then Jĕth'-rō, Moses' father-in-law, took Zip'-pō-rāh Moses' wife, after he had sent her back, ³and her two sons — of which the name of the one was Gĕr'-shōm (for he said, I have been an alien in a strange land), ⁴and the name of the other was Ēl-ī-ē'-zĕr (for the God of my father, my help, delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh.) ⁵And Jĕth'-rō, Moses' father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses in the wilderness, where he camped at the mount of God. ⁶And he said to Moses, I, your father-in-law Jĕth'-rō, have come unto you, and your wife and her two sons with her. ⁷And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and bowed down to him, and kissed him. And they asked each other of their welfare. And they came into the tent. ⁸And Moses told his father-in-law all that the LORD had done unto Pharaoh and the Egyptians for Israel's sake, all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and *how* the LORD delivered them. ⁹And Jĕth'-rō rejoiced for all the goodness which the LORD had done to Israel, whom He had delivered out of the hand of the Egyptians. ¹⁰And Jĕth'-rō said, Blessed be the LORD, who has delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of Pharaoh, *and* who has delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. ¹¹Now I know that the LORD is greater than all gods; for in the thing in which they dealt proudly, *He was* above them. ¹²And Jĕth'-rō, Moses' father-in-law, took a burnt offering and sacrifices for God. And Aaron came, and all the elders of Israel, to eat bread with Moses' father-in-law before God.

¹³And on the next day it came to pass that Moses sat to judge the people. And the people stood by Moses from the morning unto the evening. ¹⁴And when Moses' father-in-law saw all that he did to the

people, he said, What is this thing which you do to the people? Why do you sit alone by yourself, and all the people stand by you from morning unto evening? ¹⁵And Moses said unto his father-in-law, Because the people come unto me to inquire of God. ¹⁶When they have a matter, they come to me. And I judge between one and another, and I make *them* know the statutes of God and His laws. ¹⁷And Moses' father-in-law said unto him, The thing that you do is not good. ¹⁸You will surely wear away, both you and this people that is with you. For this thing is too heavy for you — you are not able to perform it alone. ¹⁹Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you. You be for the people toward God, that you may bring the causes unto God. ²⁰And you shall teach them ordinances and laws, and shall show them the way in which they must walk, and the work that they must do. ²¹Moreover you shall provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness — and place *such* over them *to be* rulers of thousands, *and* rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. ²²And let them judge the people at all times. And it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto you, but every small matter they shall judge. So it shall be easier for you, and they shall bear with you. ²³If you will do this thing, and God command you, then you shall be able to endure, and all this people shall also go to their place in peace. ²⁴So Moses listened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said. ²⁵And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads over the people, rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. ²⁶And they judged the people at all times. The hard causes they brought to Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves. ²⁷And Moses let his father-in-law depart. And he went his way into his own land.

CHAPTER 19

¹In the third month when the children of Israel had gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day they came *into* the wilderness of Sī'-naī. ²For they had departed from Rēph'-ī-dīm, and had come to the desert of Sī'-naī, and had pitched in the wilderness. And Israel camped there in front of the mount. ³And Moses went up unto God, and the LORD called unto him out of the mountain, saying, So you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: ⁴You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you unto Myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people — for all the earth is Mine. ⁶And you shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel.

⁷And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and laid

before their faces all these words which the LORD commanded him. And all the people answered together and said, All that the LORD has spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD. ⁹And the LORD said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto you in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever. And Moses told the words of the people unto the LORD. ¹⁰And the LORD said unto Moses, Go to the people and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. ¹¹And be ready for the third day. For the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon Mount Sī'-naī. ¹²And you shall set bounds to the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves. Do not go up into the mountain, or touch the border of it. Whoever touches the mountain shall be surely put to death. ¹³There shall not be a hand to touch it, but that he shall surely be stoned or hot through. Whether it is beast or man, it shall not live. When the trumpet sounds long, they shall come up to the mountain.

¹⁴And Moses went down from the mountain to the people, and sanctified the people. And they washed their clothes. ¹⁵And he said to the people, Be ready for the third day. Do not approach a woman. ¹⁶And it came to pass on the third day in the morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mountain. And the voice of the trumpet was exceeding loud, so that all the people that were in the camp trembled. ¹⁷And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet with God. And they stood at the lower part of the mountain. ¹⁸And Mount Sī'-naī was smoking, all of it, because the LORD came down upon it in fire. And the smoke of it went up like the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mountain quaked greatly. ¹⁹And when the voice of the trumpet sounded long, and became louder and louder, Moses spoke, and God answered him by a voice. ²⁰And the LORD came down upon Mount Sinai, on the top of the mountain. And the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mountain, and Moses went up. ²¹And the LORD said to Moses, Go down. Command the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish. ²²And let the priests also, who come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them. ²³And Moses said unto the LORD, The people cannot come up to Mount Sinai. For Thou didst command us saying, Set bounds around the mountain, and sanctify it. ²⁴And the LORD said unto him, Away! You go down, and you shall come up, you and Aaron with you. But do not let the priests and the people break through to come up unto the LORD, lest He break forth upon them. ²⁵So Moses went down unto the people, and spoke unto them.

CHAPTER 20

¹And God spoke all these words, saying, ²I am the LORD your God, who has brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

³You shall have no other gods before Me.

⁴You shall not make unto yourselves any graven image, or any likeness of *anything* that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them. For I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of those that hate me, ⁶and showing mercy unto thousands of those that love Me and keep My commandments.

⁷You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain. For the LORD will not hold him guiltless that takes His name in vain.

⁸Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁰But the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall not do any work, you nor your son, nor your daughter, your man-servant, nor your maid-servant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger that is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

¹²Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long upon the land which the LORD your God gives you.

¹³You shall not kill.

¹⁴You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵You shall not steal.

¹⁶You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷You shall not covet your neighbor's house. You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is your neighbor's.

¹⁸And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking. And when the people saw it, they moved, and stood afar off. ¹⁹And they said to Moses, You speak with us, and we will hear. But let not God speak with us, lest we die. ²⁰And Moses said unto the people, Do not fear, for God has come to prove you, and so that His fear may be before your faces, so that you may not sin. ²¹And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was. ²²And the LORD said unto Moses, So you shall say to the children of Israel, You have seen that I have talked with you from Heaven. ²³You shall not make with Me gods of silver, neither shall you make unto you gods of gold.

²⁴You shall make an altar of earth to Me, and shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen. In all places where I record My name I will come unto you, and I will bless you. ²⁵And if you will make Me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of cut stone. For if you lift up your tool upon it, you have defiled it. ²⁶Neither shall you go up by steps unto My altar, that your nakedness be not uncovered on it.

CHAPTER 21

¹Now these are the judgments which you shall set before them. ²If you buy a Hebrew servant, he shall serve six years. And in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. ³If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself. If he was married, then his wife shall go out with him. ⁴If his master has given him a wife, and she has borne him sons or daughters, the wife and her children shall be her master's, and he shall go out by himself. ⁵And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children — I do not want to go out free: ⁶then his master shall bring him to the judges. He shall also bring him to the door or to the door-post. And his master shall bore his ear through with an awl, and he shall serve him forever.

⁷And if a man sells his daughter to be a maid-servant, she shall not go out as the men-servants do. ⁸If she does not please her master, who has betrothed her to himself, then he shall let her be redeemed. He shall have no power to sell her to a strange nation, since he has dealt deceitfully with her. ⁹And if he has betrothed her to his son, he shall deal with her as with daughters. ¹⁰If he takes himself another *wife*, her food, her clothing, and her duty of marriage shall not be lessened. ¹¹And if he does not do these three to her, then she shall go out free without money.

¹²He that strikes a man, so that he dies, shall be surely put to death. ¹³And if a man does not lie in wait, but God delivers *him* into his hand, then I will appoint you a place where he shall flee. ¹⁴But if a man comes presumptuously upon his neighbor to slay him with guile, you shall take him from My altar, so that he may die. ¹⁵And he that strikes his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

¹⁶And he that steals a man and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death. ¹⁷And he that curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death.

¹⁸And if men strive together, and one strikes another with a stone, or with *his* fist, and he does not die, but keeps his bed: ¹⁹if he rises again and walks abroad upon his staff, then he that struck *him* shall be set free — only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause *him* to be completely healed.

²⁰And if a man strikes his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he dies under his hand, he shall surely be punished. ²¹Notwithstanding, if he continues a day or two, he shall not be punished. For he is his money.

²²If men strive and hurt a woman with child, so that her child comes out, and yet no harm follow, he shall surely be punished, according as the woman's husband will lay upon him. And he shall pay as the judges say. ²³And if *any* harm follow, then you shall give life for life, ²⁴eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, ²⁵burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

²⁶And if a man strike the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, so that it perishes, he shall let him go free on account of his eye. ²⁷And if he strikes out his man-servant's tooth, or his maid-servant's tooth, he shall let him go free on account of his tooth.

²⁸If an ox gores a man or woman so that they die, then the ox shall surely be stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten. But the owner of the ox shall be set free. ²⁹But if the ox was apt to push with his horn in time past, and his owner has been told, and he has not kept him in, but that he has killed a man or a woman — the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also shall be put to death. ³⁰If there is laid on him a sum of money, then he shall give for the ransom of his life whatever is laid upon him. ³¹Whether he has gored a son, or has gored a daughter, according to this judgment it shall be done unto him. ³²If the ox shall gore a man-servant or a maid-servant, he shall give to their master thirty shekels of silver, and the ox shall be stoned.

³³And if a man shall open a pit, or if a man shall dig a pit, and not cover it, and an ox or an ass falls in it, ³⁴the owner of the pit shall make it good *and* give money to the owner of them. And the dead *animal* shall be his.

³⁵And if one man's ox hurts another's, so that it dies, then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the money of it. And they shall also divide the dead ox. ³⁶Or if it is known that the ox has been apt to gore in time past, and his owner has not kept him in, he shall surely pay ox for ox. And the dead shall be his own.

CHAPTER 22

¹If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it or sell it, he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep.

²If a thief is found breaking up, and is struck so that he dies, no blood shall be *shed* for him. ³If the sun is risen upon him, blood is *due* for him. He should repay in full. If he has nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. ⁴If the theft is certainly found in his hand alive, whether it is an ox, or an ass, or a sheep, he shall restore double.

⁵If a man causes a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall put in his animal, and shall feed in another man's field; he shall repay from the best of his own field, and the best of his own vineyard.

⁶If fire breaks out and catches in thorns, so that the stacks of grain, or the standing grain, or the field, is burned up, he who kindled the fire shall surely repay in full.

⁷If a man shall deliver to his neighbor money or stuff to keep, and it is stolen out of the man's house — if the thief is found, let him pay double. ⁸If the thief is not found, then the master of the house shall be brought to the judges, to see whether he has put his hand to his neighbor's goods. ⁹For every case of trespass — for ox, for ass, for sheep, for clothing, for any kind of lost thing, which *another* claims to be his — the cause of both parties shall come before the judges. *And* whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbor. ¹⁰If a man delivers to his neighbor an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any animal to keep, and it dies, or is hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it — ¹¹*then* shall an oath of the LORD be between them both, that he has not put his hand to his neighbor's goods. And the owner of it shall accept it, and he shall not make it good. ¹²And if it is stolen from him, he shall fully repay the owner of it. ¹³If it is torn in pieces, let him bring it for witness, and he shall not make good that which was torn.

¹⁴And if a man borrows from his neighbor, and it is hurt, or dies, when the owner of it is not with it, he shall surely make it good. ¹⁵But if the owner of it is with it, he shall not make it good. If it is something hired, it came for its hire.

¹⁶And if a man lures a maid who is not promised, and lies with her, he shall surely endow her to be his wife. ¹⁷If her father utterly refuses to give her to him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of virgins.

¹⁸You shall not allow a witch to live.

¹⁹Whoever lies with an animal shall surely be put to death.

²⁰He who sacrifices to *any* god, except unto the LORD only, he shall be utterly destroyed.

²¹You shall neither vex a stranger nor oppress him, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt.

²²You shall not afflict any widow or fatherless child. ²³If you afflict them in any way, and they cry at all unto Me, I will surely hear their cry. ²⁴And My wrath shall become hot, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

²⁵If you lend money to *any of My people that is poor* beside you, you shall not be to him as a money-lender, neither shall you lay upon him interest. ²⁶If you at all take your neighbor's clothing as a pledge,

you shall deliver it to him by the time the sun goes down. ²⁷For that is his covering only, it is his clothing for his skin — in what shall he sleep? And when he cries unto Me, I will hear, for I am gracious.

²⁸You shall not revile the judges, nor curse the ruler of your people.

²⁹You shall not delay to offer the first of your ripe fruits and of your sap. You shall give the first-born of your sons to Me. ³⁰Likewise you shall do with your oxen and with your sheep — it shall be with its dam seven days. On the eighth day you shall give it to Me.

³¹And you shall be holy men to Me. Neither shall you eat flesh that is torn by beasts in the field. You shall throw it to the dogs.

CHAPTER 23

¹You shall not raise a false report. Do not put your hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness. ²You shall not follow a multitude to do evil. Neither shall you speak in a cause in order to follow many in order to wrest judgment. ³And you should not favor a poor man in his cause.

⁴If you meet your enemy's ox or his ass going astray, you shall surely bring it back to him again. ⁵If you see the ass of him who hates you lying under his burden, and would hold back from helping him, you shall surely help him. ⁶You shall not wrest the judgment of your poor in his cause. ⁷Keep far from a false matter, and do not kill the innocent and righteous. For I will not justify the wicked. ⁸And you shall take no gift, for the gift blinds the wise and perverts the words of the righteous.

⁹Also you shall not oppress a stranger. For you know the heart of a stranger, since you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And you shall sow your land six years, and shall gather in the fruits of it. ¹¹But the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie still, so that the poor of your people may eat. And what they leave, the animals of the field shall eat. In the same way you shall deal with your vineyard and with your olive-yard. ¹²You shall do your work six days, and on the seventh day you shall rest — so that your ox and your ass may rest, and the son of your hand-maid, and the stranger, may be refreshed. ¹³And be watchful in all things that I have said unto you. And make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of your mouth. ¹⁴You shall keep a feast unto Me three times in the year. ¹⁵You shall keep the feast of unleavened bread. You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, in the time appointed of the month Ā'-bīb — for in it you came out of Egypt — and no one shall appear before Me empty. ¹⁶And the feast of harvest, the first-fruits of your labors, which you have sown in the field — and the feast of ingathering, in the end of the year, when you have gathered in your labors out of

the field. ¹⁷Three times in the year all your males shall appear before the Lord GOD. ¹⁸You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leavened bread, neither shall the fat of My sacrifice remain until the morning. ¹⁹The first of the first-fruits of your land you shall bring into the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk.

²⁰Behold, I send an Angel before you, to keep you in the way, and to bring you in the way, and to bring you to the place which I have prepared. ²¹Beware of Him, and obey His voice. Do not provoke Him, for He will not pardon your transgressions. For My name is in Him. ²²But if you shall indeed obey His voice, and do all that I speak, then I will be an enemy unto your enemies, and an adversary unto your adversaries. ²³For My Angel shall go before you and bring you in unto the Ām'-ōr-ites, and the Hīt'-tites, and the Pē-riz'-zites, and the Cā'-nāan-ites, and the Hī'-vites, and the Jēb'-ū-sites. And I will cut them off. ²⁴You shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works. But you shall utterly overthrow them, and quite break down their images. ²⁵And you shall serve the LORD your God, and He shall bless your bread and your water. And I will take sickness away from the midst of you.

²⁶Nothing shall cast their young, nor be barren in your land. The number of your days I will fulfill. ²⁷I will send My fear before you, and will destroy all the people to whom you shall come. And I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you. ²⁸And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hī'-vite, the Cā'-nāan-ite, and the Hīt'-tite, before you. ²⁹I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become a waste, and the beast of the field multiply against you. ³⁰By little and little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and inherit the land. ³¹And I will stretch your bounds from the Red Sea even unto the Sea of the Philistines, and from the desert to the river. For I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you. ³²You shall make no covenant with them or with their gods. ³³They shall not dwell in your land lest they make you sin against Me. For if you serve their gods, it surely will be a snare to you.

CHAPTER 24

¹And He said to Moses, Come up unto the LORD, you and Aaron, Nā'-dāb and Ā-bī'-hū, and seventy of the elders of Israel. And you worship afar off. ²And Moses alone shall come near the LORD, but they shall not come near. Neither shall the people go up with him.

³And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and

said, All the words which the LORD has said, we will do. ⁴And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and built an altar under the hill and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel. ⁵And he sent young men of the children of Israel who offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins, and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the ears of the people. And they said, All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient. ⁸And Moses took the blood and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD has made with you concerning all these words. ⁹Then Moses went up, and Aaron, Nā'-dāb, and Ā-bī'-hū, and seventy of the elders of Israel. ¹⁰And they saw the God of Israel. And there was under His feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire [sāf-fire'] stone, and as it were the body of heaven in clearness. ¹¹And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he did not lay his hands. Also they saw God, and ate and drank.

¹²And the LORD said unto Moses, Come up to Me in the mountain, and be there. And I will give you tablets of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written, so that you may teach them. ¹³And Moses rose up, and his minister Jōsh'-ū-ā. And Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said unto the elders, You stay here for us until we come again to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. If any man has any matters to do, let him come to them. ¹⁵And Moses went up into the mountain, and a cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶And the glory of the LORD abode upon Mount Sī'-nāi, and the cloud covered it six days. And the seventh day He called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷And the sight of the glory of the LORD was like devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel. ¹⁸And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and went up into the mountain. And Moses was in the mountain forty days and forty nights.

CHAPTER 25

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²Speak to the children of Israel that they bring Me an offering. You shall take an offering from every man that gives it willingly with his heart. ³And this is the offering which you shall take of them: gold, and silver, and brass, ⁴and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, ⁵and rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and ā-cā'-ciā wood, ⁶oil for the light, spices for anointing oil and for sweet incense, ⁷onyx stones, and stones to be set in the ephod and in the breastplate. ⁸And let them make Me a sanctuary, so that I may dwell among them. ⁹According to all that I show you, after the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the instruments of it, even so you shall make it.

¹⁰And they shall make an ark of ă-că'-ciă wood. Two and a half cubits shall be the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it. ¹¹And you shall overlay it with pure gold. You shall overlay it within and without, and shall make upon it a crown of gold round about. ¹²And you shall cast four rings of gold for it, and put *them* in the four corners of it. And two rings shall be in the one side of it, and two rings in the other side of it. ¹³And you shall make staves of ă-că'-ciă wood, and overlay them with gold. ¹⁴And you shall put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, so that the ark may be carried with them. ¹⁵And the staves shall be in the rings of the ark. They shall not be taken from it. ¹⁶And you shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you. ¹⁷And you shall make a mercy-seat of pure gold. Two and a half cubits shall be the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it. ¹⁸And you shall make two chěr'-û-bîms of gold; of beaten work you shall make them, in the two ends of the mercy-seat. ¹⁹And make one chěr'-ûb on the one end, and the other chěr'-ûb on the other end. From the mercy-seat you shall make the chěr'-û-bîms, on the two ends of it. ²⁰And the chěr'-û-bîms shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, and their faces *shall look* one to another; toward the mercy-seat shall the chěr'-û-bîms be. ²¹And you shall put the mercy-seat above, upon the ark. And you shall put the testimony that I shall give you, in the ark. ²²And I will meet with you there, and I will talk with you from above the mercy-seat, from between the two chěr'-û-bîms which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all *things* which I will give you in commandment to the children of Israel.

²³You shall also make a table of ă-că'-ciă wood. Two cubits shall be the length of it, and a cubit the breadth of it. And a cubit and a half shall be its height. ²⁴And you shall overlay it with pure gold, and make to this a crown of gold round about. ²⁵And you shall make unto it a border of a hand's breadth round about. And you shall make a golden crown to the border of it, round about. ²⁶And you shall make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet of it. ²⁷The rings shall be adjoining the border as places for the staves to carry the table. ²⁸And you shall make the staves of ă-că'-ciă wood and overlay them with gold, so that the table may be carried with them. ²⁹And you shall make the dishes of it, and spoons of it, and covers of it, and bowls of it, and pitchers of it. You shall make them of pure gold. ³⁰And you shall set upon the table showbread before Me always.

³¹And you shall make a lampstand of pure gold. The lampstand shall be made of beaten work — its shaft, and its branches, its bowls, its knobs, and its blossoms, shall be of the same. ³²And six branches shall come out of the sides of it — three branches of the lampstand out of the

one side, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side. ³³Three bowls shall be made like almonds, *with* a knob and a blossom in one branch; and three bowls shall be made like almonds in the other branch, *with* a knob and a blossom. So in the six branches that come out of the lampstand. ³⁴And in the lampstand shall be four bowls made like almonds, *with* their knobs and their blossoms. ³⁵And there shall be a knob under two branches of the same, and a knob under two branches of the same, and a knob under two branches of the same, according to the six branches that proceed out of the lampstand. ³⁶Their knobs and their branches shall be of the same — all of it shall be one beaten work of pure gold. ³⁷And you shall make the seven lamps of it, and they shall light the lamps of it, so that they may give light over the face of it. ³⁸And the tongs of it, and its snuff-dishes, shall be of pure gold. ³⁹He shall make it of a talent of pure gold, with all these vessels. ⁴⁰And look that you make them after their pattern, which was shown you in the mountain.

CHAPTER 26

¹Moreover you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet. You shall make them *with* chēr'-ū-bīms of the work of a cunning workman. ²The length of one curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits. And every one of the curtains shall have one measure. ³The five curtains shall be coupled together to one another. And the *other* five curtains shall be coupled to one another. ⁴And you shall make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain at the edge of the set. And likewise you shall do in the border of the curtain that is outermost in the second set. ⁵You shall make fifty loops in the one curtain, and you shall make fifty loops in the edge of the curtain that is in the coupling of the second, so that the loops may take hold of one another. ⁶You shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains together with the clasps. And it shall be one tabernacle.

⁷And you shall make curtains of goats' *hair* to be a covering upon the tabernacle. You shall make eleven curtains. ⁸The length of one curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain four cubits. And the eleven curtains shall be all of one measure. ⁹And you shall couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shall double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tabernacle. ¹⁰And you shall make fifty loops on the edge of one curtain that is outermost in the coupling, and fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which couples the second. ¹¹And you shall make fifty clasps of brass, and put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, so that it may be one. ¹²And the rest that remains of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remains, shall hang over the backside of the taber-

nacle. ¹³And a cubit on the one side, and a cubit on the other side of that which remains in the length of the curtains of the tent, it shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle, on this side and on that side, to cover it. ¹⁴And you shall make a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering above of badgers' skins.

¹⁵And you shall make boards for the tabernacle of ā-cā'-ciā wood standing up. ¹⁶Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half shall be the breadth of one board. ¹⁷*There shall be two pins* in one board, set in order against one another. So you shall make for all the boards of the tabernacle. ¹⁸And you shall make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards on the south side southward. ¹⁹And you shall make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards — two sockets under one board for its two *pins*, and two sockets under another board for its two *pins*. ²⁰And for the second side of the tabernacle on the north side there shall be twenty boards, ²¹and their forty sockets of silver, two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. ²²And for the sides of the tabernacle westward you shall make six boards. ²³And you shall make two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides. ²⁴And they shall be coupled together beneath, and they shall be coupled together above the head of it unto one ring. So it shall be for them both. They shall be for the two corners. ²⁵And they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets — two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

²⁶And you shall make bars of ā-cā'-ciā wood, five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, ²⁷and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle — and five bars for the side of the tabernacle, for the two sides westward. ²⁸And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall reach from end to end. ²⁹And you shall overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars. And you shall overlay the bars with gold. ³⁰And you shall rear up the tabernacle according to the pattern of it which was shown you in the mountain.

³¹And you shall make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen of embroidered work. With chēr'-ū-bīms it shall be made. ³²And you shall hang it upon four pillars of ā-cā'-ciā overlaid with gold. Their hooks shall be of gold, upon the four sockets of silver.

³³And you shall hang up the veil under the clasps, that you may bring the ark of the testimony in there within the veil. And the veil shall divide unto you between the holy *place* and the most holy. ³⁴And you shall put the mercy-seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy *place*. ³⁵And you shall set the table outside the veil, and the lampstand over against the table on the side of the tabernacle

toward the south. And you shall put the table on the north side. ³⁶And you shall make a hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, worked with needlework. ³⁷And you shall make five pillars of ā-cā'-ciā wood for the hanging, and overlay them with gold — their hooks shall be of gold. And you shall cast five sockets of brass for them.

CHAPTER 27

¹And you shall make an altar of ā-cā'-ciā wood, five cubits long and five cubits broad. The altar shall be square. And the height of it shall be three cubits. ²And you shall make the horns of it upon the four corners of it. Its horns shall be of the same, and you shall overlay it with brass. ³And you shall make its pans to receive its ashes, and its shovels, and its basins, and its flesh-hooks, and its fire-pans. All the vessels of it you shall make of brass. ⁴And you shall make for it a grate of network of brass. And upon the net you shall make four brass rings in the four corners of it. ⁵And you shall put it under the compass of the altar beneath, so that the net may be even to the midst of the altar. ⁶And you shall make staves for the altar, staves of ā-cā'-ciā wood, and overlay them with brass. ⁷And the staves shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, to carry it. ⁸You shall make it hollow with boards; as it was shown you in the mountain, so shall they make it.

⁹And you shall make the court of the tabernacle. For the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen, of a hundred cubits long for one side. ¹⁰And the twenty pillars of it, and their twenty sockets, shall be of brass. The hooks of the pillars and their bands shall be of silver. ¹¹And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings of a hundred cubits long. And its twenty pillars and their twenty sockets shall be of brass. The hooks of the pillars and their bands shall be of silver.

¹²And for the breadth of the court on the west side shall be hangings of fifty cubits. Their pillars shall be ten, and their sockets ten. ¹³And the breadth of the court on the east side eastward shall be fifty cubits. ¹⁴The hangings of one side shall be fifteen cubits. Their pillars shall be three, and their sockets three. ¹⁵And on the other side shall be hangings of fifteen cubits. Their pillars shall be three, and their sockets three.

¹⁶And for the gate of the court shall be a hanging of twenty cubits, of blue and purple and scarlet, and fine twined linen, worked with needlework. And their pillars shall be four, and their sockets four. ¹⁷All the pillars round about the court shall be banded with silver. Their hooks shall be of silver, and their sockets of brass.

¹⁸The length of the court shall be a hundred cubits, and the breadth fifty cubits everywhere, and the height five cubits of fine twined linen, and their sockets of brass. ¹⁹All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service of it, and all the pins of it, and all the pins of the court, shall be of brass.

²⁰And you shall command the children of Israel that they bring you pure olive oil beaten for the light, to cause the lamp to burn always. ²¹In the tabernacle of the congregation, outside the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall order it from evening to morning before the LORD. It shall be a statute forever unto their generations on behalf of the children of Israel.

CHAPTER 28

¹And you take unto you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, so that he may minister unto Me in the priest's office — Aaron, Nā'-dāb and Ā-bī'-hū, Ēl-ē-ā'-zār and Īth'-ā-mār, Aaron's sons. ²And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. ³And you shall speak unto all who are wisehearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him — so that he may minister unto Me in the priest's office. ⁴And these are the garments which they shall make: a breast-plate, and an ē'-phöd, and a robe, and an embroidered coat, a miter, and a girdle. And they shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, and his sons, so that he may minister unto Me in the priest's office. ⁵And they shall take gold, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen.

⁶And they shall make the ē'-phöd of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and fine twined linen, with embroidered work. ⁷It shall have the two shoulder-pieces of it joined at the two edges of it. And so it shall be joined together. ⁸And the embroidered girdle of the ē'-phöd, which is upon it, shall be of the same, according to the work of it — of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. ⁹And you shall take two onyx stones, and engrave on them the names of the children of Israel. ¹⁰Six of their names shall be on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth. ¹¹With the work of an engraver in stone, *like* the engravings of a signet, you shall engrave the two stones with the names of the children of Israel. You shall make them to be set in settings of gold. ¹²And you shall put the two stones upon the shoulders of the ephod for stones of memorial unto the children of Israel. And Aaron shall bear their names before the LORD upon his two shoulders for a memorial.

¹³And you shall make settings of gold, ¹⁴and two chains of pure gold at the ends. You shall make them of woven work, and fasten the woven chains to the settings.

¹⁵And you shall make the breast-plate of judgment with embroidered work. After the work of the ē'-phōd you shall make it; of gold, of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine twined linen, you shall make it. ¹⁶It shall be square, being doubled. A span shall be the length of it, and a span shall be the breadth of it. ¹⁷And you shall set in it settings of stones, four rows of stones. *The first* row shall be a sār'-dī-ūs, a tō'-pāz, and a cār'-būn-cle. *This* shall be the first row. ¹⁸And the second row shall be an em'-ēr-āld, a sapphire [sāf'-fire'], and a dī'-ā-mōnd. ¹⁹And the third row shall be an ō'-pāl, an āg'-āte, and an ām'-ē-thyst. ²⁰And the fourth row a hēr'-yl, and an ōn'-yx, and a jāś'-pēr. They shall be set in gold in their fillings. ²¹And the stones shall be with the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, like the engravings of a signet. They shall be each one with his name according to the twelve tribes.

²²And you shall make chains upon the breast-plate at the ends, of woven work of pure gold. ²³And you shall make upon the breast-plate two rings of gold, and shall put the two rings on the two ends of the breast-plate. ²⁴And you shall put the two woven *chains* of gold in the two rings which are on the ends of the breast-plate. ²⁵And the *other* two ends of the two woven *chains* you shall fasten in the two settings, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ē'-phōd before it.

²⁶And you shall make two rings of gold, and you shall put them upon the two ends of the breast-plate in the border of it, which is in the side of the ē'-phōd inward. ²⁷And you shall make two *other* rings of gold, and shall put them on the two sides of the ē'-phōd underneath, toward the front of it, over against the *other* coupling of it, above the embroidered girdle of the ē'-phōd. ²⁸And they shall bind the breast-plate by the rings of it unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be above the embroidered girdle of the ephod, and so that the breast-plate may not be loosed from the ephod. ²⁹And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breast-plate of judgment upon his heart, when he goes in unto the holy place, for a memorial before the LORD continually.

³⁰And you shall put in the breast-plate of judgment the Ū'-rim and the Thūm'-mim. And they shall be upon Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the LORD. And Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the LORD continually. ³¹And you shall make the robe of the ephod all of blue. ³²And there shall be a hole in the top of it, in the midst of it. It shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of a coat of mail, so that it may not be torn. ³³And upon the hem of it you shall make pōme'-grān-ātes of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the hem of it — and bells of gold between them round about. ³⁴*There shall be* a golden bell and a pōme'-grān-āte, a golden bell and a pōme'-

grān-āte, upon the hem of the robe all around. ³⁵And it shall be on Aaron to serve. And his sound shall be heard when he goes in to the holy place before the LORD, and when he comes out, so that he will not die.

³⁶And you shall make a plate of pure gold, and carve on it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLINESS TO THE LORD. ³⁷And you shall put it on a blue lace, so that it may be on the miter; on the front of the miter it shall be. ³⁸And it shall be on Aaron's forehead, so that Aaron may bear the iniquity of the holy things which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts. And it shall always be on his forehead, so that they may be accepted before the LORD.

³⁹And you shall embroider the coat of fine linen, and you shall make the miter of fine linen, and you shall make the girdle of needlework.

⁴⁰And you shall make coats for Aaron's sons, and you shall make for them girdles, and bonnets you shall make for them, for glory and for beauty. ⁴¹And you shall put them upon Aaron your brother, and his sons with him. And *you* shall anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them, so that they may minister unto Me in the priest's office.

⁴²And you shall make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness — from the loins even to the thighs they shall reach. ⁴³And they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or when they come near the altar to minister in the holy place — so that they do not bear iniquity, and die. It shall be a statute forever unto him and his seed after him.

CHAPTER 29

¹And this is the thing that you shall do to them, to hallow them to minister unto Me in the priest's office. Take one young bull and two rams without blemish, ²and unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened mixed with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil. You shall make them of wheat flour. ³And you shall put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bull and the two rams. ⁴And you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall wash them with water. ⁵And you shall take the garments, and put the coat upon Aaron, and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breast-plate, and gird him with the embroidered girdle of the ephod. ⁶And you shall put the miter upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the miter. ⁷Then you shall take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him. ⁸And you shall bring his sons and put coats upon them. ⁹And you shall gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them. And the priest's office shall be theirs for an everlasting statute. And you shall consecrate Aaron and his sons. ¹⁰And you shall cause a bull to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron and his

sons shall put their hands upon the head of the bull. ¹¹And you shall kill the bull before the LORD, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹²And you shall take of the blood of the bull, and put it upon the horns of the altar with your finger, and pour all the blood beside the bottom of the altar. ¹³And you shall take all the fat that covers the inward parts, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and that fat that is upon them, and burn them upon the altar. ¹⁴But the flesh of the bull, and its skin, and its dung, you shall burn with fire outside the camp. It is a sin offering.

¹⁵And you shall also take one ram. And Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. ¹⁶And you shall kill the ram, and you shall take its blood and sprinkle it all round upon the altar. ¹⁷And you shall cut the ram in pieces, and wash the inward parts of it and its legs, and put *them* with its pieces and with its head. ¹⁸And you shall burn the whole ram upon the altar. It is a burnt offering unto the LORD. It is a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto the LORD. ¹⁹And you shall take the other ram. And Aaron and his sons shall put their hands upon the head of the ram. ²⁰Then you shall kill the ram, and take of its blood, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of Aaron, and upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about. ²¹And you shall take of the blood that is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him. And he shall be hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. ²²Also you shall take from the ram the fat and the rump, and the fat that covers the inward parts, and the caul *above* the liver, and the two kidneys and the fat that is upon them, and the right shoulder, for it is a ram of consecration — ²³and one loaf of bread, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer out of the basket of the unleavened bread that is before the LORD, ²⁴and you shall put all in the hands of Aaron and in the hands of his sons, and shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. ²⁵And you shall receive them from their hands, and burn them upon the altar for a burnt offering, for a sweet savor before the LORD. It is an offering made by fire unto the LORD. ²⁶And you shall take the breast of the ram of Aaron's consecration and wave it for a wave offering before the LORD. And it shall be your part. ²⁷And you shall sanctify the breast of the wave offering, and the shoulder of the heave offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of the consecration — of that which is for Aaron and of that which is for his sons. ²⁸And it shall be Aaron's and his sons' by a statute forever from the children of Israel. For it is a heave offering. And it shall be a heave offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifices of their peace offerings, *even* their heave offering unto the LORD.

²⁹And the holy robes of Aaron shall be his sons' after him, to be anointed in them and consecrated in them. ³⁰The one of his sons that is priest in his place shall put them on seven days, when he comes into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the holy *place*.

³¹And you shall take the ram of the consecration, and boil its flesh in the holy place. ³²And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram and the bread that is in the basket, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ³³And they shall eat those things with which the atonement was made, to consecrate *and* to sanctify them. But a stranger shall not eat *of them*, because they are holy. ³⁴And if any of the flesh of the consecrations, or of the bread, remains until the morning, then you shall burn the remainder with fire. It shall not be eaten, because it is holy. ³⁵And so you shall do unto Aaron and to his sons according to all *things* which I have commanded you. You shall consecrate them seven days. ³⁶And you shall offer every day a bull for a sin offering for atonement. And you shall cleanse the altar when you have made an atonement, and you shall anoint it to sanctify it. ³⁷You shall make an atonement for the altar seven days, and sanctify it. And it shall be a most holy altar. Whatever touches the altar shall be holy.

³⁸Now this is what you shall offer upon the altar — two lambs of the first year day by day forever. ³⁹The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at evening. ⁴⁰And with the one lamb a tenth part of flour mixed with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil, and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink offering. ⁴¹And you shall offer the other lamb at evening, and shall do unto it according to the meal offering of the morning, and according to its drink offering, for a sweet smell, an offering made by fire unto the LORD. ⁴²*This shall be* a burnt offering forever throughout your generations, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD — where I will meet you, to speak there to you. ⁴³And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and *Israel* shall be sanctified by My glory. ⁴⁴And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar. I will also sanctify both Aaron and his sons to minister unto Me in the priest's office.

⁴⁵And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God. ⁴⁶And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt so that I may dwell among them. I am the LORD their God.

CHAPTER 30

¹And you shall make an altar to burn incense upon. You shall make it of *ā-cā'-ciā* wood. ²A cubit shall be the length of it, and a cubit the breadth of it. It shall be square. And two cubits shall be the height of it. The horns of it shall be of the same. ³And you shall overlay it with pure gold, the top of it, and the sides of it round about, and the horns

of it. And you shall make unto it a crown of gold round about. ⁴And you shall make two golden rings to it under the crown of it, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides of it you shall make it. And they shall be for places for the staves to bear it with. ⁵And you shall make the staves of *ā-cā'-ciā* wood and overlay them with gold. ⁶And you shall put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, in front of the mercy-seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with you. ⁷And Aaron shall burn sweet incense on it every morning; when he dresses the lamps he shall burn incense upon it. ⁸And when Aaron lights the lamps at evening, he shall burn incense upon it, a perpetual incense before the LORD throughout your generations. ⁹You shall offer no strange incense on it, nor burnt sacrifice, nor meal offering. Neither shall you pour drink offering on it. ¹⁰And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offerings of atonement. He shall make atonement once in the year throughout your generations. It is most holy unto the LORD.

¹¹And the LORD spoke unto Moses saying, ¹²When you count the children of Israel, of those who are to be counted, then they shall each man give a ransom for his soul unto the LORD when you number them, so that there may be no plague among them when you number them. ¹³They shall give this, every one that passes among those who are counted, half a shekel after the shekel of the sanctuary (a shekel is twenty *gē'-rāhs*); a half shekel shall be the offering of the LORD. ¹⁴Everyone that passes among those who are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD. ¹⁵The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than half a shekel, when they give an offering unto the LORD to make an atonement for your souls. ¹⁶And you shall take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shall appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation — so that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls.

¹⁷And the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, ¹⁸You shall also make a laver of brass and its foot also of brass, for washing. And you shall put it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar. And you shall put water in it, ¹⁹for Aaron and his sons shall wash their hands and their feet there. ²⁰When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, they shall wash with water so that they do not die. Or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire unto the LORD, ²¹so they shall wash their hands and their feet, so that they do not die. And it shall be a statute forever to them, to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

²²Moreover the LORD spoke unto Moses, saying, ²³Take also unto you principal spices, of pure myrrh five hundred *shekels*, and of sweet cinnamon half as much, even two hundred and fifty *shekels*, and of sweet

cāl'-ă-mūs two hundred and fifty *shekels*,²⁴ and of cās'-siā five hundred *shekels*, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of olive oil a hin.²⁵ And you shall make it an oil of holy ointment, an ointment compound after the art of the perfumer. It shall be a holy anointing oil.²⁶ And you shall anoint the tabernacle of the congregation with it, and the ark of the testimony,²⁷ and the table and all its vessels, and the lampstand and its vessels, and the altar of incense,²⁸ and the altar of burnt offerings with all its vessels, and the laver and its foot.²⁹ And you shall sanctify them so that they may be most holy. Whatever touches them shall be holy.³⁰ And you shall anoint Aaron and his sons and consecrate them, so that they may minister unto Me in the priest's office.³¹ And you shall speak to the children of Israel saying, This shall be a holy anointing oil unto Me throughout your generations.³² It shall not be poured upon man's flesh, neither shall you make *any other* like it, according to the way *it is* made. It is holy, *and* it shall be holy unto you.³³ Whoever compounds any like it, or whoever puts *any* of it upon a stranger, shall even be cut off from his people.

³⁴And the LORD said unto Moses, Take unto yourself sweet spices — stăc'-tē, and ô-ny'-chă, and găl'-bă-nūm — sweet spices with pure frankincense. There shall be the same of each.³⁵ And you shall make it a perfume, an incense according to the art of the perfumer — salted, pure and holy.³⁶ And you shall beat some of it very small, and put it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the congregation, where I will meet with you. It shall be most holy to you.³⁷ And as for the perfume which you shall make, you shall not make *any* for yourselves according to the way it is made. It shall be holy unto you for the LORD.³⁸ Whoever shall make *any* like that, to smell of it, shall even be cut off from his people.

CHAPTER 31

¹And the LORD spoke unto Moses saying, ²See, I have called by name Běz'-ă-lēel the son of Ū'-rī, the son of Hūr, of the tribe of Judah.³ And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, ⁴in order to work out cunning works; to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,⁵ and in cutting of stones, to set *them*, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.⁶ And behold, I have given unto him Ā-hō'-lī-ăb, the son of Ā-hīs'-ă-măch, of the tribe of Dan. And I have put wisdom in the hearts of all those who are wise-hearted, so that they may make all that I have commanded you — ⁷the tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy-seat that is upon it, and all the vessels of the tabernacle,⁸ and the table and its vessels, and the pure lampstand with all its vessels, and the altar of incense,⁹ and the altar of burnt offering with

all its vessels, and the laver and its foot,¹⁰ and the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,¹¹ and the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy *place* — according to all that I have commanded you, they shall do.

¹²And the LORD spoke unto Moses saying, ¹³Speak also to the children of Israel saying, Verily you shall keep My sabbaths. For it is a sign between Me and you throughout your generations, so that you may know that I am the LORD who sanctifies you. ¹⁴You shall keep the Sabbath therefore, for it is holy unto you. Everyone that defiles it shall surely be put to death. For whoever does any work in it, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. ¹⁵Six days may work be done, but in the seventh is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. Whoever does any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. ¹⁶Therefore the children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe the Sabbath throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant. ¹⁷It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel forever. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day He rested, and was refreshed.

¹⁸And He gave unto Moses, when He had made an end of speaking with him upon Mount Sinai, two tablets of testimony, tablets of stone, written with the finger of God.

CHAPTER 32

¹And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together unto Aaron and said to him, Up! Make us gods who shall go before us. For as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him. ²And Aaron said to them, Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring *them* unto me. ³And all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. ⁴And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with an engraving tool, after he had made it a molten calf. And they said, These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. ⁵And when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made proclamation and said, Tomorrow is a feast to the LORD. ⁶And they rose up early on the next day and offered burnt offerings, and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play.

⁷And the LORD said to Moses, Go! Get down, for your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. ⁸They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made them a molten calf, and have worshipped it,

and have sacrificed to it, and said, These are your gods, O Israel, who have brought you up out of the land of Egypt. ⁹And the LORD said to Moses, I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰Now therefore let Me alone, so that My wrath may become hot against them and so that I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation. ¹¹And Moses prayed to the LORD his God, and said, LORD, why doth Thy wrath become hot against Thy people, whom Thou hast brought forth out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Ē-gyp'-tians speak and say, He brought them out for harm, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth? Turn from Thy fierce wrath, and repent of this evil against Thy people. ¹³Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Thy servants, to whom Thou didst swear by Thine own self, and said unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven, and all this and that I have spoken of will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it forever. ¹⁴And the LORD repented of the evil which He spoke of doing unto His people.

¹⁵And Moses turned, and went down from the mountain, and the two tablets of the testimony were in his hand. The tablets were written on both sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. ¹⁶And the tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved upon the tablets. ¹⁷And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, *There is* a noise of war in the camp. ¹⁸And he said, It is not the voice of those who shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of *those who* cry from being overcome. But I hear the noise of those who sing.

¹⁹And as soon as he came near the camp, he saw the calf and the dancing. And Moses' anger became hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands, and broke them at the bottom of the mountain. ²⁰And he took the calf which they had made and burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and dropped it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it. ²¹And Moses said unto Aaron, What did his people do unto you, that you have brought so great a sin upon them? ²²And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord become hot. You know the people, that they are *set* on mischief. ²³For they said to me, Make us gods who shall go before us — for *as for* this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him. ²⁴And I said to them, Whoever has any gold, let them break it off. So they gave it to me, then I threw it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

²⁵And when Moses saw that the people were naked, (for Aaron had made them naked unto *their* shame among their enemies,) ²⁶then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, Who is on the LORD's side? *Let him come* unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered them-

selves to him. ²⁷And he said to them, Thus says the LORD God of Israel: Each man put his sword by his side, and go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and kill every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor. ²⁸And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. ²⁹For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves today to the LORD, even every man upon his son, and upon his brother, so that He may bless you with a blessing this day.

³⁰And on the next day Moses said unto the people, You have sinned a great sin. And now I will go up unto the LORD. Perhaps I shall make an atonement for your sin. ³¹And Moses returned to the LORD, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. ³²Yet now wilt Thou forgive their sin! And if not, I pray Thee, blot me out of Thy book which Thou hast written. ³³And the LORD said to Moses, Whoever has sinned against Me, I will blot him out of My book. ³⁴Therefore now go, lead the people to *the place* of which I have spoken to you. Behold, My Angel shall go before you. Nevertheless in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them. ³⁵And the LORD plagued the people because they made the calf which Aaron made.

CHAPTER 33

¹And the LORD said to Moses, Depart and go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swore unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto your seed I will give it. ²And I will send an angel before you. And I will drive out the Cā'-nāan-īte, the Ām'-ōr-īte, and the Hit'-tite, and the Pē-rīz'-zīte, and the Hī'-vite, and the Jēb'-ū-site. ³*He will bring you* into a land flowing with milk and honey. For I will not go up in the midst of you, for you are a stiff-necked people — lest I consume you in the way.

⁴And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned. And no man put his ornaments on himself. ⁵For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, You are a stiff-necked people. I will come up into the midst of you in a moment, and consume you. Therefore now put off your ornaments from you, that I may know what to do with you. ⁶And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by Mount Hōr'-ēb. ⁷And Moses took the tabernacle and pitched it outside the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the tabernacle of the congregation. And everyone who sought the LORD went out to the tabernacle of the congregation, which was outside the camp. ⁸And when Moses went out to the tabernacle, all the people rose up, and each man stood at his tent door and looked

after Moses until he had gone into the tabernacle. ⁹And it came to pass, as Moses went into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and *the LORD* talked with Moses. ¹⁰And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door. And all the people rose up and worshipped, each man in his tent door. ¹¹And the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he turned again to the camp. But his servant, Jōsh'-ū-ā the son of Nun, a young man, did not leave the tabernacle.

¹²And Moses said to the LORD, Behold, Thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people. And Thou hast not let me know whom Thou wilt send with me. Yet Thou hast said, I know you by name, and you have also found grace in My sight. ¹³Now therefore, I pray Thee, if I have found grace in Thy sight, show me now Thy way, that I may know Thee, that I may find grace in Thy sight. And consider that this nation is Thy people. ¹⁴And He said, My presence shall go *with you*, and I will give you rest. ¹⁵And he said to Him, If Thy presence does not go *with me*, do not carry us up from here. ¹⁶For in what shall it be known here that I and Thy people have found grace in Thy sight? *Is it* not in that Thou goest with us? So we shall be separated, I and Thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. ¹⁷And the LORD said to Moses, I will do this thing also that you have spoken. For you have found grace in My sight, and I know you by name. ¹⁸And he said, I beseech Thee, Show me Thy glory. ¹⁹And He said, I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before you. And I will be gracious unto whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰And He said, You cannot see My face. For there shall no man see Me and live. ²¹And the LORD said, Behold! *There is* a place by Me, and you shall stand upon a rock. ²²And while My glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and will cover you with My hand while I pass by. ²³And I will take away My hand, and you shall see My back parts. But My face shall not be seen.

CHAPTER 34

¹And the LORD said to Moses, cut out two tablets of stone like the first. And I will write upon these tablets the words that were in the first tablets which you broke. ²And be ready in the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to Me in the top of the mountain. ³And no man shall come up with you, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mountain, neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mountain.

⁴And he cut out two tablets of stone like the first. And Moses rose up early in the morning and went up unto Mount Sinai, as the LORD had commanded him, and took in his hand the two tablets of stone.

⁵And the LORD came down in the cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. ⁶And the LORD passed by before him and proclaimed, The LORD, The LORD God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth, ⁷keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and who will by no means clear *the guilty* — visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*. ⁸And Moses made haste and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. ⁹And he said, If now I have found grace in Thy sight, O LORD, I pray Thee, let my Lord go among us. For it is a stiff-necked people. And pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for Thy inheritance. ¹⁰And He said, Behold! I make a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation. And all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD, for it is a terrible thing that I will do with you. ¹¹Observe that which I command you this day. Behold! I drive out before you the Ām'-ōr-ite, and the Cā'-nāan-ite, and the Hit'-tite, and the Pě-riz'-zite and the Hī'-vite, and the Jēb'-ū-sīte. ¹²Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the people of the land where you go — lest it be for a snare in the midst of you. ¹³But you shall destroy their altars, break their images, and cut down their groves. ¹⁴For you shall worship no other god — for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God — ¹⁵lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they go whoring after their gods, and do sacrifice to their gods, and call you, and you eat of his sacrifice — ¹⁶and lest you take from their daughters for your sons, and their daughters go whoring after their gods and make your sons go whoring after their gods. ¹⁷You shall make you no molten gods.

¹⁸You shall keep the feast of unleavened bread. You shall eat unleavened bread seven days, as I commanded you, in the time of the month Ā'-bib. For in the month Ā'-bib you came out from Egypt. ¹⁹All that opens the womb is Mine. And every firstling among your cattle, ox or sheep, *is Mine*. ²⁰But the firstling of an ass you shall redeem with a lamb. And if you do not redeem it, then you shall break its neck. All the first-born of your sons you shall redeem. And none shall appear before Me empty.

²¹You shall work six days, but on the seventh day you shall rest. In plowing time and in harvest you shall rest. ²²And you shall observe the feast of weeks, of the first-fruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year's end. ²³Three times in the year your men children shall appear before the Lord GOD, the God of Israel. ²⁴For I will cast out the nations before you and enlarge your borders. Neither shall any man desire your land when you shall go up to appear

before the LORD your God three times in the year. ²⁵You shall not offer the blood of My sacrifice with leaven. Neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the Passover be left to the morning. ²⁶The first of the first-fruits of your land you shall bring to the house of the LORD your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk. ²⁷And the LORD said to Moses, Write these words; for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with you and with Israel. ²⁸And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights. He neither ate bread, nor drank water. And he wrote upon the tablets the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.

²⁹And it came to pass, when Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of testimony in Moses' hand, when he came down from the mountain, that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone while He talked with him. ³⁰And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone. And they were afraid to come near him. ³¹And Moses called to them. And Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³²And afterward all the children of Israel came near. And he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³And *until* Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. ³⁴But when Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he took the veil off until he came out. And he came out and spoke to the children of Israel that which he was commanded. ³⁵And the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. And Moses put the veil upon his face again, until he went in to speak with Him.

CHAPTER 35

¹And Moses gathered all the congregation of the children of Israel together and said to them, These are the words which the LORD has commanded, that you should do them. ²Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD. Whoever does work in it shall be put to death. ³You shall kindle no fire throughout your living places upon the Sabbath day.

⁴And Moses spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel saying, This is the thing which the LORD commanded. *He* said, ⁵Take from among you an offering to the LORD. Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD — gold, and silver, and brass, ⁶and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*, ⁷and rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, and *ã-cã'-ciã* wood, ⁸and oil for the light, and spices for anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, ⁹and onyx stones, and stones to be set for the ephod and for the breast-plate. ¹⁰And every wise-hearted one among you shall come and make all that the LORD has commanded — ¹¹the tabernacle, its

tent, and its covering, its clasps, and its boards, its bars, its pillars, and its sockets. ¹²And *make* the ark and the staves of it, the mercy-seat, and the veil of the covering, ¹³the table, and its staves, and all its vessels, and showbread, ¹⁴also the lampstand for the light, and its vessels, and its lamp, with the oil for the light, ¹⁵and the incense altar, and its staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging of the door at the entering in of the tabernacle. ¹⁶And *make* the altar of burnt offering, with its brass grate, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver and its base, ¹⁷the hangings of the court, its pillars and their sockets, and the hanging for the door of the court, ¹⁸the pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords, ¹⁹the cloths of service, to do service in the holy *place*, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office.

²⁰And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. ²¹And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom His spirit made willing. They brought the LORD's offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all His service, and for the holy garments. ²²And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, bringing bracelets and earrings, and rings and tablets, all jewels of gold. And every man that offered *gave* an offering of gold to the LORD. ²³And every man with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' *hair*, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought *them*. ²⁴Everyone that offered an offering of silver and brass brought the LORD's offering. And every man with whom was found *ā-cā'-ciā* wood for any work of the service, brought *it*. ²⁵And all the women that were skillful spun with their hands and brought that which they had spun, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet, and of fine linen. ²⁶And all the women whose hearts stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' *hair*. ²⁷And the rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod and for the breast-plate. ²⁸And *they brought* spice and oil, for the light and for the anointing oil and for the sweet incense. ²⁹The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman whose heart made them willing to bring for all kinds of work which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

³⁰And Moses said to the children of Israel, See, the LORD has called the son of *Ū'-rī* the son of *Hūr*, by the name *Bēz'-ā-lēel*, of the tribe of Judah. ³¹And He has filled him with the spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all kinds of work, ³²and to work out skillful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, ³³and in the cutting of stones to set, and in carving of wood, to make any kind of skillful work. ³⁴And He has put in his heart that he may teach, he and *Ā-hō'-li-āb* the son of *Ā-hīs'-ā-māch* of the tribe of Dan. ³⁵He has filled them with wisdom of heart to work all kinds of work — of the carver, and of the skillful worker, and of the embroider-

er, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet, and in fine linen, and of the weaver, of those who do any work, and of those who work out artful work.

CHAPTER 36

¹Then Běz'-ă-lēel and Ā-hō'-lī-ăb worked. And every wise-hearted man in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all kinds of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded, *worked also*. ²And Moses called Běz'-ă-lēel and Ā-hō'-lī-ăb, and every wise-hearted man in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, *even* everyone whose heart stirred him up to come to do the work. ³And they received all the offerings from Moses, *the offering* which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it. And they still brought to him free offerings every morning. ⁴And all the wise men who worked all the work of the sanctuary came, every man from his work which they made.

⁵And they spoke to Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which the LORD commanded to make. ⁶And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be known throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the sanctuary. So the people were kept from bringing. ⁷For the stuff which they had was enough for all the work to make it, and too much.

⁸And every wise-hearted man among them that worked the work of the tabernacle, made ten curtains of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet. He made them chěr'-ū-bims of skillful work. ⁹The length of one curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of one curtain was four cubits. The curtains were all of one size. ¹⁰And he coupled the five curtains to one another, and he coupled *the other* five curtains to one another. ¹¹And he made loops of blue on the edge of one curtain from the edge in the coupling. Likewise he made *loops* in the outermost side, in the coupling of the second curtain. ¹²He made fifty loops in one curtain, and he made fifty loops in the edge of the curtain which was in the coupling of the second. The loops held one *curtain* to another. ¹³And he made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains to one another with the clasps. So it became one tabernacle. ¹⁴And he made curtains of goats' *hair* for the tent over the tabernacle. He made eleven curtains. ¹⁵The length of one curtain was thirty cubits, and the breadth of one curtain was four cubits. The eleven curtains were of one size. ¹⁶And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. ¹⁷And he made fifty loops on the outermost edge of the curtain in the coupling, and he made fifty loops upon the edge of the curtains which couple the second.

¹⁸And he made fifty clasps of brass to couple the tent together, so that it might be one. ¹⁹And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above.

²⁰And he made boards for the tabernacle of ă-că'-ciă wood, standing up. ²¹The length of a board was ten cubits, and the breadth of a board was one and a half cubits. ²²One board had two pins, equally distant from one another. So he made for all the boards of the tabernacle. ²³And he made boards for the tabernacle — twenty boards for the south side southward, ²⁴and he made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards — two sockets under one board for its two pins, and two sockets under another board for its two pins. ²⁵And for the other side of the tabernacle, toward the north, he made twenty boards, ²⁶and their forty sockets were of silver — two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. ²⁷And he made six boards for the sides of the tabernacle westward. ²⁸And he made two boards for the corners of the tabernacle in the two sides. ²⁹And they were coupled beneath, and coupled together at the head of it, to one ring. So he did to both of them in both the corners. ³⁰And there were eight boards. And their sockets were sixteen sockets of silver, two sockets under every board. ³¹And he made bars of ă-că'-ciă wood — five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, ³²and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the westward sides. ³³And he made the middle bar to shoot through the boards from the one end to the other. ³⁴And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold to be places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold. ³⁵And he made a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. He made it *with* chěr'-û-bîms of cunning work. ³⁶And he made to it four pillars of ă-că'-ciă and overlaid them with gold. Their hooks were of gold, and he cast four sockets of silver for them. ³⁷And he made a hanging for the tabernacle door of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, of needlework. ³⁸And *he made* five pillars of it with their hooks. And he overlaid their capitals and their fillets with gold, but their five sockets were of brass.

CHAPTER 37

¹And Běz'-ă-lêel made the ark of ă-că'-ciă wood. Its length was two cubits and a half, and its breadth was a cubit and a half, and its height was a cubit and a half. ²And he overlaid it with pure gold inside and out, and made a crown of gold around it. ³And he cast four rings of gold for it, for the corners of it — even two rings on the one side of it and two rings on the other side of it. ⁴And he made staves of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold. ⁵And he put the staves into the rings by the sides of the ark, in order to bear the ark.

⁶And he made the mercy-seat of pure gold. The length of it was two cubits and a half, and the breadth of it was one cubit and a half. ⁷And he made two chēr'-ū-bīms of gold on the two ends of the mercy-seat. He made them beaten out of one piece, ⁸one cherub on the end on this side, and another cherub on the other end on that side. He made the cherubims out of the mercy-seat on the two ends of it. ⁹And the cherubims spread out their wings on high, *and* covered with their wings over the mercy-seat, with their faces toward one another. The faces of the cherubims were toward the mercy-seat.

¹⁰And he made the table of acacia wood. The length of it was two cubits, and the breadth of it was a cubit, and the height of it was a cubit and a half. ¹¹And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made unto it a crown of gold round about. ¹²Also he made unto it a border round about, of a hand's breadth. And *he* made a crown of gold for the border of it round about. ¹³And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings on the four corners that were in the four feet of it. ¹⁴Over against the border were the rings, the places for the staves to carry the table. ¹⁵And he made the staves of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold, to carry the table. ¹⁶And he made the vessels which were on the table, its dishes and its spoons, and its bowls, and its covers to cover it, of pure gold.

¹⁷And he made the lampstand of pure gold. He made the lampstand of beaten work. Its shaft and its branch, its bowl, its knobs, and its blossoms, were of the same. ¹⁸And six branches went out of the sides of it — three branches of the lampstand out of the one side of it, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side of it. ¹⁹Three bowls were made like almonds in one branch, a knob and a blossom. And three bowls were made like almonds in another branch, a knob and a blossom. So throughout the six branches going out of the lampstand. ²⁰And in the lampstand were four bowls made like almonds, its knobs and its blossoms. ²¹And a knob was under two branches of the same, and a knob under two branches of the same, and a knob under two branches of the same, according to the six branches going out of it. ²²Their knobs and their branches were of the same — all of it was one beaten work of pure gold. ²³And he made its seven lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuff-dishes, of pure gold. ²⁴He made it of a talent of pure gold, and all the vessels of it.

²⁵And he made the incense altar of acacia wood. The length of it was a cubit, and the breadth of it a cubit. It was square. And the height of it was two cubits. The horns of it were of the same. ²⁶And he overlaid it with pure gold, the top of it and the sides of it round about, and the horns of it. Also he made a crown of gold round about it. ²⁷And he made two rings of gold for it under the crown of it, by the two corners of it, upon the two sides of it, to be places for the staves to

bear it with. ²⁸And he made the staves of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold. ²⁹And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, according to the work of the perfumer.

CHAPTER 38

¹And he made the altar of burnt offering, of acacia wood. The length of it was five cubits, and the breadth of it was five cubits. It was square. And the height of it was three cubits. ²And he made the horns of it on the four corners of it. The horns of it were of the same. And he overlaid it with brass. ³And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basins, the flesh-hooks, and the fire-pans. All the vessels of it he made with brass. ⁴And he made a brass grate of network for the altar, under the compass of it, beneath to the middle of it. ⁵And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grate of brass, places for the staves. ⁶And he made the staves of acacia wood and overlaid them with brass. ⁷And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it with. He made the altar hollow with boards. ⁸And he made the laver of brass, and the base of it of brass — out of the mirrors of the women who assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

⁹And he made the court. On the south side southward the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, a hundred cubits. ¹⁰Their pillars were twenty, and their brass sockets were twenty. The hooks of the pillar and their fillets were of silver. ¹¹And for the north side *the hangings* were a hundred cubits, their pillars were twenty, and their sockets of brass twenty. The hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver. ¹²And for the west side were hangings of fifty cubits. Their pillars were ten, and their sockets ten. The hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver. ¹³And for the east side eastward fifty cubits. ¹⁴The hangings of the one side were fifteen cubits, and their pillars were three, and their sockets three. ¹⁵And for the other side of the court gate, on this hand and that hand, were hangings of fifteen cubits. Their pillars were three, and their sockets three.

¹⁶All the hangings of the court round about were of fine twined linen. ¹⁷And the sockets for the pillars were of brass. The hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver. And the overlaying of their capitals was of silver. And all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver. ¹⁸And the hanging for the gate of the court was needlework, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. And the length was twenty cubits, and the height in the breadth was five cubits, to match the hangings of the court. ¹⁹And the pillars were four, and their sockets of brass were four. Their hooks were of silver, and the overlaying of their capitals and their fillets was of silver. ²⁰And all the pins of the tabernacle and of the court round about, were of brass.

²¹This is the sum of the tabernacle, of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, for the service of the Levites by the hand of Ith'-ä-mär, son to Aaron the priest. ²²And Bëz'-ä-lëel the son of Ū'-rī, the son of Hûr, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the LORD commanded Moses. ²³And with him was Ä-hö'-li-äb, son of Ä-his'-ä-mäch, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a skillful workman, and an embroiderer in blue and in purple and in scarlet and fine linen. ²⁴All the gold that was used for the work in all the work of the holy *place*, even the gold of the offering, was twenty-nine talents and seven hundred thirty shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary. ²⁵And the silver from those who were numbered of the congregation was a hundred talents, and seventeen hundred seventy-five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary. ²⁶*It was* a bē'-käh for every man, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for everyone that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward — for six hundred three thousand, five hundred fifty men. ²⁷And the sockets of the sanctuary were cast of the hundred talents of silver, and the sockets of the veil *also*. A hundred sockets of the hundred talents, a talent for a socket. ²⁸And he made hooks for the pillars out of the seventeen-hundred seventy-five *shekels*, and overlaid their capitals and filleted them. ²⁹And the brass of the offering was seventy talents, and twenty-four hundred shekels, ³⁰and with it he made the sockets to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the brass altar, and the brass grate for it, and all the vessels of the altar, ³¹and the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the court gate, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

CHAPTER 39

¹And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made cloths of service, to do service in the holy *place*, and made the holy garments for Aaron — even as the LORD commanded Moses. ²And he made the ephod of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. ³And they beat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet, and in the fine linen, *with* embroidered work. ⁴They made shoulder-pieces for it, to couple it together. It was coupled together by the two edges. ⁵And the embroidered girdle of its ephod, which was upon it, was of the same, according to the work of it — gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, even as the LORD commanded Moses. ⁶And they worked onyx stones enclosed in settings of gold, engraved as signets are engraved, with the names of the children of Israel. ⁷And he put them on the shoulders of the ephod, stones for a memorial to the children of Israel, even as the LORD commanded Moses.

⁸And he made the breast-plate of skillful weaving, like the work of the ephod, of gold, blue, purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen.

⁹It was square. They made the breast-plate double. The length of it was a span, and the breadth of it was a span. *It was* doubled. ¹⁰And they set four rows of stones in it. *The first* row was a sār'-dī-ūs, a tō'-páz, and a cār'-bün-cle. This was the first row. ¹¹And the second row was an ěm'-ěr-äld, a sapphire [säf'-fire], and a dī'-ä-mönd. ¹²And the third row was a lig'-üre, an äg'-äte, and an äm'-e-thyst. ¹³And the fourth row was a bër'-yl, an öñ'-yx, and a jasper. *They were* enclosed in settings of gold in their enclosures. ¹⁴And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names, *like* the engravings of a signet, every one with its name according to the twelve tribes. ¹⁵And they made chains upon the breast-plate, at the ends, of woven work of pure gold. ¹⁶And they made two settings of gold and two gold rings. And they put the two rings in the two ends of the breast-plate. ¹⁷And they put the two woven chains of gold in the two rings on the ends of the breast-plate. ¹⁸And the two ends of the two woven chains were fastened in the two settings. And they put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, in front of it. ¹⁹And they made two rings of gold. And they put *them* on the two ends of the breast-plate, upon the border of it which was on the side of the ephod inward. ²⁰And they made two other golden rings, and put them on the two sides of the ephod underneath, toward the front of it, over against the other coupling of it, above the embroidered girdle of the ephod. ²¹And they bound the breast-plate by its rings to the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, so that it might be above the embroidered girdle of the ephod, and so that the breast-plate might not be loosened from the ephod — even as the LORD commanded Moses.

²²And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue. ²³And there was a hole in the midst of the robe, like the hole of a coat of mail, *with* a band round about the hole so that it might not tear. ²⁴And they made upon the hems of the robe pöme'-grän-ätes of blue, and purple, and scarlet, *and* twined linen. ²⁵And they made bells of pure gold, and put the bells between the pöme'-grän-ätes upon the hems of the robe, round about, between the pöme'-grän-ätes — ²⁶a bell and a pöme'-grän-äte, a bell and a pöme'-grän-äte, round about the hem of the robe to minister *in* — even as the LORD commanded Moses. ²⁷And they made coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron and for his sons. ²⁸And *they made* a miter of fine linen, and ornamental bonnets of fine linen, and linen breeches of fine twined linen, ²⁹and a girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, of needle-work — even as the LORD commanded Moses.

³⁰And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it an inscription, like the engravings of a signet — HOLINESS TO THE LORD. ³¹And they tied a lace of blue to it, in order to fasten it on high upon the miter — even as the LORD commanded Moses.

³²So all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation was finished. And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses. So they did. ³³And they brought the tabernacle to Moses, the tent, and all its furniture, its clasps, its boards, its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, ³⁴and the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the veil of the covering, ³⁵the ark of the testimony, and the staves of it, and the mercy-seat, ³⁶the table, and all the vessels of it, and the showbread, ³⁷the pure lampstand, the lamps of it, *even* the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels of it, and the oil for light, ³⁸and the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door, ³⁹the brass altar, and its grate of brass, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver and its base, ⁴⁰the hangings of the court, its pillars and its sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, its cords, and its pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle for the tent of the congregation, ⁴¹the cloths of service to do service in the holy *place*, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office. ⁴²According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work. ⁴³And Moses looked upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it. As the LORD commanded, even so they had done it. And Moses blessed them.

CHAPTER 40

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²You shall set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation on the first day of the first month. ³And you shall put the ark of the testimony in it, and cover the ark with the veil. ⁴And you shall bring the table in, and set in order the things that are to be set in order upon it. And you shall bring the lampstand in and light the lamps of it. ⁵And you shall set the altar of gold for the incense in front of the ark of the testimony, and put the hanging of the door to the tabernacle. ⁶And you shall set the altar of the burnt offering in front of the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. ⁷And you shall set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and shall put water in it. ⁸And you shall set up the court round about, and hang up the hanging at the court gate. ⁹And you shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is in it, and shall hallow it and all the vessels of it. And it shall be holy. ¹⁰And you shall anoint the altar of the burnt offering, and all its vessels, and sanctify the altar. And it shall be a most holy altar. ¹¹And you shall anoint the laver and its base, and sanctify it. ¹²And you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water. ¹³And you shall put the holy garments on Aaron, and anoint him and sanctify him, so that he may minister to Me in the priest's office. ¹⁴And you shall bring

his sons and clothe them with coats. ¹⁵And you shall anoint them, even as you anointed their father, so that they may minister unto Me in the priest's office. For their anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations. ¹⁶So Moses did. According to all that the LORD commanded him, so he did.

¹⁷And in the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month, the tabernacle was reared up. ¹⁸And Moses reared up the tabernacle and fastened its sockets, and set up the boards of it, and put in the bars of it, and reared up its pillars. ¹⁹And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent above upon it — even as the LORD commanded Moses. ²⁰And he took the tablets of the law and put them into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy-seat above upon the ark. ²¹And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the covering, and covered the ark of the testimony — even as the LORD commanded Moses. ²²And he put the table in the tent of the congregation, on the side of the tabernacle northward, outside the veil. ²³And he set the bread in order upon it before the LORD — even as the LORD had commanded Moses.

²⁴And he put the lampstand in the tent of the congregation across from the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward. ²⁵And he lighted the lamps before the LORD — even as the LORD commanded Moses. ²⁶And he put the golden altar in the tent of the congregation in front of the veil. ²⁷And he burned sweet incense on it — even as the LORD commanded Moses. ²⁸And he set up the hanging at the door of the tabernacle. ²⁹And he put the altar of burnt offering by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation, and offered on it the burnt offering and the meal offering — even as the LORD commanded Moses. ³⁰And he set the laver between the tent of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, to wash *with*. ³¹And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet there. ³²When they went into the tent of the congregation, and when they came near the altar, they washed — even as the LORD commanded Moses. ³³And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the hanging of the court gate. So Moses finished the work.

³⁴Then a cloud covered the tent of the congregation, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁵And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of the congregation because the cloud stayed on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. ³⁶And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel journeyed on in all their journeys. ³⁷But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not journey until the day that it was taken up. ³⁸For the cloud of the LORD was upon the tabernacle by day, and fire was on it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

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CHAPTER 1

¹And the LORD called to Moses and spoke to him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, ²Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, If any one of you brings an offering to the LORD, you shall bring your offering of the cattle — of the herd and of the flock. ³If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish. He shall offer it of his own voluntary will at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD. ⁴And he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering. And it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. ⁵And he shall kill the bull before the LORD. And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall bring the blood and sprinkle the blood all around upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁶And he shall skin the burnt offering and cut it into its pieces. ⁷And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and lay the wood in order on the fire. ⁸And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall lay the parts, the head and the fat, in order upon the wood that is upon the altar. ⁹But its inwards and its legs he shall wash in water. And the priest shall burn all on the altar, a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD.

¹⁰And if his offering is of the flocks, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt offering, he shall bring a male without blemish. ¹¹And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before the LORD. And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle its blood all around upon the altar. ¹²And he shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat. And the priest shall lay them in order on the wood that is on the fire, which is on the altar. ¹³But he shall wash the inwards and the legs with water. And the priest shall bring it all, and burn it upon the altar. It is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD.

¹⁴And if the burnt sacrifice for his offering to the LORD is of fowls, then he shall bring his offering of turtle-doves or of young pigeons. ¹⁵And the priest shall bring it to the altar, and wring off its head and burn it on the altar. And the blood of it shall be wrung out at the side of the altar. ¹⁶And he shall pluck away its crop with its feathers, and throw it beside the altar on the east part, by the place of the ashes. ¹⁷And he shall cut it in two with the wings of it, but shall not tear it apart. And the priest shall burn it on the altar, upon the wood that is upon the fire. It is a burnt sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the LORD.

CHAPTER 2

¹And when anyone will offer a meal offering to the LORD, his offering shall be of fine flour. And he shall pour oil on it and put frankin-

cense on it. ²And he shall bring it to Aaron's sons, the priests. And he shall take out of it his handful of the flour of it, and of the oil of it, with all the frankincense of it. And the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the LORD. ³And the rest of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons', a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire.

⁴And if you bring a sacrifice of a meal offering baked in the oven, *it shall be* unleavened cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. ⁵And if your sacrifice is a meal offering *baked* in a pan, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mixed with oil. ⁶You shall break it in pieces and pour oil on it. It is a meal offering. ⁷And if your sacrifice is a meal offering *baked* in the frying pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil. ⁸And you shall bring the meal offering that is made of these things to the LORD. And when it is presented to the priest, he shall bring it to the altar. ⁹And the priest shall take from the meal offering a memorial of it, and shall burn it on the altar. *It is* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD. ¹⁰And that which is left of the meal offering shall be Aaron's and his sons', a thing most holy of the offerings of the LORD made by fire. ¹¹No meal offering which you shall bring to the LORD shall be made with leaven. For you shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, in any offering of the LORD made by fire.

¹²As for the sacrifice of the first-fruits, you shall offer them to the LORD. But they shall not be burned on the altar for a sweet savor. ¹³And every sacrifice of your meal offering shall you season with salt. Neither shall you allow the salt of the covenant of your God to be lacking from your meal offering. You shall offer salt with all your offerings. ¹⁴And if you offer a meal offering of your first-fruits to the LORD, you shall offer for the meal offering of your first-fruits green ears of grain dried by the fire, grain beaten out of full ears. ¹⁵And you shall put oil on it and lay frankincense on it. *It is* a meal offering. ¹⁶And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, of the beaten grain of it, and of the oil of it, with all the frankincense of it. *It is* an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

CHAPTER 3

¹And if his offering is a sacrifice of peace offering, if he offers it of the herd, whether it is a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the LORD. ²And he shall lay his hand on the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And the priests, Aaron's sons, shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar around about. ³And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering, an offering made by fire unto the LORD — he shall take away the fat that covers the inward parts and all the fat that is upon the inward

parts, ⁴and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys. ⁵And Aaron's sons shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt sacrifice which is upon the wood that is upon the fire. *It is* an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the LORD.

⁶And if his offering for a sacrifice of peace offering to the LORD is of the flocks, male or female, he shall offer it without blemish. ⁷If he offers a lamb for his offering, then he shall offer it before the LORD. ⁸And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation. And Aaron's sons shall sprinkle the blood of it round about upon the altar. ⁹And he shall offer of the sacrifice of the peace offering, an offering made by fire unto the LORD. He shall take away the fat of it, and the whole rump (he shall take it off next to the backbone), and the fat that covers the inward parts, and all the fat that is upon the inward parts, ¹⁰and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys. ¹¹And the priest shall burn it upon the altar. *It is* the food of the offering made by fire unto the LORD.

¹²And if his offering is a goat, then he shall offer it before the LORD. ¹³And he shall lay his hand upon the head of it and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation. And the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle the blood of it upon the altar round about. ¹⁴And he shall offer his offering of it, an offering made by fire unto the LORD. And he shall take away the fat that covers the inward parts, and all the fat that is upon the inward parts, ¹⁵and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys. ¹⁶And the priest shall burn them upon the altar. *It is* the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savor. All the fat is the LORD's. ¹⁷*It shall* be a statute forever for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that you eat neither fat nor blood.

CHAPTER 4

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Speak to the children of Israel, saying: If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them — ³*or* if the priest, who is anointed, sins according to the sin of the people — then let him bring for his sin which he has sinned a young bull without blemish, for a sin-offering. ⁴And he shall bring the bull to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD, and shall lay his hand on the bull's head, and kill the bull before the LORD. ⁵And the priest that is anointed shall take of the bull's blood and bring it to the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁶And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood

and sprinkle *some* of the blood seven times before the LORD, before the veil of the sanctuary. ⁷And the priest shall put *some* of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation. And *he* shall pour all the blood of the bull at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁸And he shall take from it all the fat of the bull for the sin offering; the fat that covers the inward parts, and all the fat that is upon the inward parts, ⁹and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the flanks, and the caul above the liver, with the kidneys, shall he take away — ¹⁰even as it was taken off the bull of the sacrifice of peace offerings. And the priest shall burn them upon the altar of the burnt offering. ¹¹And the skin of the bull, and all its flesh, with its head, and with its legs, and its inward parts, and its dung — ¹²even the whole bull shall he carry forth outside the camp to a clean place, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on the wood with fire. It shall be burned where the ashes are poured out.

¹³And if the whole congregation of Israel sins through ignorance, and the thing is hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and if they have done *something against* any of the commandments of the LORD *as to things* which should not be done, and are guilty: ¹⁴when the sin which they have sinned against it is known, then the congregation shall offer a young bull for the sin, and bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁵And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands on the head of the bull before the LORD, and the bull shall be killed before the LORD. ¹⁶And the priest that is anointed shall bring of the bull's blood to the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁷And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before the LORD, before the veil. ¹⁸And he shall put *some* of the blood on the horns of the altar which is before the LORD, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall pour out all the blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁹And he shall take all its fat from it and burn it upon the altar. ²⁰And he shall do with the bull as he did with the bull for a sin offering — so shall he do with this. And the priest shall make an atonement for them, and it shall be forgiven them. ²¹And he shall carry forth the bull outside the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bull. *It is a sin offering for the congregation.*

²²When a ruler has sinned and done *something* through ignorance *against* any of the commandments of the LORD his God *as to things* which should not be done, and is guilty — ²³or if his sin which he has sinned comes to his knowledge — he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a male without blemish. ²⁴And he shall lay his hand on the head of the goat and kill it in the place where they killed the burnt

offering before the LORD. It is a sin offering. ²⁵And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger, and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out its blood at the bottom of the altar of burnt offering. ²⁶And he shall burn all its fat upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace offerings. And the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin, and it shall be forgiven him.

²⁷And if any one of the people of the land sins through ignorance, doing *something against* any of the commandments of the LORD *concerning things* which ought not to be done, and is guilty — ²⁸or if his sin which he has sinned comes to his knowledge — then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has sinned. ²⁹And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin offering, and kill the sin offering in the place of the burnt offering. ³⁰And the priest shall take of the blood of it with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood of it at the bottom of the altar. ³¹And he shall take away all the fat of it, as the fat is taken away from off the sacrifice of peace offering. And the priest shall burn it on the altar for a sweet savor to the LORD. And the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven him. ³²And if he brings a lamb for a sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish. ³³And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering, and kill it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering. ³⁴And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering, and shall pour out all the blood of it at the bottom of the altar. ³⁵And he shall take away all the fat of it, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of the peace offerings. And the priest shall burn them on the altar, according to the offerings made by fire to the LORD. And the priest shall make an atonement for his sin that he has committed, and it shall be forgiven him.

CHAPTER 5

¹And if a soul sins and hears the voice of swearing, and is a witness, whether he has seen or known, if he does not tell *it*, then he shall bear his iniquity. ²Or if a soul touches any unclean thing, whether it is a dead body of an unclean beast, or a dead body of unclean tamed beasts, or the dead body of unclean creeping things, and if it is hidden away from him — he also shall be unclean and guilty. ³Or if he touches the uncleanness of man, whatever uncleanness it is that a man shall be defiled with, and it is hidden from him — when he learns *of it*, then he shall be guilty. ⁴Or if a soul swears, pronouncing with his lips to do evil or to do good, whatever it is that a man shall pronounce with an oath, and it is hidden from him — when he learns *of it*, then he

shall be guilty in one of these. ⁵And when he shall be guilty in one of these *things*, he shall confess that he has sinned in that *thing*. ⁶And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD for his sin which he has sinned — a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats, for a sin offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin.

⁷And if he is not able to bring a lamb, then he shall bring for his trespass which he has committed, two turtle-doves or two young pigeons unto the LORD — one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering. ⁸And he shall bring them to the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin offering first, and shall wring off its head from its neck, but shall not tear it apart. ⁹And he shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin offering on the side of the altar, and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar. It is a sin offering. ¹⁰And he shall offer the second for a burnt offering, according to the ordinance. And the priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin which he has sinned, and it shall be forgiven him.

¹¹But if he is not able to bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, then he that sinned shall bring for his offering the tenth part of an *ē'-phāh* of fine flour for a sin offering. He shall put no oil upon it, neither shall he put any frankincense on it. For it is a sin offering. ¹²Then he shall bring it to the priest, and the priest shall take his handful of it, a memorial of it, and burn it on the altar, according to the offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a sin offering. ¹³And the priest shall make an atonement for him regarding his sin that he has sinned in one of these, and it shall be forgiven him. And *the rest* shall be the priest's, as a meal offering.

¹⁴And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ¹⁵If a soul commits a trespass and sins through ignorance in the holy things of the LORD, then he shall bring for his trespass to the LORD a ram without blemish out of the flocks, together with an amount set by you, by shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for a trespass offering. ¹⁶And he shall make amends for the harm that he has done in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part of it, and give it to the priest. And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering, and it shall be forgiven him.

¹⁷And if a soul sins and commits any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD, though he knows it not, yet he is guilty, and shall bear his iniquity. ¹⁸And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, together with an amount set by you, for a trespass offering, to the priest. And the priest shall make an atonement for his ignorance in which he erred without knowing it, and it shall be forgiven him. ¹⁹It is a trespass offering. He has certainly trespassed against the LORD.

CHAPTER 6

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ²If a soul sins, and commits a trespass against the LORD, and lies to his neighbor in that which was delivered to him to keep, or in fellowship, or in a thing taken away by violence, or has deceived his neighbor, ³or has found that which was lost and lies concerning it and swears falsely — in any of all these that a man does, sinning in it, ⁴then (because he has sinned and is guilty) he shall pay back that which he took away violently, or the thing which he has gotten deceitfully, or that which was delivered to him to keep, or the lost thing which he found, ⁵or all that about which he has sworn falsely. He shall even pay back all of it, and shall add the fifth part more to it, and give it to him to whom it belongs, in the day of his trespass offering. ⁶And he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD, a ram without blemish out of the flock, together with an amount set by you, for a trespass offering, unto the priest. ⁷And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD, and it shall be forgiven him for anything of all that he has done in trespassing in it.

⁸And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ⁹Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt offering. It is the burnt offering because of the burning upon the altar all night unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning in it. ¹⁰And the priest shall put on his linen garment. And he shall put his linen breeches upon his flesh and take up the ashes which the fire has consumed with the burnt offering on the altar. And he shall put them beside the altar. ¹¹And he shall put off his garments and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes outside the camp to a clean place. ¹²And the fire upon the altar shall be burning in it. It shall not be put out. And the priest shall burn wood on it every morning, and lay the burnt offering in order upon it. And he shall burn on it the fat of the peace offerings. ¹³The fire shall always be burning upon the altar. It shall never go out.

¹⁴And this is the law of the meal offering. The sons of Aaron shall offer it before the LORD before the altar. ¹⁵And he shall take from it his handful of the flour of the meal offering, and of the oil of it, and all the frankincense which is upon the meal offering, and shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savor, the memorial of it, unto the LORD. ¹⁶And the rest of it Aaron and his sons shall eat. It shall be eaten with unleavened bread in the holy place. They shall eat it in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁷It shall not be baked with leaven. I have given it as their portion of My offerings made by fire. It is most holy, as is the sin offering, and as the trespass offering is. ¹⁸All the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it. *It shall*

be a statute forever in your generations concerning the offerings of the LORD made by fire. Everyone that touches them shall be holy.

¹⁵And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²⁰This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer to the LORD in the day when he is anointed — the tenth part of an e'-phah of fine flour for a continual meal offering, half of it in the morning and half of it at night. ²¹It shall be made in a pan with oil. *When it is baked*, you shall bring it in. And you shall offer the baked pieces of the meal offering for a sweet savor unto the LORD. ²²And the priest of his sons, who is anointed in his stead, shall offer it. *It is a statute forever* unto the LORD. It shall be wholly burnt. ²³For every meal offering for the priest shall be wholly burnt. It shall not be eaten.

²⁴And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²⁵Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin offering. In the place where the burnt offering is killed, the sin offering shall be killed before the LORD. It is most holy. ²⁶The priest who offers it for sin shall eat it. It shall be eaten in the holy place, in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²⁷Whatever shall touch the flesh of it shall be holy. And when the blood of it is sprinkled on any garment, you shall wash that on which it was sprinkled in the holy place. ²⁸But the earthen vessel in which it is boiled shall be broken. And if it is boiled in a brass pot, it shall be both scoured and rinsed in water. ²⁹All the males among the priests shall eat of it. It is most holy. ³⁰And no sin offering, of which *any* of the blood is brought into the tabernacle of the congregation for atonement in the holy *place*, shall be eaten. It shall be burned up in the fire.

CHAPTER 7

¹Likewise this is the law of the trespass offering. It is most holy. ²In the place where they kill the burnt offering, they shall kill the trespass offering. And he shall sprinkle the blood of it round about upon the altar. ³And he shall offer all the fat of it — the rump, and the fat that covers the inwards, ⁴and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them (which is by the flanks), and the caul that is above the liver, with the kidneys, he shall take it away. ⁵And the priest shall burn them upon the altar for an offering made by fire to the LORD. It is a trespass offering. ⁶Every male among the priests shall eat of it. It shall be eaten in the holy place. It is most holy. ⁷As the sin offering is, so is the trespass offering. There is one law for them. The priest that makes atonement with it shall have it. ⁸And the priest that offers any man's burnt offering, that priest shall have the skin of the burnt offering which he has offered for himself. ⁹And all the meal offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is dressed in the frying-pan and

in the flat plate, shall be the priest's that offers it. ¹⁰And every meal offering mixed with oil, and dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one like another.

¹¹And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which he shall offer unto the LORD. ¹²If he offers it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mixed with oil, of fine flour, fried. ¹³Besides the cakes, he shall offer for his offering leavened bread with the sacrifice of thanksgiving of his peace offerings. ¹⁴And from it he shall offer one *cake* out of the whole sacrifice for a heave offering unto the LORD. It shall be the priest's that sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings. ¹⁵And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten the same day that it is offered. He shall not leave any of it until the morning. ¹⁶But if the sacrifice of his offering is a vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same day that he offers his sacrifice. And on the next day also the rest of it shall be eaten. ¹⁷But the rest of the flesh of the sacrifice of the third day shall be burned with fire. ¹⁸And if *any* of the flesh of the sacrifice of the peace offerings is eaten at all the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed to him who offers it. It shall be an abomination, and the soul that eats of it shall bear his iniquity. ¹⁹And the flesh that touches any unclean *thing* shall not be eaten. It shall be burned with fire. And as for the flesh, all who are clean shall eat of it. ²⁰But the soul that eats of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings that *pertain* to the LORD, having his uncleanness upon him, even that soul shall be cut off from his people. ²¹Moreover the soul that shall touch any unclean *thing*, *like* the uncleanness of man, or *any* unclean animal, or an abominable unclean *thing*, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace offerings which *pertain* to the LORD, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

²²And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²³Speak to the children of Israel, saying, You shall eat no kind of fat, of ox or of sheep or of goat. ²⁴And the fat of the dead body that dies of itself, and the fat of that which is born with beasts, may be used in any other use. But you shall in no way eat of it. ²⁵For whoever eats the fat of the beast of which men offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, even the soul that eats it shall be cut off from his people. ²⁶Moreover you shall eat no kind of blood, of fowl or of beast, in any of your dwellings. ²⁷Whatever soul eats any kind of blood, even that soul shall be cut off from his people.

²⁸And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²⁹Speak to the children of Israel, saying, He who offers the sacrifice of his peace offerings unto the LORD, shall bring his sacrifice unto the LORD of the sacrifice of his peace offerings. ³⁰His own hands shall bring the offerings of the

LORD made by fire. He shall bring the fat with the breast, so that the breast may be waved for a wave-offering before the LORD. ³¹And the priest shall burn the fat upon the altar. But the breast shall be Aaron's and his sons'. ³²And you shall give the right shoulder to the priest for a heave offering of the sacrifices of your peace offerings. ³³He among the sons of Aaron who offers the blood of the peace offerings, and the fat, shall have the right shoulder for his part. ³⁴For I have taken the wave breast and the heave shoulder from the children of Israel, off the sacrifices of their peace offerings, and have given them to Aaron the priest and to his sons by a statute forever from among the children of Israel.

³⁵This is the portion of the anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, out of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, in the day He presented them to minister to the LORD in the priest's office — ³⁶which the LORD commanded to be given to them of the children of Israel, in the day that He anointed them as a statute forever throughout their generations. ³⁷This is the law of the burnt offering, of the meal offering, and of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifices of the peace offerings, ³⁸which the LORD commanded Moses in Mount Sinai, in the day that He commanded the children of Israel to offer their sacrifices unto the LORD, in the wilderness of Sinai.

CHAPTER 8

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Take Aaron, and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and a bull for the sin offering, and two rams, and a basket of unleavened bread. ³And gather all the congregation together to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁴And Moses did as the LORD had commanded him. And the assembly was gathered together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁵And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the LORD commanded to be done. ⁶And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water. ⁷And he put upon him the coat, and girded him with the girdle, and clothed him with the robe, and put the ephod upon him, and girded him with the embroidered girdle of the ephod, and bound it to him with it. ⁸And he put the breast-plate upon him. Also he put in the breast-plate the Ū'-rīm and the Thūm'-mīm. ⁹And he put the miter upon his head. Also he put the golden plate, the holy crown, upon the miter, upon his forehead — even as the LORD commanded Moses. ¹⁰And Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and sanctified them. ¹¹And he sprinkled some of it upon the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its vessels — both the laver and its base, to sanctify them. ¹²And he poured of the anointing oil upon Aaron's head and anointed him, to sanctify him.

¹³And Moses brought Aaron's sons and put coats upon them, and girded them with girdles, and put bonnets upon them, even as the LORD commanded Moses. ¹⁴And he brought the bull for the sin offering. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands on the head of the bull for the sin offering. ¹⁵And he killed *it*. And Moses took the blood and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured the blood at the bottom of the altar, and sanctified it, to make reconciliation upon it. ¹⁶And he took all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys and their fat, and Moses burned it upon the altar. ¹⁷But the bull and its hide, its flesh and its dung, he burned with fire outside the camp — even as the LORD commanded Moses.

¹⁸And he brought the ram for the burnt offering. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. ¹⁹And he killed *it*. And Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. ²⁰And he cut the ram into pieces. And Moses burned the head and the pieces and the fat. ²¹And he washed the inwards and the legs in water. And Moses burned the whole ram upon the altar. It was a burnt sacrifice for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto the LORD — even as the LORD commanded Moses.

²²And he brought the other ram, the ram of consecration. And Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. ²³And he killed *it*. And Moses took of the blood of it, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. ²⁴And he brought Aaron's sons. And Moses put the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumbs of their right hands, and upon the great toes of their right feet. And Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. ²⁵And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul above the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder. ²⁶And he took one unleavened cake out of the basket of unleavened bread that was before the LORD, and a cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and put them on the fat, and upon the right shoulder. ²⁷And he put all upon Aaron's hands, and upon his sons' hands, and waved them for a wave offering before the LORD. ²⁸And Moses took them off their hands and burned *them* on the altar upon the burnt offering. They were consecrations for a sweet savor. It is an offering made by fire unto the LORD. ²⁹And Moses took the breast and waved it for a wave offering before the LORD. It was Moses' part of the ram of consecration — even as the LORD commanded Moses. ³⁰And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon his sons' garments with him. And he

sanctified Aaron, his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

³¹And Moses said to Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And eat it there with the bread that is in the basket of consecrations, as I have commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it. ³²And that which remains of the flesh and of the bread you shall burn with fire. ³³You shall not go out of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation seven days, until the days of your consecration are at an end. For He shall consecrate you seven days. ³⁴As He has done this day, so the LORD has commanded to do, to make an atonement for you. ³⁵Therefore you shall abide at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation day and night seven days, and keep the charge of the LORD, so that you do not die. For so I am commanded. ³⁶So Aaron and his sons did all the things which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 9

¹And on the eighth day it came to pass that Moses called Aaron and his sons, and the elders of Israel. ²And he said to Aaron, Take a young calf for a sin offering, and a ram without blemish for a burnt offering, and offer before the LORD. ³And to the children of Israel you shall speak saying, Take a kid of the goats for a sin offering, and a calf and a lamb of the first year, *all* without blemish, for a burnt offering. ⁴Also *take* a bull and a ram for peace offerings, to sacrifice before the LORD. Also *take* a meal offering mixed with oil. For today the LORD will appear to you.

⁵And they brought that which Moses commanded before the tabernacle of the congregation. And all the congregation drew near and stood before the LORD. ⁶And Moses said, This is the thing which the LORD commanded that you should do. And the glory of the LORD shall appear to you. ⁷And Moses said to Aaron, Go to the altar, and offer your sin offering and your burnt offerings, and make an atonement for yourself and for the people. And offer the offering of the people, and make an atonement for them — even as the LORD commanded. ⁸Aaron then went to the altar and killed the calf of the sin offering, which was for himself. ⁹And the sons of Aaron brought the blood to him. And he dipped his finger in the blood and put it upon the horns of the altar, and poured out the blood at the bottom of the altar. ¹⁰But he burned the fat and the kidneys and the caul above the liver of the sin offering on the altar — even as the LORD commanded Moses. ¹¹And he burned the flesh and the hide with fire outside the camp. ¹²And he killed the burnt offering. And Aaron's sons presented to him the blood, which he sprinkled round about upon the altar. ¹³And they presented the burnt offering unto him,

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ifted up his hands toward the people, and
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e LORD appeared to all the people. ²⁴And
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he altar. *And* when all the people saw it,
their faces.

CHAPTER 10

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ot command them to do. ²And there went
nd devoured them, and they died before
d unto Aaron, *This is* that which the LORD
ntified in them that come near me, and
l be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.
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them, Come near, carry your brothers from
the camp. ⁵So they went near and carried
the camp, as Moses had said. ⁶And Moses
Ēl-ē-ā'-zār and Īth'-ā-mār his sons, Do not
r your clothes, lest you die, and lest wrath
But let your brothers, the whole of Israel,
he LORD has kindled. ⁷And you shall not
bernacle of the congregation, lest you die.
LORD is upon you. And they did according

⁸And the LORD spoke to Aaron, saying, ⁹Do not drink wine nor strong drink — neither you nor your sons with you — when you go into the tabernacle of the congregation, lest you die. *It shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations. ¹⁰And *it is* so that you may put a difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean — ¹¹and so that you may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the LORD has spoken to them by the hand of Moses. ¹²And Moses spoke to Aaron, and to Ēl-ē-ā'-zār and to Ith'-ā-mär his sons that were left, Take the meal offering that remains of the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar. For it is most holy. ¹³And you shall eat in the holy place, because it is your due, and your sons' due, of the sacrifices of the LORD made by fire. For so I am commanded. ¹⁴And the wave breast and heave shoulder you shall eat in a clean place, you, and your sons and your daughters with you. For it is your due and your sons' due, given out of the sacrifices of peace offerings of the children of Israel. ¹⁵The heave shoulder and the wave breast they shall bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave *for* a wave offering before the LORD. And it shall be yours, and your sons' with you, by a statute forever — even as the LORD has commanded.

¹⁶And Moses carefully looked for the goat of the sin offering. And behold! it was burned! And he was angry with Ēl-ē-ā'-zār and Ith'-ā-mär, the sons of Aaron left *alive*, saying, ¹⁷Why have you not eaten the sin offering in the holy place, since it is most holy, and *God* has given it to you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the LORD? ¹⁸Behold! The blood of it was not brought in within the holy *place*. You should indeed have eaten it in the holy *place*, as I commanded. ¹⁹And Aaron said to Moses, Behold, this day they have offered their sin offering and their burnt offering before the LORD. And such things have befallen me. And if I had eaten the sin offering today, should it have been accepted in the sight of the LORD? ²⁰And when Moses heard, he was content.

CHAPTER 11

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying to them, ²Speak to the children of Israel, saying, These are the animals which you shall eat among all the animals that are in the earth. ³Whatever divides the hoof, and is cloven-footed, chewing the cud, among the animals — that you shall eat. ⁴Nevertheless you shall not eat these of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof — the camel, for he chews the cud but does not divide the hoof. He is unclean to you. ⁵And the coney, because he chews the cud but does not divide the hoof. He is unclean to you. ⁶And the hare, because he chews the cud but does not divide the hoof. He is unclean to you. ⁷And the swine, though he

en-footed, yet he does not chew the cud. shall not eat of their flesh, and you shall They are unclean to you.

l that are in the waters: whatever has fins the seas, and in the rivers, them you shall ins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, ers, and of any living thing that is in the nation to you. ¹¹They shall even be an ll not eat of their flesh, but you shall have ion. ¹²Whatever has no fins nor scales in ination to you.

se in abomination among the fowls. They an abomination: the eagle, and the ös'-sī- l the vulture, and the kite after its kind, ¹⁶and the owl, and the night-hawk, and fter its kind, ¹⁷and the little owl, and the owl, ¹⁸and the swan, and the pelican, and ork, the heron after its kind, and the lap- nged creatures that creep, going upon all n to you. ²¹Yet you may eat these of every oes upon all four, which have legs above r the earth. ²²You may eat these of them: the bald locust after its kind, and the beetle opper after its kind. ²³But all *other* flying four feet shall be an abomination to you. or these. Whoever touches their dead body vening. ²⁵And whoever carries the carcass othes and be unclean until the evening. y beast which divides the hoof, and is vs the cud, are unclean to you. Everyone : unclean. ²⁷And whatever goes upon its easts that go on all four, those are unclean eir dead body shall be unclean until the es their dead bodies shall wash his clothes ening. They are unclean unto you.

ean to you among the creeping things that easel, and the mouse, and the lizard after nd the chameleon [kā-mē'-lē-ōn], and the e mole. ³¹These are unclean to you among ches them when they are dead, shall be ³²And whatever shall fall upon any of shall be unclean — whether any vessel of or sack; whatever vessel in which work is iter, and it shall be unclean to the evening. nd every earthen vessel in which any of

them falls, whatever is in it shall be unclean. And you shall break it. ³⁴Of all food which may be eaten, *that* on which *such* water comes shall be unclean. And all drink that may be drunk in every *such* vessel shall be unclean. ³⁵And every *thing* on which *any part* of their dead body falls shall be unclean; *whether it is the oven*, or ranges for pots, they shall be broken down. They are unclean, and shall be unclean to you. ³⁶Nevertheless a fountain or pit, *in which there is* plenty of water, shall be clean. But that which touches their dead body shall be unclean. ³⁷And if *any* of their dead body falls upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it shall be clean. ³⁸But if any water is put upon the seed, and *any part* of the dead body falls on it, it shall be unclean to you.

³⁹And if any animal among those you may eat dies, he that touches its dead body shall be unclean until the evening. ⁴⁰And he that eats of its dead body shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. He also that carries its body shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. ⁴¹And every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth shall be an abomination. It shall not be eaten. ⁴²Whatever goes upon the belly, and whatever goes upon all four, or whatever multiplies feet among all creeping things that creep upon the earth, you shall not eat them. For they are an abomination. ⁴³You shall not make yourselves defiled with any creeping thing that creeps, neither shall you make yourselves unclean with them, so that you should be defiled by them. ⁴⁴For I am the LORD your God. Therefore you shall sanctify yourselves, and you shall be holy, for I am holy. Neither shall you defile yourselves with any kind of creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. ⁴⁵For I am the LORD who brings you up out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy. ⁴⁶This is the law of the animals, and of the fowl, and of every living creature that moves in the waters, and of every creature that creeps upon the earth — ⁴⁷to make a difference between the unclean and the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten and the beast that may not be eaten.

CHAPTER 12

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman has conceived seed and has borne a man child, then she shall be unclean seven days. According to the days of the separation of her infirmity she shall be unclean. ³And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be *cīr'-cūm-cīsed*. ⁴And she shall then continue in the blood of her purifying thirty-three days. She shall touch no holy thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying are fulfilled. ⁵But if she bears a girl child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her separation. And she shall continue in the blood of her purifying sixty-six days. ⁶And when the days of her

purifying are fulfilled, for a son or for a daughter, she shall bring a lamb of the first year for a burnt offering, and a young pigeon or a turtle-dove, for a sin offering unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest. ⁷He shall offer it before the LORD, and make an atonement for her. And she shall be cleansed from the issue of her blood. This is the law for her that has borne a male or a female. ⁸And if she is not able to bring a lamb, then she shall bring two turtle-doves or two young pigeons. The one shall be for a burnt offering, and the other for a sin offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall be clean.

CHAPTER 13

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, ²When a man has a rising in the skin of his flesh, a scab or bright spot, and it is in the skin of his flesh like the plague of leprosy [lěp'-rō-sēe], then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest, or to one of his sons the priests. ³And the priest shall look on the plague in the skin of the flesh. And *when* the hair in the plague has turned white, and the plague in sight is deeper than the skin of his flesh, it is a plague of leprosy. And the priest shall look on him and shall pronounce him unclean. ⁴And if the bright spot is white in the skin of his flesh, and in sight is not deeper than the skin, and the hair of it has not turned white, then the priest shall shut up him that has the plague seven days. ⁵And the priest shall look on him the seventh day. And behold, if the plague in his sight is stayed, and the plague has not spread in the skin, then the priest shall shut him up seven days more. ⁶And the priest shall look upon him again in the seventh day. And behold, if the plague is somewhat dark, and the plague has not spread in the skin, the priest shall pronounce him clean. It is only a scab. And he shall wash his clothes and be clean.

⁷But if the scab spreads much abroad in the skin after he has been seen by the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen by the priest again. ⁸And if the priest sees that the scab spreads in the skin, behold, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a leprosy. ⁹When the plague of leprosy is in a man, then he shall be brought to the priest. ¹⁰And the priest shall look. And behold, if the rising is white in the skin, and if it has turned the hair white and there is quick raw flesh in the rising, ¹¹it is an old leprosy in the skin of his flesh. And the priest shall pronounce him unclean, and shall not shut him up, for he is unclean. ¹²And if a leprosy breaks out on the skin, and the leprosy covers all the skin of *him who has* the plague from his head even to his foot, wherever the priest looks — ¹³then the priest shall look. And behold, if the leprosy has covered all his flesh, he shall pronounce him clean that has the plague. It has all turned white. He is clean. ¹⁴But when raw flesh appears in him, he shall be unclean. ¹⁵And the priest

shall see the raw flesh, and pronounce him to be unclean. The raw flesh is unclean — it is a leprosy. ¹⁶Or if the raw flesh turns again and is changed to white, he shall come to the priest. ¹⁷And the priest shall see him. And behold, if the plague has turned to white, then the priest shall pronounce *him* clean *that has* the plague. He is clean.

¹⁸And when *anyone* has a boil in his skin, and *it* has healed, ¹⁹and in the place of the boil there is a white rising or a bright spot, white and somewhat reddish, and it is shown to the priest — ²⁰and if, when the priest sees it, behold, it is in sight lower than the skin, and the hair of it has turned white, the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a plague of leprosy broken out of the boil. ²¹But if the priest looks on it, and, behold, there are no white hairs in it, and it is not lower than the skin, but is somewhat dark, then the priest shall shut him up seven days. ²²And if it spreads abroad very much in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a plague. ²³But if the bright spot stays in its place and does not spread, it is a burning boil. And the priest shall pronounce him clean.

²⁴Or if there is *any* flesh in which the skin has a hot burning, and the living *flesh* that burns has a white bright spot, somewhat reddish or white, ²⁵then the priest shall look upon it. And behold, if the hair in the bright spot has turned white, and it is in sight deeper than the skin, it is a leprosy broken out of the burning. Therefore the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is the plague of leprosy. ²⁶But if the priest looks on it, and behold, there is no white hair in the bright spot, and it is no lower than the *other* skin, but is somewhat dark, then the priest shall shut him up seven days. ²⁷And the priest shall look upon him the seventh day. And if it is spread abroad very much in the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is the plague of leprosy. ²⁸And if the bright spot stays in its place, and does not spread in the skin, but is somewhat dark, it is a rising of the burning, and the priest shall pronounce him clean — for it is an inflammation of the burning.

²⁹If a man or woman has a plague upon the head or the beard, ³⁰then the priest shall see the plague. And behold, if it is in sight deeper than the skin, and there is a yellow thin hair in it, then the priest shall pronounce him unclean. It is a dry scab, a leprosy upon the head or beard. ³¹And if the priest looks on the plague of the scab, and behold, it is not in sight deeper than the skin, and there is no black hair in it, then the priest shall shut *him* up *that has* the plague of the scab seven days. ³²And in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague. And behold, if the scab does not spread, and there is no yellow hair, and the scab is not in sight deeper than the skin, ³³he shall be shaven, but shall not shave the scab. And the priest shall shut *him* up *that has* the scab seven days more. ³⁴And in the

seventh day the priest shall look on the scab. And behold, if the scab has not spread in the skin, nor is in sight deeper than the skin, then the priest shall pronounce him clean. And he shall wash his clothes and be clean. ³⁵But if the scab spreads very much in the skin after his cleansing, ³⁶then the priest shall look upon him, and behold, if the scab is spread in the skin, the priest shall not look for yellow hair. He is unclean. ³⁷But if the scab is in his sight stayed, and there is black hair growing up in it, the scab is healed. He is clean, and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

³⁸Also if a man or a woman has bright spots in the skin of their flesh, white bright spots, ³⁹then the priest shall look. And behold, if the bright spots in the skin of their flesh are darkish white, it is a freckled spot that grows in the skin. He is clean. ⁴⁰And the man whose hair has fallen off his head, he is bald, but he is clean. ⁴¹And he that has his hair fallen off from the part of his head toward his face, he is forehead bald. Still he is clean. ⁴²And if there is in the bald head or bald forehead, a white reddish sore, it is a leprosy sprung up in his bald head or his bald forehead. ⁴³Then the priest shall look upon it. And behold, if the rising of the sore is white reddish in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the leprosy appears in the skin of the flesh, ⁴⁴he is a man with leprosy. He is unclean. The priest shall pronounce him utterly unclean. His plague is in his head. ⁴⁵And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be torn, and his head shall be bare, and he shall put a covering upon his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean! Unclean! ⁴⁶All the days in which the plague shall be in him he shall be defiled. He is unclean. He shall live alone. His dwelling shall be outside the camp.

⁴⁷Also the garment that has the plague of leprosy in it, *whether it is* a woolen garment or a linen garment — ⁴⁸whether it is in the warp or woof — of linen or of wool, whether in a skin or in anything made of skin, ⁴⁹and if the plague is greenish or reddish in the garment or in the skin, either in the warp or in the woof or in anything of skin, it is a plague of leprosy. And it shall be shown unto the priest. ⁵⁰And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up *that which has* the plague seven days. ⁵¹And he shall look on the plague upon the seventh day. If the plague is spread in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in any skin or in any work that is made of skin, the plague is a fretting leprosy. It is unclean. ⁵²He shall therefore burn that garment, whether warp or woof, in wool or in linen or anything of skin in which the plague is. For it is a fretting leprosy. It shall be burned in the fire. ⁵³And if the priest shall look, and behold, the plague has not spread in the garment, either in the warp or the woof, of anything of skin, ⁵⁴then the priest shall command that they wash *the thing* in which the plague is. And he shall shut it up seven days

more. ⁵⁵And the priest shall look upon the plague after it is washed, and behold, though the plague has not changed its color and the plague has not spread, it is unclean. You shall burn it in the fire. It is a sunken spot, whether it is bald in the head of it or in the forehead of it. ⁵⁶And if the priest looks, and behold, the plague is somewhat dark after the washing of it, then he shall tear it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof. ⁵⁷And if it appears still in the garment, either in the warp or in the woof, or in anything of skin, it is a spreading *plague*. You shall burn that in which the plague is, with fire. ⁵⁸And the garment which you shall wash — either warp or woof, or whatever thing of skin it is — if the plague has departed from them, then it shall be washed a second time, and shall be clean. ⁵⁹This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of woolen or linen, either in the warp or woof or anything of skins, to pronounce it clean or to pronounce it unclean.

CHAPTER 14

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing. He shall be brought to the priest. ³And the priest shall go forth out of the camp. And the priest shall look, and behold, if the plague of leprosy is healed in the leper, ⁴then the priest shall command to take two clean live birds for him that is to be cleansed, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop. ⁵And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water. ⁶As for the living bird, he shall take it and the cedar wood and the scarlet and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water. ⁷And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field. ⁸And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water so that he may be clean. And after that he shall come into the camp, and shall stay outside his tent seven days.

⁹But on the seventh day he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eye-brows; even all his hair shall he shave off. And he shall wash his clothes. He also shall wash his flesh in water, and he shall be clean. ¹⁰And on the eighth day he shall take two male lambs without blemish, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish, and three tenth deals of fine flour *for* a meal offering, mixed with oil, and one log of oil. ¹¹And the priest that makes him clean shall present the man that is to be made clean, and those things, before the LORD *at* the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹²And the priest shall take one male lamb and offer him for a trespass offering, and the log of oil, and wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. ¹³And he shall kill the lamb in the place where he shall

kill the sin offering and the burnt offering, in the holy place. For as the sin offering is the priest's, so is the trespass offering. It is most holy. ¹⁴And the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. ¹⁵And the priest shall take *some* of the log of oil and pour it into the palm of his own left hand. ¹⁶And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD. ¹⁷And of the rest of the oil that is in his hand the priest shall put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass offering. ¹⁸And the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed. And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD.

¹⁹And the priest shall offer the sin offering and make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed from his uncleanness. And afterward he shall kill the burnt offering. ²⁰And the priest shall offer the burnt offering and the meal offering upon the altar. And the priest shall make an atonement for him, and he shall be clean. ²¹And if he is poor and cannot get so much, then he shall take one lamb for a trespass offering to be waved, to make an atonement for him, and one tenth deal of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering, and a log of oil, ²²and two turtle-doves or two young pigeons, such as he is able to get. And the one shall be a sin offering, and the other a burnt offering. ²³And he shall bring them on the eighth day for his cleansing to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD. ²⁴And the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. ²⁵And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass offering. And the priest shall take *some* of the blood of the trespass offering, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. ²⁶And the priest shall pour *some* of the oil into the palm of his own left hand. ²⁷And the priest shall sprinkle with his right finger *some* of the oil that is in his left hand seven times before the LORD. ²⁸And the priest shall put of the oil that is his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of the blood of the trespass offering. ²⁹And the rest of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for him before the LORD. ³⁰And he shall offer the one of the turtle-doves, or of the young pigeons,

such as he is able to get, ³¹*even* such as he is able to get, the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, with the meal offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for him that is to be cleansed before the LORD. ³²This is the law of *him* in whom is the plague of leprosy, whose hand is not able to get *that which pertains* to his cleansing.

³³And the LORD spoke unto Moses and Aaron, saying, ³⁴When you have come into the land of Canaan which I give you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession, ³⁵and he that owns the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, It seems to me *there is* a plague in the house — ³⁶then the priest shall command that they empty the house before the priest goes to see the plague, so that all that is in the house may not become unclean. And afterwards the priest shall go in to see the house. ³⁷And he shall look on the plague. And behold, if the plague is in the walls of the house with hollow streaks, greenish or reddish, which in sight are lower than the wall, ³⁸then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days. ³⁹And the priest shall come again the seventh day and shall look. And behold, if the plague has spread in the walls of the house, ⁴⁰then the priest shall command that they take away the stones in which the plague is, and they shall throw them into an unclean place outside the city. ⁴¹And he shall cause the house to be scraped inside all around, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off outside the city in an unclean place. ⁴²And they shall take other stones and put *them* in the place of those stones. And he shall take other mortar and shall plaster the house. ⁴³And if the plague comes again and breaks out in the house after he has taken away the stones and after he has scraped the house, and after it is plastered, ⁴⁴then the priest shall come and look. And behold, if the plague has spread in the house, it is a fretting leprosy in the house. It is unclean.

⁴⁵And he shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber of it, and all the mortar of the house, and he shall carry them out of the city into an unclean place. ⁴⁶Moreover he that goes into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the evening. ⁴⁷And he that lies in the house shall wash his clothes. And he that eats in the house shall wash his clothes. ⁴⁸And if the priest shall come in and look *upon it*, and behold, the plague has not spread in the house after the house was plastered, then the priest shall pronounce the house clean because the plague is healed. ⁴⁹And he shall take two birds to cleanse the house, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop [hiss'-op]. ⁵⁰And he shall kill the one of the birds in an earthen vessel over running water. ⁵¹And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet, and the living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird and in the running water, and sprinkle the house seven times. ⁵²And he

shall cleanse the house with the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with the hyssop, and with the scarlet. ⁵³But he shall let the living bird go out of the city into the open fields, and make an atonement for the house. And it shall be clean. ⁵⁴This is the law for all kinds of plague of leprosy and scab — ⁵⁵and for the leprosy of a garment and of a house, ⁵⁶and for a rising and for a scab and for a bright spot — ⁵⁷to teach when it is unclean and when it is clean. This is the law of leprosy.

CHAPTER 15

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel and say to them, When any man has a running issue out of his flesh, his issue *makes him* unclean. ³And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue. Whether his flesh runs with his issue, or his flesh is stopped from his issue, it is his uncleanness. ⁴Every bed, on which he lies that has the issue, is unclean. And everything on which he sits shall be unclean. ⁵And whoever touches his bed shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the evening. ⁶And he that sits on anything on which he sat that has the issue, shall wash his clothes and bathe *himself* in water, and be unclean until the evening. ⁷And he that touches the flesh of him that has the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. ⁸And if he that has the issue spits upon him that is clean, then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. ⁹And whatever saddle he rides upon that has the issue, shall be unclean. ¹⁰And whoever touches anything that was under him shall be unclean until the evening. And he that carries *any of* those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. ¹¹And whomever he touches that has the issue, and has not rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. ¹²And the earthen vessel that he touches who has the issue shall be broken. And every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water. ¹³And when he that has an issue is cleansed of his issue, then he shall number seven days to himself for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean. ¹⁴And on the eighth day he shall take two turtle-doves to himself, or two young pigeons, and come before the LORD to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them to the priest. ¹⁵And the priest shall offer them, the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering. And the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD for his issue. ¹⁶And if any man has an outflow of seed go out from him, then he shall wash all his flesh in water and be unclean until the evening. ¹⁷And every garment and every skin on which the outflow of seed comes shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the evening. ¹⁸Also the woman with whom a man shall lie with

outflow of seed, they shall both bathe in water and be unclean until the evening.

¹⁹And if a woman has an issue, and her issue in her flesh is blood, she shall be in her separation seven days. And whoever touches her shall be unclean until the evening. ²⁰And everything that she lies upon in her separation shall be unclean. Everything also that she sits upon shall be unclean. ²¹And whoever touches her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. ²²And whoever touches anything that she sat upon, shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. ²³And if it is on *her* bed or on anything on which she sits, when he touches it, he shall be unclean until the evening. ²⁴And if any man lies with her at all, and her blood is upon him, he shall be unclean seven days. And all the bed on which he lies shall be unclean.

²⁵And if a woman has an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it runs beyond the time of her separation, all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall be as the days of her separation. She shall be unclean. ²⁶Every bed on which she lies all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation, and whatever she sits upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation. ²⁷And whoever touches those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. ²⁸But if she is cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. ²⁹And on the eighth day she shall take two turtle-doves unto her, or two young pigeons, and bring them to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ³⁰And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering. And the priest shall make atonement for her before the LORD for the issue of her uncleanness. ³¹So you shall separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, so that they do not die in their uncleanness when they defile My tabernacle that is among them. ³²This is the law of him that has an issue, and of *him* whose seed goes from him and is defiled with it, ³³and of her that is menstruating, and of him that has an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lies with her that is unclean.

CHAPTER 16

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron—when they offered before the LORD and died—²and the LORD said to Moses, Speak to Aaron your brother, that he does not come at all times into the holy *place* within the veil before the mercy-seat, which is upon the ark, so that he will not die. For I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy-seat. ³Aaron shall come into the holy *place* this way: with a young bull for a sin offering, and a ram for a burnt offer-

ing. ⁴He shall put on the holy linen coat, and he shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with a linen girdle, and with the linen miter he shall be dressed. These are holy garments. Therefore he shall wash his flesh in water and put them on. ⁵And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two kids of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a burnt offering. ⁶And Aaron shall offer his bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself and for his house. ⁷And he shall take the two goats and present them before the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁸And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats — one lot for the LORD and the other lot for the scape-goat. ⁹And Aaron shall bring the goat upon which the LORD's lot fell, and offer it for a sin offering. ¹⁰But the goat on which the lot fell to be the scape-goat, shall be presented alive before the LORD, to make an atonement with him, and to let him go for a scape-goat into the wilderness.

¹¹And Aaron shall bring the bull of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself and for his house, and shall kill the bull of the sin offering which is for himself. ¹²And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it inside the veil. ¹³And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, so that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy-seat that is upon the testimony, so that he does not die. ¹⁴And he shall take of the blood of the bull and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy-seat eastward. And before the mercy-seat he shall sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times.

¹⁵Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people, and bring its blood inside the veil. And he shall do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bull, and sprinkle it upon the mercy-seat and before the mercy-seat. ¹⁶And he shall make an atonement for the holy *place*, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins. And so he shall do for the tabernacle of the congregation which remains with them in the midst of their uncleanness. ¹⁷And there shall be no man in the tabernacle of the congregation when he goes in to make an atonement in the holy *place*, until he comes out and has made an atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the congregation of Israel. ¹⁸And he shall go out unto the altar that is before the LORD and make an atonement for it. And he shall take of the blood of the bull, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about. ¹⁹And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times and cleanse it, and hallow it from the uncleanness of the children of Israel.

²⁰And when he has made an end of reconciling the holy *place* and and the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, he shall bring the live goat. ²¹And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the sins of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send *him* away by the hand of a chosen man into the wilderness. ²²And the goat shall bear upon him all their sins unto a land in which no one lives. And he shall let the goat go in the wilderness. ²³And Aaron shall come into the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments which he put on when he went into the holy *place*, and shall leave them there. ²⁴And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy *place*, and put on his garments, and come forth and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself and for the people. ²⁵And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar. ²⁶And he that let go the goat for the scape-goat shall wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp. ²⁷And the bull for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy *place*, shall *they* carry forth outside the camp. And they shall burn their skins in the fire, and their flesh and their dung. ²⁸And he who burns them shall wash his clothes and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

²⁹And this shall be a statute forever unto you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, you shall afflict your souls and do no work at all — *neither* one of your own country or a stranger that is staying among you. ³⁰For on that day an atonement shall be made for you to cleanse you, *so that* you may be clean from all your sins before the LORD. ³¹It shall be a sabbath of rest to you, and you shall afflict your souls, by a statute forever. ³²And the priest whom he shall anoint, and whom he shall consecrate to minister in the priest's office in his father's stead, shall make the atonement and shall put on the linen clothes, the holy garments. ³³And he shall make an atonement for the holy sanctuary, and he shall make an atonement for the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar; and he shall make an atonement for the priests and for all the people of the congregation. ³⁴And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 17

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say to them, This is the thing which the LORD has commanded, saying, ³Whatever man of the house of Israel kills an ox or lamb or goat in the camp,

or kills it out of the camp, ⁴and does not bring it unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer an offering unto the LORD before the tabernacle of the LORD – blood shall be charged to that man; he has shed blood. And that man shall be cut off from among his people, ⁵to the end that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices which they offer in the open field, even that they may bring them unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest, and offer them for peace offerings unto the LORD. ⁶And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the LORD at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and burn the fat for a sweet savor unto the LORD. ⁷And they shall no more offer their sacrifices unto devils, after whom they have gone whoring. This shall be a statute forever unto them throughout their generations.

⁸And you shall say to them, Whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who are staying among you, offers a burnt offering or sacrifice, ⁹and does not bring it unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation to offer it unto the LORD, even that man shall be cut off from among his people. ¹⁰And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that are staying among you, eats any kind of blood – I will even set My face against that soul who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people. ¹¹For the life of the flesh is in the blood. And I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls. For it is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul. ¹²Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that is staying among you eat blood. ¹³And whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that are staying among you, hunts and catches any beast or fowl that may be eaten, he shall even pour out the blood of it and cover it with dust. ¹⁴For *it* is the life of all flesh. The blood of it is for the life of it. Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, You shall eat the blood of no kind of flesh. For the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off. ¹⁵And every soul that eats that which died of *itself*, or that which was torn, *whether it is* one of your own country or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes and bathe in water, and be unclean until the evening. Then he shall be clean. ¹⁶But if he does not wash them, nor bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity.

CHAPTER 18

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³You shall not do like the doings of the land of Egypt in which you lived. And you shall not do like the doings of the land of Canaan, where I bring you. Neither shall you walk in their ordinances. ⁴You shall do My judgments and keep My ordinances, to walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵You

shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, which if a man does, he shall live in them. I am the LORD.

⁶None of you shall approach to any who are near of kin to him, to uncover *their* nakedness. I am the LORD. ⁷You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father or the nakedness of your mother. She is your mother; you shall not uncover her nakedness. ⁸You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's wife. It is your father's nakedness. ⁹*You shall not uncover* the nakedness of your sister, the daughter of your father or the daughter of your mother, *whether* born at home or born away. Their nakedness you shall not uncover. ¹⁰The nakedness of your son's daughter, or of your daughter's daughter, you shall not uncover their nakedness. For theirs is your own nakedness. ¹¹*You shall not uncover* the nakedness of your father's wife's daughter, begotten of your father. She is your sister. You shall not uncover her nakedness. ¹²You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's sister. She is your father's near kinswoman. ¹³You shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister. For she is your mother's near kinswoman. ¹⁴You shall not uncover the nakedness of your father's brother. You shall not approach to his wife. She is your aunt.

¹⁵You shall not uncover the nakedness of your daughter-in-law. She is your son's wife. You shall not uncover her nakedness. ¹⁶You shall not uncover the nakedness of your brother's wife. It is your brother's nakedness. ¹⁷You shall not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter, neither shall you take her son's daughter, or her daughter's daughter, to uncover her nakedness. For they are her near kinswomen; it is wickedness. ¹⁸Neither shall you take a wife to her sister, to vex *her*, to uncover her nakedness, beside the other in her life *time*. ¹⁹Also you shall not approach unto a woman to uncover her nakedness as long as she is put apart for her uncleanness. ²⁰Moreover you shall not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife, to defile yourself with her.

²¹And you shall not let any of your seed pass through *the fire* to Mō'-lēch, neither shall you profane the name of your God. I am the LORD. ²²You shall not lie with mankind as with womankind. It is hateful to God. ²³Neither shall you lie with any animal to defile yourself with it. Neither shall any woman stand before an animal to lie down to it. It is a *shameful* mixing. ²⁴Do not defile yourselves in any of these things. For in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you. ²⁵And the land is defiled. Therefore I visit its wickedness upon it, and the land itself vomits out those who live in it. ²⁶You shall therefore keep My statutes and My judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations — *neither* shall any of your nation, nor any stranger that lives among you. ²⁷(For the men of the land who were before you have done all these abominations, and the land is defiled). ²⁸*You shall not do these* so that the land may not spue you out also when you

defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you. ²⁹For whoever shall commit any of these abominations, even the souls who commit *them* shall be cut off from among their people. ³⁰Therefore you shall keep My ordinance, that *you* do not commit *any* of these abominable customs which were committed before you, and that you do not defile yourselves in them. I am the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 19

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel and say to them, You shall be holy, for I the LORD your God am holy. ³You shall each man fear his mother and his father, and keep My sabbaths. I am the LORD your God. ⁴Do not turn to idols, nor make molten gods to yourselves. I am the LORD your God. ⁵And if you offer a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, you shall offer it at your own will. ⁶It shall be eaten the same day you offer it, and on the next day. And if anything remains until the third day, it shall be burned in the fire. ⁷And if it is eaten at all on the third day, it is abominable. It shall not be accepted. ⁸Therefore *anyone* that eats it shall bear his iniquity, because he has profaned the hallowed thing of the LORD. And that soul shall be cut off from among his people.

⁹And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not wholly reap the corners of your field, neither shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. ¹⁰And you shall not glean your vineyard, neither shall you gather *every* grape of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and the stranger. I am the LORD your God. ¹¹You shall not steal, neither deal falsely, neither lie to one another. ¹²And you shall not swear by My name falsely; neither shall you profane the name of your God. I am the LORD. ¹³You shall not defraud your neighbor nor rob *him*. The wages of him who is hired shall not stay with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴You shall not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind, but shall fear your God. I am the LORD.

¹⁵You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment. You shall not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty; but you shall judge your neighbor in righteousness. ¹⁶You shall not go up and down as a talebearer among your people. Neither shall you stand against the blood of your neighbor. I am the LORD. ¹⁷You shall not hate your brother in your heart. You shall always rebuke your neighbor, and not allow sin upon him. ¹⁸You shall not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people; but you shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD. ¹⁹You shall keep My statutes. You shall not let your cattle breed with a different kind. You shall not sow your field with mixed seed. Neither shall any clothing mingled of linen and wool come upon you.

²⁰And whoever lies carnally with a woman who is a bondwoman, betrothed to a husband and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her — there shall be a scourging. They shall not be put to death, because she was not free. ²¹And he shall bring his trespass offering unto the LORD, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, even a ram for a trespass offering. ²²And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass offering before the LORD for his sin which he has done. And the sin which he has done shall be forgiven him.

²³And when you shall come into the land, and shall have planted all kinds of trees for food, then you shall count the fruit of them as uncircumcised. It shall be uncircumcised three years unto you. It shall not be eaten. ²⁴But in the fourth year all the fruit of them shall be holy to praise the LORD. ²⁵And in the fifth year you shall eat of the fruit of it, so that it may yield unto you its increase. I am the LORD your God. ²⁶You shall not eat *anything* with the blood, neither shall you use diviners, nor watch clouds. ²⁷You shall not round the corners of your heads, nor shall you mar the corners of your beard. ²⁸You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you. I am the LORD.

²⁹Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a whore, lest the land fall to whoredom and the land become full of wickedness. ³⁰You shall keep My sabbaths and respect My sanctuary. I am the LORD. ³¹Do not regard those that have familiar spirits, nor seek after wizards to be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God. ³²You shall rise up before the hoary head and honor the face of the old man, and fear your God. I am the LORD. ³³And if a stranger lives with you in your land, you shall not oppress him. ³⁴*But* the stranger that dwells with you shall be unto you as one born among you, and you shall love him as yourself. For you were strangers in the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

³⁵You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures and weights, or in quantity. ³⁶You shall have just balances, just weights, a just é'-phäh, and a just hîn. I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt. ³⁷Therefore you shall observe all My statutes and all My judgments, and do them. I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 20

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Again you shall say to the children of Israel, Whoever of the children of Israel or of the strangers who live in Israel, that gives *any* of his seed unto Mō'-lēch — he shall surely be put to death. The people of the land shall stone him with stones. ³And I will set My face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people, because he has given of his seed unto Mō'-lēch,

to defile My sanctuary, and to profane My holy name. ⁴And if the people of the land in any way hide their eyes from the man when he gives of his seed unto Mō'-lēch, and do not kill him, ⁵then I will set My face against that man and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go lusting after him to commit adultery with Molech, from among their people.

⁶And the soul that turns after those who have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go lusting after them, I will even set My face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. ⁷Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be holy. For I am the LORD your God. ⁸And you shall keep My statutes and do them. I the LORD sanctify you. ⁹And everyone who curses his father or his mother shall surely be put to death. He has cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him. ¹⁰And the man who commits adultery with *another* man's wife, who commits adultery with his neighbor's wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. ¹¹And the man who lies with his father's wife has uncovered his father's nakedness. Both of them shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them. ¹²And if a man lies with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death. They have worked confusion; their blood shall be upon them. ¹³If a man also lies with mankind, as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them. ¹⁴And if a man takes a wife and her mother, it is wickedness. They shall be burned with fire, both he and they, so that there may be no wickedness among you. ¹⁵And if a man lies with an animal, he shall surely be put to death. And you shall kill the animal. ¹⁶And if a woman goes up to any animal and lies down to it, you shall kill the woman and the animal. They shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. ¹⁷And if a man shall take his sister, his father's daughter, or his mother's daughter, and see her nakedness, and she see his nakedness, it is a wicked thing. And they shall be cut off in the sight of their people. He has uncovered his sister's nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity. ¹⁸And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness, he has discovered her fountain, and she has uncovered the fountain of her blood. And both of them shall be cut off from among their people. ¹⁹And you shall not uncover the nakedness of your mother's sister, nor of your father's sister. For he uncovers his near kin. They shall bear their iniquity. ²⁰And if a man shall lie with his uncle's wife, he has uncovered his uncle's nakedness. They shall bear their sin. They shall die childless. ²¹And if a man shall take his brother's wife, it is an unclean thing. He has uncovered his brother's nakedness; they shall be childless.

²²You shall therefore keep all My statutes and all My judgments, and do them, so that the land where I bring you to live shall not spit

you out. ²³And you shall not walk in the ways of the nation which I cast out before you. For they committed all these things, and therefore I hated them. ²⁴But I have said unto you, You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess it, a land that flows with milk and honey. I am the LORD your God, who has separated you from *other* people. ²⁵You shall therefore put difference between clean animals and unclean, and between unclean fowls and clean. And you shall not make your souls hateful by beast, or by fowl, or by any kind of living thing that creeps upon the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. ²⁶And you shall be holy unto Me. For I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from *other* people so that you should be Mine.

²⁷A man also or woman that has a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death. They shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them.

CHAPTER 21

¹And the LORD said to Moses, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say to them, There shall none be defiled for the dead among his people. ²But for his kin that is near him, for his mother and for his father and for his son and for his daughter and for his brother ³and for his sister a virgin who is near unto him, who has had no husband — for her he may be defiled. ⁴He shall not defile himself, *being* a chief man among his people, to defile himself. ⁵They shall not make baldness upon their head, nor shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh. ⁶They shall be holy unto their God and not profane the name of their God. For they offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire, the bread of their God. Therefore they shall be holy. ⁷They shall not take a wife *who is* a whore or defiled. Neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband. For he is holy unto his God. ⁸You shall sanctify him therefore, for he offers the bread of your God. He shall be holy unto you. For I am holy, the LORD who sanctifies you.

⁹And the daughter of any priest, if she profanes herself by playing the whore, she profanes her father. She shall be burned with fire. ¹⁰And *he who is* the high priest among his brothers, upon whose head the anointing oil was poured and who is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not uncover his head nor tear his clothes. ¹¹Neither shall he go in to any dead body, nor defile himself for his father nor for his mother. ¹²Neither shall he go out of the sanctuary, nor profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him. I am the LORD. ¹³And he shall take a wife in her virginity. ¹⁴He shall not take a widow or a divorced woman, or profane, or a harlot, but he shall take a virgin of his own people to wife. ¹⁵Neither shall he defile his seed among his people. For I the LORD do sanctify him.

¹⁶And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ¹⁷Speak unto Aaron, Whoever of your seed in their generations has *any* blemish, do not let him approach to offer the bread of his God. ¹⁸For whatever man has a blemish, shall not approach — a blind man, or a lame man, or he that has a flat nose, or anything superfluous, ¹⁹or a man that is broken-footed, or broken-handed, ²⁰or crooked-backed, or a dwarf, or who has a blemish in his eye, or has scurvy, or is scabbed, or has his stones broken — ²¹no man that has a blemish of the seed of Aaron the priest shall come near to offer the offerings of the LORD made by fire. He has a blemish; he shall not come near to offer the bread of his God. ²²He shall eat the bread of his God, *both* of the most holy and of the holy. ²³Only he shall not go in unto the veil, nor come near unto the altar, because he has a blemish — so that he does not profane My sanctuaries. For I the LORD do sanctify them. ²⁴And Moses told it to Aaron and to his sons, and to all the children of Israel.

CHAPTER 22

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they set themselves apart from the holy things of the children of Israel, and that they do not profane My holy name *in those things* which they devote to Me. I am the LORD. ³Say unto them, Whoever of all your seed among your generations that goes unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the Lord — *if he has* his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from My presence. I am the LORD. ⁴Whatever man of the seed of Aaron is a leper, or has a running issue, he shall not eat of the holy things until he is clean. And whoever touches anything that is unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goes from him, ⁵or whoever touches any creeping thing by which he may be made unclean, or a man from whom he may take uncleanness — whatever uncleanness he has, ⁶the soul which has touched any such *things* shall be unclean until evening. And *he* shall not eat of the holy things unless he washes his flesh with water. ⁷And when the sun is down, he shall be clean, and shall afterward eat of the holy things, because it is his food. ⁸He shall not eat that which dies of itself, or is torn, to defile himself with them. I am the LORD. ⁹They shall therefore keep My ordinance, lest they bear sin for it and therefore die if they defile it. I the LORD sanctify them. ¹⁰There shall no stranger eat of the holy things. A stranger staying with the priest, or a hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing. ¹¹But if the priest buys any soul with his money, he shall eat of it. And he that is born in his house shall eat of his food. ¹²If the priest's daughter also is *married* to a stranger, she may not eat of an offering of the holy things. ¹³But if the priest's daughter is a widow, or divorced, and has no child, and has returned unto her father's house, as in her youth — she shall eat of her father's food. But no stranger shall eat of it.

¹⁴And if a man eats of the holy thing without knowing it, then he shall put the fifth *part* unto it, and shall give it unto the priest with the holy thing. ¹⁵And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel which they offer unto the LORD, ¹⁶or allow them to bear the wickedness of trespass, when they eat their holy things. For I the LORD sanctify them.

¹⁷And the Lord spoke to Moses saying, ¹⁸Speak to Aaron and to his sons and to all the children of Israel, and say unto them: Whoever of the house of Israel or of the strangers in Israel offers his sacrifices for his vows, for all his free-will offerings, which they will offer unto the LORD for a burnt offering — ¹⁹*you shall offer* at your own will a male without blemish, of the cattle, of the sheep, or of the goats. ²⁰*But* you shall not offer that which has a blemish. For it shall not be acceptable for you. ²¹And whoever offers a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD to carry out his vow, or a free-will offering in cattle or sheep, it shall be perfect to be accepted. There shall be no blemish in them. ²²Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having a wen, or having scurvy, or scabbed, you shall not offer these unto the LORD, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto the LORD. ²³Either a bull or a lamb that has anything superfluous or lacking in his parts, you may offer that for a free-will offering. But for a vow it shall not be accepted. ²⁴You shall not offer unto the LORD that which is bruised or crushed, or broken or cut. Neither shall you make *any offering of it* in your land. ²⁵Neither out of a stranger's hand shall you offer the bread of your God of any of these, because their uncleanness is in them, *and* blemishes are in them. They shall not be accepted for you.

²⁶And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²⁷When a bull or a sheep or a goat is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under the dam. And from the eighth day and from then on, it shall be accepted for an offering made by fire unto the LORD. ²⁸And *whether it is* cow or ewe, you shall not kill it and its young both in one day. ²⁹And when you will offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the LORD, offer it at your own will. ³⁰On the same day it shall be eaten up. You shall leave none of it until the next day. I am the LORD. ³¹Therefore you shall keep My commandments, and do them. I am the LORD. ³²Neither shall you profane My holy name. But I will be holy among the children of Israel. I am the LORD who makes you holy, ³³who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 23

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel and say unto them, The feasts of the LORD, which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, *even* these are My feasts. ³Six days shall work be done, but the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, a holy

no work of labor, but you shall offer an offering of the first-fruits of the harvest of the LORD, holy convocations in their seasons. ⁵In the fourteenth day of the LORD's Passover, ⁶and on the fifteenth day the feast of unleavened bread to the LORD, shall last seven days. ⁷In the first day you shall do no work of labor in *these days*, offering made by fire unto the LORD seven days a holy convocation. You shall do no work of

labor. ⁸As Moses saying, ¹⁰Speak unto the children of Israel. When you have come into the land which I give you, when you reap the harvest of it, then you shall bring an offering of your harvest unto the priest. ¹¹And he shall offer it unto the LORD to be received for you. On the next day the priest shall wave it. ¹²And you shall offer with the sheaf a male lamb without blemish of the first year unto the LORD. ¹³And the meal offering shall be of fine flour mixed with oil, an offering made by fire for a sweet savor. And the drink offering shall be of wine, the fourth part of a hin. ¹⁴And you shall eat of the bread of your grain, nor green ears, until the same day of the offering unto your God. *It shall be* a statute forever in all your dwellings.

And you shall observe the day from the next day after the sabbath, when you wave the sheaf of the wave offering; seven days shall it be. ¹⁶Even unto the next day after the seventh day, fifty days. And you shall offer a new meal offering. You shall bring out of your homes two wave offerings. They shall be of fine flour. They shall be waved before the LORD. ¹⁸And you shall offer seven lambs without blemish of the first year, and two rams. They shall be for a burnt offering with their meal offering, and their drink offering shall be by fire of sweet savor unto the LORD. And one kid of the goats for a sin offering, and one ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings. ²⁰And the bread of the first-fruits of a wave offering shall be of the two lambs. They shall be holy to the LORD. And you shall proclaim on the same day that this day shall be unto you. You shall do no work of labor, but you shall observe it in all your dwellings throughout your gen-

²²And when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not completely clean the land, neither shall you gather any gleanings of your harvest. You shall leave them to the poor and to the stranger. I am the LORD your God.

²³And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²⁴Speak to the children of Israel saying: In the seventh month, in the first *day* of the month, you shall have a sabbath, a memorial of blowing of trumpets — a holy convocation. ²⁵You shall do no work of labor but you shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. ²⁶And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²⁷Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month shall be a day of atonement. It shall be a holy convocation to you. And you shall afflict your souls and offer an offering made by fire to the LORD. ²⁸And you shall do no work in that same day — for it is a day of atonement, in order to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God. ²⁹For whatever soul shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. ³⁰And whatever soul does any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. ³¹You shall do no kind of work. *It shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. ³²It shall be to you a sabbath of rest, and you shall afflict your souls. In the ninth *day* of the month, from evening unto evening, you shall keep your sabbath.

³³And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ³⁴Speak to the children of Israel, saying, The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days to the LORD. ³⁵On the first day shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no work of labor. ³⁶Seven days you shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. On the eighth day shall be a holy convocation unto you. And you shall offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD. It is a solemn assembly. And you shall do no work of labor. ³⁷These are the feasts of the LORD which you shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD, a burnt offering and a meal offering, a sacrifice, and drink offerings, everything upon its day. ³⁸*This shall be* besides the sabbath of the LORD, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your free-will offerings which you give unto the LORD. ³⁹Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the fruit of the land, you shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days. On the first day shall be a sabbath, and on the eighth day shall be a sabbath. ⁴⁰And you shall take the boughs of goodly trees for yourselves on the first day, branches of palm trees, and the boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook, and you shall rejoice before the LORD your God seven days. ⁴¹And you shall keep it a feast unto the LORD seven days in the year. *It shall be* a statute forever in your generations. You shall keep it in the seventh month. ⁴²You shall live in booths seven days. All that are born Israelites shall live in booths, ⁴³so that your generations may know that I made the children of Israel live

in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God. ⁴⁴And Moses declared the feasts of the LORD unto the children of Israel.

CHAPTER 24

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Command the children of Israel that they bring unto you pure olive oil, beaten, for the light, to cause the lamps to be always burning. ³Aaron shall order it from evening until the morning before the LORD forever outside the veil of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation. *It shall be* a statute forever in your generations. ⁴He shall order the lamps upon the pure lampstand before the LORD forever.

⁵And you shall take fine flour and bake twelve cakes of it. Two tenth deals shall be in one cake. ⁶And you shall set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before the LORD. ⁷And you shall put pure frankincense upon *each* row, so that it may be on the bread for a memorial, an offering made by fire unto the LORD. ⁸Every sabbath he shall set it in order before the LORD forever, *being taken* from the children of Israel by an everlasting covenant. ⁹And it shall be Aaron's and his sons'. And they shall eat it in the holy place, for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of the LORD made by fire by a never-ending statute.

¹⁰And the son of a woman of Israel, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel. And this son of the *woman* of Israel and a man of Israel struggled together in the camp. ¹¹And the son of the woman of Israel blasphemed the name of *the LORD*, and cursed. And they brought him to Moses. (And his mother's name was Shē-lō'-mīth, the daughter of Dīb'-rī, of the tribe of Dan.) ¹²And they put him in ward, so that the mind of the LORD might be shown to them. ¹³And the LORD spoke unto Moses saying, ¹⁴Bring forth him who has cursed outside the camp, and let all that heard *him* lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him. ¹⁵And you shall speak to the children of Israel saying, Whoever curses his God shall bear his sin. ¹⁶And he that blasphemeth the name of the LORD shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall surely stone him. *And* the stranger as well, even as he that is born in the land; when he blasphemeth the Name, he shall be put to death.

¹⁷And he who kills any man shall surely be put to death. ¹⁸And he who kills an animal shall make it good — animal for animal. ¹⁹And if a man causes a blemish in his neighbor, as he has done, so shall it be done to him — ²⁰break for break, eye for eye, tooth for tooth. As he has caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be done to him. ²¹And he who kills an animal shall restore it. And he who kills a man shall be put to death. ²²You shall have one kind of law, as well for the stranger as for one of your own country. For I am the LORD your God.

²³And Moses spoke to the children of Israel that they should bring him forth who had cursed outside the camp, and stone him with stones. And the children of Israel did as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 25

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses in Mount Sinai, saying, ²Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the LORD. ³You shall sow your field six years, and you shall prune your vineyard six years, and gather in the fruit of it. ⁴But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of rest to the land, a sabbath for the LORD. You shall neither sow your field, nor prune your vineyard. ⁵You shall not reap that which grows of its own accord of your harvest, neither gather the grapes of your undressed vine. It is a year of rest to the land. ⁶And the sabbath of the land shall be food for you — for you and for your servant, and for your maid and for your hired servant, and for your stranger who stays with you, ⁷and for your cattle, and for the beasts that are in your land, shall all the increase of it be food.

⁸And you shall number seven sabbaths of years to you, seven times seven years. And the time of the seven sabbaths of years shall be forty-nine years to you. ⁹Then you shall cause the trumpet of the jū'-bī-lēe to sound on the tenth *day* of the seventh month — in the day of atonement shall you make the trumpet sound throughout all your land. ¹⁰And you shall make the fiftieth year holy, and proclaim liberty throughout all the land to all those who live in it. It shall be a jū'-bī-lēe to you, and you shall return each man to his possession, and you shall return each man unto his family. ¹¹That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee to you. You shall not sow, neither reap that which grows of itself in it, nor gather in it of your undressed vine. ¹²For it is the jubilee. It shall be holy to you. You shall eat the increase of it out of the field. ¹³In the year of this jubilee you shall return each man to his possession. ¹⁴And if you sell anything to your neighbor, or buy from your neighbor's hand, you shall not oppress one another. ¹⁵According to the number of years after the jubilee you shall buy of your neighbor, according to the number of the fruits he shall sell to you. ¹⁶According to the number of years you shall increase the price of it, and according to the fewness of years you shall cut down the price of it. For *according* to the number of *the years* of the fruits he sells to you. ¹⁷You shall not therefore oppress one another. But you shall fear your God. For I am the LORD your God.

¹⁸Therefore you shall do My statutes, and keep My judgments and do them. And you shall dwell in the land in safety. ¹⁹And the land shall yield its fruits, and you shall eat your fill and dwell in it in safety. ²⁰And if you shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? Behold, we

shall not sow nor gather in our increase! ²¹Then I will command My blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth fruit for three years. ²²And you shall sow the eighth year, and *still* eat of old fruit until the ninth year — until its fruits come in, you shall eat of the old *fruit*.

²³The land shall not be sold forever — for the land is Mine. For you are strangers and pilgrims with Me. ²⁴And in all the land of your possession you shall grant a redemption for the land. ²⁵If your brother has become poor, and has sold away *some* of his possessions, and if any of his relatives come to redeem it, then he shall redeem that which his brother sold. ²⁶And if the man has nobody to redeem it, and he himself is able to redeem it, ²⁷then let him count the years of the sale of it, and restore the overplus to the man to whom he sold it — so that he may return to his possession. ²⁸But if he is not able to restore it to him, then that which is sold shall remain in the hand of him that has bought it until the year of jubilee. And in the jubilee it shall go out, and he shall return to his possession. ²⁹And if a man sells a dwelling house in a walled city, then he may redeem it within a whole year after it is sold. He may redeem *it* within a full year. ³⁰And if it is not redeemed within the time of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be made sure forever to him who bought it throughout his generations. It shall not go out in the jubilee. ³¹But the houses of the villages which have no walls round about them shall be counted as the fields of the country. They may be redeemed, and they shall go out in the jubilee. ³²However, the Levites may redeem the cities of the Levites, the houses of the cities of their possession, at any time. ³³And if a man purchases a *house* from the Levites, then the house that was sold and the city of his possession shall go out in *the year of* jubilee. For the house of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel. ³⁴But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold, or it is theirs forever.

³⁵And if your brother has become poor, and his hand has failed with you, then you shall help him — *yes, even if he is* a stranger or a visitor — so that he may live with you — ³⁶take no interest from him, no increase. But fear your God, so that your brother may live with you. You shall not give him your money on interest, nor lend him your good for increase. ³⁸I am the LORD your God who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan *and* to be our God. ³⁹And if your brother *who lives* beside you has become poor, and is sold to you, you shall not compel him to serve as a bond-servant. ⁴⁰But as a hired servant, as a sojourner, he shall be with you, *and* shall serve you until the year of jubilee. ⁴¹And *then* he shall depart from you, he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family. And he shall return unto the possession of his fathers. ⁴²For

they are My servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt. They shall not be sold as bondmen. ⁴³You shall not rule over him with rigor, but shall fear your God. ⁴⁴Both your bondmen, and your bondmaids whom you shall have, shall be of the heathen that are round about you. You shall buy bondmen and bondmaids from them. ⁴⁵Moreover, of the children of the strangers that live among you, you shall buy from them and from their families that are with you, whom they begot in your land. And they shall be yours. ⁴⁶And you shall take them as an inheritance for your children after you, to inherit as yours. They shall be your bondmen forever. But you shall not rule over your brothers, the children of Israel, over one another, with harshness.

⁴⁷And if a visitor or stranger becomes rich among you, and your brother *who dwells* beside him becomes poor and sells himself to the stranger or visitor by you, or to the stock of the stranger's family, ⁴⁸after he is sold he may be redeemed again. One of his brothers may redeem him — ⁴⁹either his uncle or his uncle's son may redeem him, or *any* that is near of kin to him of his family may redeem him. Or if he is able, he may redeem himself. ⁵⁰And he shall count with him that bought him from the year that he was sold to him, until the year of jubilee. And the price of his sale shall be according to the number of years, according to the time of a hired servant it shall be with him. ⁵¹If there are still many years, he shall give again the price of his redemption out of the money that he was bought for, according to *the years*. ⁵²And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubilee, then he shall count with him, *and* according to his years he shall give him again the price of his redemption. ⁵³And as a yearly hired servant he shall be with him. *And the other* shall not rule with harshness over him in your sight. ⁵⁴And if he is not redeemed in these *years*, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee — he and his children with him. ⁵⁵For unto Me the children of Israel are servants. They are My servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 26

¹You shall make no idols nor graven image, neither rear up a pillar. Neither shall you set up *any* image of stone in your land in order to bow down to it. For I am the LORD your God. ²You shall keep My sabbaths and revere My sanctuary. I am the LORD. ³If you walk in My statutes and keep My commandments and do them, ⁴then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. ⁵And your threshing shall reach to the vintage, and the vintage shall reach to the sowing time. And you shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely. ⁶And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down and

none shall make you afraid. And I will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. ⁷And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword. ⁸And five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight. And your enemies shall fall by the sword in front of you. ⁹For I will have respect to you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and establish My covenant with you. ¹⁰And you shall eat of the old, and bring forth the old because of the new. ¹¹And I will set My tabernacle among you. And My soul shall not abhor you. ¹²And I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be My people. ¹³I am the LORD your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt so that you should not be their bondmen. And I have broken the bonds of your yoke, and made you go upright.

¹⁴But if you will not listen to Me, and will not do all these commandments, ¹⁵and if you shall despise My statutes, or if your soul hates My judgments, so that you will not do all My commandments, so that you break My covenant — ¹⁶I will also do this to you: I will even appoint terror over you, consumption, and the burning fever that shall consume the eyes and cause sorrow of heart. And you shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. ¹⁷And I will set My face against you, and you shall be slain before your enemies. They that hate you shall reign over you. And you shall flee when none pursues you. ¹⁸And if you will not yet listen to Me for all this, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. ¹⁹And I will break the pride of your power, and I will make your heaven like iron and your earth like brass. ²⁰And your strength shall be spent in vain. For your land shall not yield its increase, neither shall the trees of the field yield their fruits.

²¹And if you walk contrary to Me, and will not listen to Me, I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. ²²I will also send wild beasts among you, who shall rob you of your children and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number. And your highways shall be deserted. ²³And if you will not be reformed by Me by these things, but will *still* walk contrary to Me, ²⁴then I will walk contrary to you and will punish you seven times more for your sins. ²⁵And I will bring a sword upon you that shall execute the vengeance of the covenant. And when you are gathered together inside your cities, I will send the plague among you. And you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. ²⁶And when I have broken the staff of your bread, ten women shall bake your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver *you* your bread again by weight. And you shall eat and not be satisfied. ²⁷And if you will not for all of this listen to Me, but will walk contrary to Me, ²⁸then I will walk contrary to you also in fury. And I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins. ²⁹And you shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters you shall eat. ³⁰And I will destroy your high places and cut down

your images, and throw your carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols, and My soul shall despise you. ³¹And I will make your cities waste and cause your sanctuaries to be deserted. And I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors. ³²And I will turn the land into wasteland. And your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it. ³³And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you. And your land shall be waste, and your cities waste.

³⁴Then shall the land enjoy its sabbaths, as long as it lies waste, and you are in your enemies' land. Then shall the land rest and enjoy its sabbaths. ³⁵As long as it lies waste it shall rest, because it did not rest in your sabbaths when you lived on it. ³⁶And upon those of you that are left *alive* I will send a faintness into their hearts in the lands of their enemies. And the sound of a shaking leaf shall chase them, and they shall flee as if fleeing from a sword. And they shall fall when none pursues. ³⁷And they shall fall upon one another, as if it were before a sword, when none pursues. And you shall have no power to stand before your enemies. ³⁸And you shall perish among the heathen, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. ³⁹And they that are left of you shall pine away in their wilful sin in your enemies' lands. And also they shall pine away with them in the perversities of their fathers. ⁴⁰If they shall confess their wilfulness and the wilfulness of their fathers, with their sin which they sinned against Me, and that also they have walked contrary to Me, ⁴¹and *that* I also have walked contrary to them and have brought them into the land of their enemies – if then their uncircumcised hearts are humbled, and they then accept the punishments of their wickedness, ⁴²then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and also My covenant with Isaac, and also My covenant with Abraham I will remember. And I will remember the land. ⁴³The land also shall be left of them, and shall enjoy its sabbaths, while it lies waste without them. And they shall accept the punishment of their iniquities – because, even because they despised My judgments, and because their soul hated My statutes. ⁴⁴And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I hate them, to destroy them utterly and to break My covenant with them. For I am the LORD their God. ⁴⁵But for their sakes, I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, so that I might be their God. I am the LORD.

⁴⁶These are the statutes and judgments and laws, which the Lord made between Him and the children of Israel in Mount Sinai by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 27

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Speak to the children of Israel and say unto them, When a man shall make a special vow, the

persons shall be for the LORD by your evaluation. ³And your judgment shall be of the male from twenty years old even to sixty years old, even your judgment shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary. ⁴And if it is a female, then your judgment shall be thirty shekels. ⁵And if it is from five years old to twenty years old, then your judgment shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels. ⁶And if it is from a month old to five years old, then your judgment shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female your judgment shall be three shekels of silver. ⁷And if it is from sixty years old and above, if it is a male then your judgment shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels. ⁸But if he is poorer than your judgment, then he shall present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him. The priest shall value him according to the ability of him who vowed. ⁹And if it is an animal of which men bring an offering unto the LORD, all that *any man* gives of such to the LORD shall be holy. ¹⁰He shall not alter it nor change it, a good for a bad, or a bad for a good. And if he shall at all change animal for animal, then it and the exchange of it shall be holy. ¹¹And if it is any unclean animal, of which they do not offer a sacrifice unto the LORD, then he shall present the animal before the priest. ¹²And the priest shall value it, whether it is good or bad. As you value it, *you who are* the priest, so shall it be. ¹³But if he will at all redeem it, then he shall add a fifth *part* of it to what you judged.

¹⁴And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy unto the LORD, then the priest shall judge it, whether it is good or bad. As the priest shall judge it, so shall it stand. ¹⁵And if he who sanctified it desires to redeem his house, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of your judgment to it, and it shall be his. ¹⁶And if a man shall sanctify to the LORD *some part* of a field that he owns, then your judgment shall be according to the seed of it. A homer of barley seed *shall be valued* at fifty shekels of silver. ¹⁷If he sanctifies his field from the year of jubilee, according to your judgment it shall stand. ¹⁸But if he sanctifies his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon to him the money according to the years that remain, even until the year of jubilee, and it shall be taken from your estimation. ¹⁹And if he who sanctified the field desires in any way to redeem it, then he shall add the fifth *part* of the money of your estimation to it, and it shall be made sure to him. ²⁰And if he will not redeem the field, or if he has sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more. ²¹But the field, when it goes out in the jubilee, shall be holy unto the LORD, as a field devoted. The possession of it shall be the priest's. ²²And if a man sanctifies to the LORD a field which he has bought, which is not of the fields he owns, ²³then the priest shall count to him the worth of your estimation, until the year of jubilee. And he shall give your estimation in that day, as a holy thing to the LORD. ²⁴In

the year of the jubilee the field shall return to him from whom it was bought, to him to whom the possession of the land *belonged*. ²⁵And all your judgments shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary – twenty *gē'-rāhs* shall be the shekel.

²⁶Only the firstborn of an animal, which should be the LORD's firstborn, no man shall sanctify it – whether it is an ox, or sheep, it is the LORD's. ²⁷And if it is of an unclean animal, then he shall redeem it according to your estimation, and shall add a fifth *part* of it to it. Or if it is not redeemed, then it shall be sold according to your estimation. ²⁸However, no devoted thing that a man shall devote to the LORD of all that he has, either of man or animal, or of the field of his possession, shall be sold or redeemed. Every devoted thing is most holy to the LORD. ²⁹Nothing devoted, which shall be devoted of men, shall be redeemed, *but* shall surely be put to death. ³⁰And all the tithe of the land, *whether* of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's. It is holy to the LORD. ³¹And if a man will at all redeem *anything* of his tithes, he shall add to it the fifth *part* of it. ³²And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, of whatever passes under the rod, the tenth shall be holy to the LORD ³³He shall not search whether it is good or bad, neither shall he change it. And if he changes it at all, then both it and the change of it shall be holy. It shall not be redeemed.

³⁴These are the commandments which the LORD commanded Moses for the children of Israel in Mount Sinai.

The Book of NUMBERS

CHAPTER 1

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation, on the first *day* of the second month, in the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, ²Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, with the number of names, every male by their polls — ³from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel. You and Aaron shall number them by their armies. ⁴And with you there shall be a man of every tribe, each one head of the house of his fathers. ⁵And these are the names of the men that shall stand with you. Of *the tribe of Reuben*, Šē-lī'-zūr the son of Shēd'-ē-ūr. ⁶Of Simeon, Shē-lū'-mī-ēl the son of Zū-ī-shād'-daī. ⁷Of Judah, Nāh'-shōn the son of Ām-mīn'-ā-dāb. ⁸Of Is'-sā-šār, Nēth'-ā-nēel the son of Zū'-ār. ⁹Of Zē-bū'-lūn, Ē-lī'-āb the son of Hē'-lōn. ¹⁰Of the children of Joseph: of Ē'-phrā-īm, Ē-lī'-shā-mā the son of Ām'mī-hūd: of Mā-nās'-sēh, Gā-mā'-lī-ēl the son of Pē-dāh'-zūr. ¹¹Of Benjamin, Ā-bī'-dān the son of Gīd-ē-ō'nī. ¹²Of Dan, Ā-hī-ē'-zēr the son of Ām-mī-shād'-daī. ¹³Of Asher, Pā'-gī-ēl the son of Ōc'-rān. ¹⁴Of Gad, Ē-lī'-ā-sāph the son of Deū'-ēl. ¹⁵Of Nāph'-tā-lī, Ā-hī'-rā the son of Ē'-nān. ¹⁶These were the noted *ones* of the congregation, princes of the tribes of their fathers, heads of thousands in Israel.

¹⁷And Moses and Aaron took these men who are called by name, ¹⁸and they gathered all the congregation together on the first *day* of the second month. And they declared their pedigrees according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls. ¹⁹As the LORD commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai. ²⁰And the children of Reuben, Israel's oldest son, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war — ²¹those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Reuben, were forty-six thousand, five hundred.

²²Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, those that were numbered of them, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war — ²³those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty-nine thousand, three hundred. ²⁴Of the children of Gad, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war — ²⁵those that were numbered

of them, of the tribe of Gad, were forty-five thousand, six hundred and fifty. ²⁶Of the children of Judah, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war — ²⁷those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Judah, were seventy-four thousand, six hundred.

²⁸Of the children of Is'-sā-chār, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war — ²⁹those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Is'-sā-chār, were fifty-four thousand, four hundred. ³⁰Of the children of Zē-bū'-lūn, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war — ³¹those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Zē-bū'-lūn, were fifty-seven thousand, four hundred. ³²Of the children of Joseph, of the children of Ē'-phrā-īm, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war — ³³those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Ē'-phrā-īm, were forty thousand, five hundred. ³⁴Of the children of Mā-nās'-sēh, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war — ³⁵those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty-two thousand, two hundred.

³⁶Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war — ³⁷those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty-five thousand, four hundred. ³⁸Of the children of Dan, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war — ³⁹those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Dan, were sixty-two thousand, seven hundred. ⁴⁰Of the children of Asher, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war — ⁴¹those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Asher, were forty-one thousand, five hundred. ⁴²Of the children of Nāph'-tā-li, by their generations, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war — ⁴³those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Nāph'-tā-li, were fifty-three thousand, four hundred.

⁴⁴These are those who were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel numbered, *being* twelve men. Each one was for the house of his fathers. ⁴⁵So were all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, by the house of their fathers, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel — ⁴⁶even all those who were numbered were six hundred three thousand, five hundred and fifty.

⁴⁷But the Levites, according to the tribe of their fathers, were not numbered among them. ⁴⁸For the LORD had spoken to Moses saying, ⁴⁹Only you shall not number the tribe of Levi, neither take the sum of them among the children of Israel. ⁵⁰But you shall set the Levites over the tabernacle of testimony, and over all the vessels of it, and over all things that *belong* to it. They shall carry the tabernacle and all the vessels of it. And they shall serve it, and shall camp around the tabernacle. ⁵¹And when the tabernacle sets forth, the Levites shall take it down. And when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up. And the stranger who comes near shall be put to death. ⁵²And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own banner, throughout their armies. ⁵³But the Levites shall pitch around the tabernacle of testimony, so that there may be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel. And the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of testimony. ⁵⁴And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses. So they did.

CHAPTER 2

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²Every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own banner, with the banner of their father's house. They shall pitch far off, around the tabernacle of the congregation. ³And those who pitch on the east side toward the rising of the sun shall be those of the banner of the camp of Judah, throughout their armies. And Nāh'-shōn the son of Ām-mīn'-ā-dāb shall be captain of the children of Judah. ⁴And his army, and those that were numbered of them, were seventy-four thousand, six hundred. ⁵And those that pitch next to him shall be the tribe of Īs'-sā-chār. And Nēth'-ā-nēel the son of Zū'-ār shall be captain of the children of Īs'-sā-chār. ⁶And his army, and those that were numbered of it, were fifty-four thousand, four hundred. ⁷Then the tribe of Zē-bū'-lūn. And Ē-lī'-āb shall be captain of the children of Zē-bū'-lūn. ⁸And his army, and those that were numbered of it, were fifty-seven thousand, four hundred. ⁹All that were numbered in the camp of Judah were a hundred eighty-six thousand, four hundred, throughout their armies. These shall go forward first.

¹⁰On the south side shall be the banner of the camp of Reuben, according to their armies. And the captain of the children of Reuben

shall be Ē-lī'-zūr the son of Shēd'-ē-ūr. ¹¹And his army, and those that were numbered of it, were forty-six thousand, five hundred. ¹²And those who pitch beside him shall be the tribe of Simeon. And the captain of the children of Simeon shall be Shē-lú'-mī-ēl the son of Zū-rī-shād'-daī. ¹³And his army, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty-nine thousand, three hundred. ¹⁴Then the tribe of Gad. And the captain of the sons of Gad shall be Ē-lī'-ā-sāph the son of Deū'-ēl. ¹⁵And his army, and those that were numbered of them, were forty-five thousand, six hundred and fifty. ¹⁶All that were numbered in the camp of Reuben were a hundred fifty-one thousand, four hundred and fifty, throughout their armies. And they shall go forward in the second rank.

¹⁷Then the tabernacle of the congregation shall go forward with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camp. As they camp, so they shall go forward, each man in his place, by their banners.

¹⁸On the west side shall be the banner of the camp of Ephraim, according to their armies. And the captain of the sons of Ephraim shall be Ē-lī'-shā-mā the son of Ām'mī-hūd. ¹⁹And his army, and those that were numbered with them, were forty thousand, five hundred. ²⁰And beside him shall be the tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh. And the captain of the children of Mā-nās'-sēh shall be Gā-mā'-lī-ēl the son of Pē-dāh'-zūr. ²¹And his army, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty-two thousand, two hundred. ²²Then the tribe of Benjamin. And the captain of the sons of Benjamin shall be Ā-bī'-dān the son of Gīd-ē-ō'-nī. ²³And his army, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty-five thousand, four hundred. ²⁴All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were a hundred eight thousand, one hundred, by their armies. And they shall go forward in the third rank.

²⁵The banner of the camp of Dan shall be on the north side of their armies. And the captain of the children of Dan shall be Ā-hī-ē'-zēr the son of Ām-mī-shād'-daī. ²⁶And his army, and those that were numbered of them, were sixty-two thousand, seven hundred. ²⁷And those that camp beside him shall be the tribe of Asher. And the captain of the children of Asher shall be Pā'-gī-ēl the son of Ōc'-rān. ²⁸And his army, and those that were numbered of them, were forty-one thousand, five hundred. ²⁹Then the tribe of Nāph'-tā-lī. And the captain of the children of Nāph'-tā-lī shall be Ā-hī'-rā the son of Ē'-nān. ³⁰And his army, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty-three thousand, four hundred. ³¹All those who were numbered in the camp of Dan were a hundred fifty-seven thousand, six hundred. They shall go last with their banners.

³²These are those who were numbered of the children of Israel by the house of their fathers. All those who were numbered of the camps throughout their armies were six hundred three thousand, five hundred and fifty. ³³But the Levites were not numbered among the children of

Israel, even as the LORD commanded Moses. ³⁴And the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses. So they pitched by their banners, and so they went forward, everyone according to their families, according to the house of their fathers.

CHAPTER 3

¹These also are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that the LORD spoke with Moses in Mount Sinai. ²And these are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nā'-dāb the first-born, and Ā-bī'-hū, Ēl-ē-ā'-zār, and Ith'-ā-mār. ³These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests who were anointed, whom he set apart to minister in the priest's office. And Nā'-dāb and Ā-bī'-hū died before the LORD when they offered strange fire before the LORD in the wilderness of Sinai. And they had 10 children. And Ēl-ē-ā'-zār and Ith'-ā-mār ministered in the priest's office in the presence of Aaron their father.

⁵And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ⁶Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present them before Aaron the priest, so that they may minister to him. ⁷And they shall keep his charge and the charge of the whole congregation before the tabernacle of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle. ⁸And they shall keep all the instruments of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. ⁹And you shall give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons. They are wholly given unto him out of the children of Israel. ¹⁰And you shall appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall wait on their priest's office. And the stranger who comes near shall be put to death.

¹¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ¹²And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the first-born that opens the womb among the children of Israel. Therefore the Levites shall be Mine. ¹³Because all the first-born are mine—for on the day that I struck all the first-born in the children of Egypt I made all the first-born in Israel holy unto Me, both man and animal. They shall be Mine. I am the LORD.

¹⁴And the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai saying, ¹⁵Number the children of Levi according to the house of their fathers, by their families – you shall number them, every male from a month old and upward. ¹⁶And Moses numbered them according to the word of the LORD, as he was commanded. ¹⁷And these were the sons of Levi by their names: Gēr'-shōn, and Kō'-hāth, and Mē-rār'-ī. ¹⁸And these are the names of the sons of Gēr'-shōn by their families: Lib'-nī and Shim'-ē-ī. ¹⁹And the sons of Kō'-hāth by their families were Ām'-rām and I'-zē-hār, Hē'-brōn and Ūz'-zī-ēl. ²⁰And the sons of Mē-rār'-ī by their families were Māh-li and Mū'-shī. These were the families of the Levites according to the house of their fathers. ²¹Of Gēr'-shōn was the

family of the Līb'-nītes and the family of the Shīm'-ītes. These are the families of the Gēr'-shōn-ītes. ²²Those who were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward — those who were numbered of them were seven thousand, five hundred. ²³The families of the Gēr'-shōn-ītes shall pitch behind the tabernacle westward. ²⁴And the chief of the house of the father of the Gēr'-shōn-ītes shall be Ē-lī'-ā-sāph the son of Lā'-ēl. ²⁵And the charge of the sons of Gēr'-shōn in the tabernacle of the congregation shall be the tabernacle, and the tent, and the covering of it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, ²⁶and the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court which is by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and the cords of it, for all the service of it.

²⁷And of Kō'-hāth was the family of the Ām'-rām-ītes, and the family of the Ī'-zē-hār-ītes, and the family of the Hē'-brōn-ītes, and the family of the Ūz'-zī-ēl-ītes. These are the families of the Kō'-hāth-ītes. ²⁸In the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were eight thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the sanctuary. ²⁹The families of the sons of Kō'-hāth shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle southward. ³⁰And the chief of the house of the father of the families of the Kō'-hāth-ītes shall be Ē-lī-zā'-phān the son of Ūz'-zī-ēl. ³¹And their charge shall be the ark, and the table, and the lampstand, and the altars, and the vessels of the sanctuary with which they minister, and the hanging, and all the service of it. ³²And Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the son of Aaron the priest shall be chief over the leaders of the Levites, *having* the oversight of the ones who keep the charge of the sanctuary.

³³Of Mē-rār'-ī was the family of the Mäh'-lites and the family of the Mū'-shītes. These are the families of Mē-rār'-ī. ³⁴And those who were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males from a month old and upward, were six thousand and two hundred. ³⁵And the chief of the house of the father of the families of Mē-rār'-ī was Zū'-rī-ēl the son of Āb'-ī-hāil. *These* shall pitch on the side of the tabernacle northward. ³⁶And the office and charge of the sons of Mē-rār'-ī shall be the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars of it, and the pillars of it, and the sockets of it, and all the vessels of it, and all that serves unto it, ³⁷and the pillars of the court all around, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

³⁸But those who camp at the front of the tabernacle toward the east, before the tabernacle of the congregation eastward, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel. And the stranger that comes near shall be put to death. ³⁹All who were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron numbered at the commandment of the LORD, throughout their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty-two thousand.

⁴⁰And the LORD said to Moses, Number all the first-born of the males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names. ⁴¹You shall take the Levites for Me (I am the LORD) in the place of all the first-born among the children of Israel — and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel. ⁴²And as the LORD commanded him, Moses numbered all the first-born among the children of Israel. ⁴³And all the first-born males by the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty-two thousand two hundred and seventy-three. ⁴⁴And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ⁴⁵Take the Levites instead of all the first-born among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle. And the Levites shall be Mine. I am the LORD. ⁴⁶And for those that are to be redeemed of the two hundred and seventy-three of the first-born of the children of Israel, who are more than the Levites, you shall even take five shekels each by the poll, according to the shekel of the sanctuary you shall take. (The shekel is twenty *gē'-rāhs*.) ⁴⁷And you shall give unto Aaron and to his sons the money with which the number of them left over is to be redeemed. ⁴⁸And Moses took the redemption money from those who were over and above the ones who were redeemed by the Levites. ⁴⁹He took the money from the first-born of the children of Israel — one thousand three hundred and sixty-five *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. ⁵⁰And Moses gave the money from those who were redeemed unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of the LORD, as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 4

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron saying, ²Take the sum of the sons of Kō'-hāth from among the sons of Levi, according to their families, by the house of their fathers, ³from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years, all that enter into the host, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁴This shall be the service of the sons of Kō'-hāth in the tabernacle of the congregation, *about* the most holy things.

⁵And when the camp sets forth, Aaron and his sons shall come, and they shall take down the covering veil and cover the ark of testimony with it. ⁶And they shall put on it the covering of badgers' skins, and shall spread over it a cloth wholly of blue, and shall put in the staves of it. ⁷And they shall spread a cloth of blue upon the table of showbread, and put the dishes on it, and the spoons, and the bowls, and covers to cover it with. And the continual bread shall be on it. ⁸And they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and they shall put in the staves of it. ⁹And they shall make a cloth of blue and cover the lampstand of the light, and its

lamps, and its tongs, and its snuff-dishes, and all the oil vessels of it, with which they serve it. ¹⁰And they shall put it and all the vessels of it inside a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put it upon a bar. ¹¹And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins, and they shall put the staves into it. ¹²And they shall take all the instruments of ministry with which they serve in the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers' skins, and shall put *them* on a bar. ¹³And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth on it. ¹⁴And they shall put on it all the vessels of it, with which they minister about it — the censers, the flesh-hooks, and the shovels, and the basins, all the vessels of the altar. And they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins, and put the staves into it. ¹⁵And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the sanctuary, and all the vessels of the sanctuary, when the camp is to set forward — then after that the sons of Kō'-hāth shall come to carry *it*. But they shall not touch *any* holy thing lest they die. These *things are* the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tabernacle of the congregation.

¹⁶And to the office of Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the son of Aaron the priest *belongs* the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the daily meal offering, and the anointing oil, the oversight of all the tabernacle and of all that is in it, in the sanctuary and in the vessels of it.

¹⁷And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron saying, ¹⁸Do not cut off the tribe of the families of the Kō'-hāth-ites from among the Levites. ¹⁹But do to them in this way, that they may live and not die when they approach the most holy things. Aaron and his sons shall go in and appoint each one of them to his service and to his burden. ²⁰But they shall not go in to watch when the holy things are covered, lest they die.

²¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²²Take also the sum of the sons of Gēr'-shōn throughout the houses of their fathers by their families. ²³From thirty years old and upward to fifty years old you shall number them — all that enter in to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation. ²⁴This is the service of the families of the Gēr'-shōn-ites, to serve and to carry burdens. ²⁵And they shall carry the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tabernacle of the congregation, its covering, and the covering of the badgers' skins that is above upon it, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, ²⁶and the hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and all that is made for them. So they shall serve. ²⁷At the appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gēr'-shōn-ites, in all their burdens and in all their service. And you shall appoint all their burdens unto the ones in charge. ²⁸This is the service of the families of the sons of Gēr'-shōn in the tabernacle of the congre-

gation. And their charge shall be under the hand of Ith'-ā-mār the son of Aaron the priest.

²⁹As for the sons of Mē-râr'-î, you shall number them according to their families, by the house of their fathers. ³⁰You shall number them from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old — everyone who enters into the service, to do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation. ³¹And this is the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation — the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars of it, and the pillars of it, and sockets of it, ³²and the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service. And you shall count the instruments of the charge of their burden by name. ³³This is the service of the families of the sons of Mē-râr'-î, according to all their service, in the tabernacle of the congregation under the hand of Ith'-ā-mār the son of Aaron the priest.

³⁴And Moses and Aaron and the leaders of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kō'-hāth-îtes according to their families, and according to the house of their fathers. ³⁵*They numbered them* from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone that entered into the service, for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation. ³⁶And those that were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred and fifty. ³⁷These were the ones that were numbered of the families of the Kō'-hāth-îtes, all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, which Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses. ³⁸And those that were numbered of the sons of Gēr'-shōn, throughout their families, and by the house of their fathers, ³⁹from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone that enters into the service for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation, ⁴⁰even those that were numbered of them throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, were two thousand six hundred and thirty. ⁴¹These are the ones who were numbered of the families of the sons of Gēr'-shōn, of all that might do service in the tabernacle of the congregation, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of the LORD.

⁴²And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Mē-râr'-î, throughout their families, by the house of their fathers, ⁴³from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone that enters into the service for the work in the tabernacle of the congregation, ⁴⁴even those that were numbered of them according to their families, were three thousand, two hundred. ⁴⁵These are those who were numbered of the sons of Mē-râr'-î, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses. ⁴⁶All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the chief of Israel numbered, according to their families and according to

the house of their fathers, ⁴⁷from thirty years old and upward even to fifty years old, everyone that came to do the service of the ministry and the service of the burden in the tabernacle of the congregation, ⁴⁸even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand, five hundred and eighty. ⁴⁹According to the commandment of the LORD they were numbered by the hand of Moses, everyone according to his service and according to his burden. So they were numbered by him as the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 5

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Command the children of Israel that they put out of the camp every leper and everyone that has an issue, and whoever is defiled by the dead. ³You shall put out both male and female. You shall put them outside the camp so that they do not defile their camps in the midst of which I dwell. ⁴And the children of Israel did so, and put them out outside the camp. Even as the LORD spoke to Moses, so the children of Israel did.

⁵And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ⁶Speak to the children of Israel: When a man or woman shall commit any sin that men commit, to commit a trespass against the LORD, and that person is guilty, ⁷then they shall confess their sin which they have done. And he shall make good his wrong in full, and add to it one fifth of it, and give it to *him* against whom he has sinned. ⁸But if the man has no kinsman to whom he may pay for the wrong, let the trespass be given unto the LORD, to the priest, besides the ram of the atonement by which an atonement shall be made for him. ⁹And every offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel which they shall bring unto the priest, shall be his. ¹⁰And every man's devoted things shall be his. Whatever any man gives the priest, it shall be his.

¹¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ¹²Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, If any man's wife go aside and be unfaithful to him, ¹³and a man lie with her carnally, and if it is hidden from the eyes of her husband and is kept hidden, and she is defiled, and there are no witnesses against her, neither is she taken *in the act* — ¹⁴and if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he is jealous of his wife, and she is defiled — or if the spirit of jealousy comes upon him and he is jealous of his wife, and she is not defiled — ¹⁵then the man shall bring his wife to the priest. And he shall bring her offering for her, the tenth part of an *é'-phäh* of barley meal. He shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense on it, for it is an offering of jealousy, a reminding offering, bringing iniquity to mind.

¹⁶And the priest shall bring her near and set her before the LORD ¹⁷And the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel. And the priest shall take of the dust that is in the floor of the tabernacle and

put it into the water. ¹⁸And the priest shall set the woman before the LORD, and uncover the woman's head, and put the reminding offering in her hands—which is the jealousy offering. And the priest shall have in his hand the bitter water that causes the curse. ¹⁹And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and say to the woman, If no man has lain with you, and if you have not gone aside to uncleanness, being under your husband, you are free from this bitter water that causes the curse. ²⁰But if you have gone aside, being under your husband, and if you are defiled and some man has lain with you besides your husband, ²¹then the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of cursing — and the priest shall say to the woman. The LORD make you a curse and an oath among your people, when the LORD makes your thigh to fall away and your belly to swell. ²²And this water that causes the curse shall go into your bowels to make your belly swell and your thigh fall away. And the woman shall say, Amen, amen. ²³And the priest shall write these curses in a book, and he shall blot *them* out with the bitter water. ²⁴And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter water that causes the curse. And the water that causes the curse shall enter into her *and become* bitter. ²⁵Then the priest shall take the jealousy offering out of the woman's hand and shall wave the offering before the LORD, and offer it upon the altar. ²⁶And the priest shall take a handful of the offering, as a memorial of it, and burn it upon the altar, and afterward *he* shall cause the woman to drink the water. ²⁷And when he has made her drink the water, if she is defiled and has been unfaithful to her husband, the water that causes the curse shall enter into her *and become* bitter. And her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away. And the woman shall be a curse among her people. ²⁸And if the woman is not defiled, but is clean, then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed. ²⁹This is the law of jealousies when a woman goes aside, being under her husband, and is defiled. ³⁰Or when the spirit of jealousy comes on him, and he is jealous over his wife, and shall set the woman before the LORD, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. ³¹Then shall the man be guiltless from iniquity, and this woman shall bear her iniquity.

CHAPTER 6

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them, When either man or woman shall separate in order to vow a vow of a Nāz'-ā-rite, in order to separate unto the LORD, ³he shall separate from wine and strong drink and shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink; neither shall he drink any liquor of grapes, nor eat moist grapes or dried. ⁴All the days of his Nāz'-ā-rite-shīp he shall eat nothing that is made of the vine tree, from the kernels even to the husk. ⁵All the days of his vow to separate, no razor shall come upon his head. Until the days are fulfilled in which he separates unto the LORD, he shall be holy *and* shall let the locks of

the hair of his head grow. ⁶All the days that he separates unto the LORD, he shall not come near any dead body. ⁷He shall not make himself unclean for his father, or for his mother, or for his brother, or for his sister, when they die — because the consecration of his God is upon his head. ⁸All the days of his separation he is holy unto the LORD. ⁹And if any man dies very suddenly beside him, and he has defiled the head of his consecration, then he shall shave his head in the day of his cleansing, on the seventh day he shall shave it. ¹⁰And on the eighth day he shall bring two turtle-doves or two young pigeons to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹¹And the priest shall offer the one for a sin offering and the other for a burnt offering, and make an atonement for him, because he sinned by the dead, and shall make his head holy that same day. ¹²And he shall set apart unto the LORD the days of his separation, and shall bring a lamb of the first year for a guilt offering. But the days that were before shall be lost, because his separation was defiled.

¹³And this is the law of the Nāz'-ā-rīte, when the days of his separation are fulfilled. He shall be brought to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁴And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD — one male lamb of the first year without blemish for a burnt offering, and one ewe lamb of the first year without blemish for a sin offering, and one ram without blemish for peace offerings, ¹⁵and a basket of unleavened bread, cakes of fine flour mixed with oil, and wafers of unleavened bread anointed with oil, and their meal offerings and their drink offerings. ¹⁶And the priest shall bring them before the LORD and shall offer his sin offerings and his burnt offering. ¹⁷And he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, with the basket of unleavened bread. The priest shall offer also his meal offering and his drink offering. ¹⁸And the Nāz'-ā-rīte shall shave the head of his separation at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shall take the hair of the head of his separation and put it in the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace offerings. ¹⁹And the priest shall take the boiled shoulder of the ram and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and shall put *them* upon the hands of the Nāz'-ā-rīte, after his separation has been shaved. ²⁰And the priest shall wave them for a wave offering before the LORD. This is holy for the priest, with the wave breast and heave shoulder. And after that the Nāz'-ā-rīte may drink wine. ²¹This is the law of the Nāz'-ā-rīte who has vowed his offering unto the LORD for his separation, besides that which he is able to get — according to the vow which he vowed, so he must do according to the law of his separation.

²²And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²³Speak to Aaron and to his sons saying, In this way you shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, ²⁴The LORD bless you and keep you. ²⁵The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. ²⁶The LORD lift up

his face unto you and give you peace. ²⁷And they shall put My name upon the children of Israel. And I will bless them.

CHAPTER 7

¹And on the day that Moses had fully set up the tabernacle, and had anointed it and sanctified it, and all the instruments of it, both the altar and all the vessels of it, and had anointed them and sanctified them, the princes of Israel offered, *those who* were heads of the house of their fathers, who were the princes of the tribes and were over them that were numbered. ³And they brought their offerings before the LORD — six covered wagons and twelve oxen, a wagon for two of the princes, and an ox for each one. And they brought them before the tabernacle. ⁴And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ⁵Take it from them so that they may be *used* in doing the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. And you shall give them to the Levites, to every man according to his service. ⁶And Moses took the wagons and the oxen and gave them to the Levites. ⁷He gave two wagons and four oxen to the sons of Gēr'-shōn, according to their service. ⁸And he gave four wagons and eight oxen to the sons of Mē-râr'-î, according to their service, under the hand of Īth'-ā-mär, the son of Aaron the priest. ⁹But to the sons of ĩō'-häth he did not give any, because the service of the sanctuary belonging to them *was that which* they should carry upon their shoulders.

¹⁰And the princes offered for the dedication of the altar in the day that it was anointed, even the princes offered their offering before the altar. ¹¹And the LORD said to Moses, They shall offer their offering, each prince on his day, for the dedication of the altar.

¹²And he that offered his offering the first day was Näh'-shōn the son of Ām-mīn'-ā-dāb, of the tribe of Judah. ¹³And his offering was one silver platter. The weight of it was a hundred thirty *shekels*. *And he offered* one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary — both of them were full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering — ¹⁴one spoon of ten *shekels* of gold, full of incense — ¹⁵one young bull — one ram — one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering — ¹⁶one kid of the goats for a sin offering — ¹⁷and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Näh'-shōn the son of Ām-mīn'-ā-dāb.

¹⁸On the second day Nēth'-ā-nēel the son of Zū'-är, prince of Is'-sā-här, offered. ¹⁹He offered for his offering one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty *shekels* — one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering — ²⁰one spoon of gold of ten *shekels*, full of incense — ²¹one young bull — one ram — one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering — ²²one kid of the goats for a sin offering — ²³and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams,

five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Nēth'-ā-nēel the son of Zū'-är.

²⁴On the third day Ē-lī'-āb the son of Hē'-lōn, prince of the children of Zē-bū'-lūn, *offered*. ²⁵His offering was one silver platter, the weight of which was a hundred and thirty *shekels* — one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering — ²⁶one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense — ²⁷one young bull — one ram — one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering — ²⁸one kid of the goats for a sin offering — ²⁹and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Ē-lī'-āb the son of Hē'-lōn.

³⁰On the fourth day Ē-lī'-zūr the son of Shēd'-ē-ūr, prince of the children of Reuben, *offered*. ³¹His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred thirty *shekels* — one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering — ³²one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense — ³³one young bull — one ram — one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering — ³⁴one kid of the goats for a sin offering — ³⁵and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Ē-lī'-zūr the son of Shēd'-ē-ūr.

³⁶On the fifth day Shē-lū'-mī-ēl the son of Zū-rī-shād'-daī, prince of the children of Simeon, *offered*. ³⁷His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred thirty *shekels* — one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering — ³⁸one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense — ³⁹one young bull — one ram — one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering — ⁴⁰one kid of the goats for a sin offering — ⁴¹and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Shē-lū'-mī-ēl the son of Zū-rī-shād'-daī.

⁴²On the sixth day Ē-lī'-ā-sāph the son of Deū'-ēl, prince of the children of Gad, *offered*. ⁴³His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred thirty *shekels* — one silver bowl of seventy shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering — ⁴⁴one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense — ⁴⁵one young bull — one ram — one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering — ⁴⁶one kid of the goats for a sin offering — ⁴⁷and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Ē-lī'-ā-sāph the son of Deū'-ēl.

⁴⁸On the seventh day Ē-lī'-shā-mā the son of Ām'-mī-hūd, prince of the children of Ē'-phrā-īm, *offered*. ⁴⁹His offering was one silver platter

if the weight of a hundred thirty *shekels* — one silver bowl of seventy hekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering — ⁵⁰one golden spoon of ten *hekels*, full of incense — ⁵¹one young bull — one ram — one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering — ⁵²one kid of the goats for a sin offering — ⁵³and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of ʾ-ḏ-lī'-shā-mā the son of Ām'-mī-hūḏ.

⁵⁴On the eighth day Gā-mā'-lī-ēl the son of Pē-dāh'-zūr, prince of the children of Mā-nās'-sēh, *offered*. ⁵⁵His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred thirty *shekels* — one silver bowl of seventy hekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering — ⁵⁶one golden spoon of ten *hekels*, full of incense — ⁵⁷one young bull — one ram — one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering — ⁵⁸one kid of the goats for a sin offering — ⁵⁹and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of ʾ-ā-mā'-lī-ēl the son of Pē-dāh'-zūr.

⁶⁰On the ninth day Ā-bī'-dān the son of Gīd-ē-ō'-nī, prince of the children of Benjamin, *offered*. ⁶¹His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred thirty *shekels* — one silver bowl of seventy hekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering — ⁶²one golden spoon of ten *hekels*, full of incense — ⁶³one young bull — one ram — one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering — ⁶⁴one kid of the goats for a sin offering — ⁶⁵and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of ʾ-bī'-dān the son of Gīd-ē-ō'-nī.

⁶⁶On the tenth day Ā-hī-ē'-zēr the son of Ām-mī-shād'-dai, prince of the children of Dan, *offered*. ⁶⁷His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred thirty *shekels* — one silver bowl of seventy hekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering — ⁶⁸one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense — ⁶⁹one young bull — one ram — one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering — ⁷⁰one kid of the goats for a sin offering — ⁷¹and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Ā-hī-ē'-zēr the son of Ām-mī-shād'-dai.

⁷²On the eleventh day Pā'-gī-ēl the son of Ōc'-rān, prince of the children of Asher, *offered*. ⁷³His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred thirty *shekels* — one silver bowl of seventy hekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering — ⁷⁴one golden spoon of ten *hekels*, full of incense — ⁷⁵one young bull — one ram — one lamb of

the first year for a burnt offering — ⁷⁶one kid of the goats for a sin offering — ⁷⁷and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Pā'-gī-ēl the son of Ōc'-rān.

⁷⁸On the twelfth day Ā-hī'-rā the son of Ē'-nān, prince of the children of Nāph'-tā-lī, offered. ⁷⁹His offering was one silver platter of the weight of a hundred thirty *shekels* — one silver bowl of seventy *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, both of them full of fine flour mixed with oil for a meal offering — ⁸⁰one golden spoon of ten *shekels*, full of incense — ⁸¹one young bull — one ram — one lamb of the first year for a burnt offering — ⁸²one kid of the goats for a sin offering — ⁸³and for a sacrifice of peace offerings, two oxen, five rams, five male goats, five lambs of the first year. This was the offering of Ā-hī'-rā the son of Ē'-nān.

⁸⁴This was the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed, by the princes of Israel: twelve platters of silver, twelve silver bowls, twelve golden spoons. ⁸⁵Each platter of silver weighed a hundred thirty *shekels*, each bowl seventy *shekels*. All the silver vessels weighed two thousand four hundred *shekels*, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. ⁸⁶The golden spoons were twelve, full of incense, weighing ten *shekels* apiece, according to the shekel of the sanctuary. All the gold of the spoons was a hundred and twenty *shekels*. ⁸⁷All the oxen for the burnt offerings were twelve bulls, the rams twelve, the lambs of the first year twelve, with their meal offering. And the kids of the goats for a sin offering were twelve. ⁸⁸And all the oxen for the sacrifice of the peace offerings were twenty-four bulls, the rams sixty, the male goats sixty, the lambs of the first year sixty. This was the dedication of the altar after it was anointed.

⁸⁹And when Moses had gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with Him, then he heard the voice of One speaking to him from the mercy-seat that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two chēr'-ū-bīms.

CHAPTER 8

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Speak unto Aaron, and say to him, When you light the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand. ³And Aaron did so. He lighted the lamps of it over against the lampstand, as the LORD commanded Moses. ⁴And this work of the lampstand was of beaten gold, to the base of it, to the blossoms of it, it was beaten work. According to the pattern which the LORD had showed Moses, so he made the lampstand.

⁵And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ⁶Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and purify them. ⁷And in this way shall

you do to them to purify them. Sprinkle water of purifying upon them, and let them shave all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and make themselves clean. ⁸Then let them take a young bull with its meal offering, fine flour mixed with oil, and another young bull shall you take for a sin offering. ⁹And you shall bring the Levites before the tabernacle of the congregation. And you shall gather the whole assembly of the children of Israel together. ¹⁰And you shall bring the Levites before the LORD. And the children of Israel shall put their hands upon the Levites. ¹¹And Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD for an offering of the children of Israel, so that they may do the service of the LORD. ¹²And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bulls. And you shall offer the one for a sin offering, and the other for a burnt offering, unto the LORD, to make an atonement for the Levites. ¹³And you shall set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for an offering unto the LORD. ¹⁴So you shall separate the Levites from among the children of Israel. And the Levites shall be Mine.

¹⁵And after that the Levites shall go in to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. And you shall purify them and offer them for an offering. ¹⁶For they are wholly given unto Me from among the children of Israel. Instead of those that open every womb, the first-born of all the children of Israel, I have taken them unto Me. ¹⁷For all the first-born of the children of Israel are Mine, *both* man and animal. On the day that I struck every first-born in the land of Egypt I set them apart for Myself. ¹⁸And I have taken the Levites for all the first-born of the children of Israel. ¹⁹And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel — so that there may be no plague among the children of Israel when the children of Israel come near the sanctuary. ²⁰And Moses and Aaron and all the congregation of the children of Israel, did to the Levites according to all that the LORD commanded Moses concerning the Levites. So the children of Israel did unto them. ²¹And the Levites were purified, and they washed their clothes. And Aaron offered them *as* an offering before the LORD. And Aaron made an atonement for them to purify them. ²²And after that the Levites went in to do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation before Aaron and before his sons. Even as the LORD had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so they did to them.

²³And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²⁴This is what *belongs* to the Levites. From twenty-five years old and upward they shall go in to wait upon the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²⁵And from the age of fifty years they shall stop waiting upon the service, and shall serve no more. ²⁶But they shall minister with their brothers in

the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. So you shall do to the Levites as to their duties.

CHAPTER 9

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they had come out of the land of Egypt, saying, ²Let the children of Israel also keep the Passover at its appointed time. ³In the fourteenth day of this month, at evening, you shall keep it in its appointed time. You shall keep it according to all the rites of it, and according to all the ceremonies of it. ⁴And Moses spoke to the children of Israel that they should keep the Passover. ⁵And they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the first month at evening in the wilderness of Sinai. According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so all the children of Israel did.

⁶And there were certain men who were defiled by the dead body of a man, so that they could not keep the Passover on that day. And they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day. ⁷And those men said unto him, We are defiled by the dead body of a man. Why are we kept back that we may not offer an offering of the LORD in its appointed time among the children of Israel? ⁸And Moses said to them, Stand still, and I will hear what the LORD will command about you. ⁹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ¹⁰Speak to the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your posterity shall be unclean because of a dead body, or is in a journey afar off, he shall still keep the Passover unto the LORD. ¹¹They shall keep it the fourteenth day of the second month at evening, eating it with unleavened bread and bitter *herbs*. ¹²They shall leave none of it until the morning, nor break any bone of it. According to all the ordinances of the Passover they shall keep it. ¹³But the man that is clean, and is not in a journey, and holds back from keeping the Passover, even the same soul shall be cut off from among his people. Because he did not bring the offering of the LORD in His appointed time, that man shall bear his sin. ¹⁴And if a stranger shall live among you, and desires to keep the Passover unto the LORD, he shall do according to the ordinance of the Passover, and according to the manner of it. You shall have one ordinance, both for the stranger and for him that was born in the land.

¹⁵And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up, the cloud covered the tabernacle, the tent of the testimony. And at evening it was upon the tabernacle, looking like fire, until the morning. ¹⁶So it was always. The cloud covered it *by day*, and *it* looked like fire by night. ¹⁷And when the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle, then after that the children of Israel journeyed. And in the place where the cloud stayed, there the children of Israel pitched their tents. ¹⁸At the com-

mandment of the LORD the children of Israel journey, and at the commandment of the LORD they pitched. As long as the cloud stayed upon the tabernacle they rested in their tents. ¹⁹And when the cloud stayed long upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of the LORD and did not journey. ²⁰And so it was, when the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle, according to the commandment of the LORD they remained in their tents, and according to the commandment of the LORD they journeyed. ²¹And so it was, when the cloud stayed from evening unto the morning, and the cloud was taken up in the morning, then they journeyed — whether it was by day or by night that the cloud was taken up, they journeyed. ²²Or whether it was two days, or a month, or a year, that the cloud stayed upon the tabernacle, remaining on it, the children of Israel stayed in their tents and did not journey. But when it was taken up, they journeyed. ²³At the commandment of the LORD they rested in the tents, and at the commandment of the LORD they journeyed. They kept the charge of the LORD at the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 10

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Make two trumpets of silver. You shall make them of beaten work. And they shall be used for the calling of the assembly and for causing the camps to go forward. ³And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall gather themselves to you at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁴And if they blow with one trumpet, then the princes who are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves to you. ⁵When you blow an alarm, then the camps that lie on the east parts shall go forward. ⁶When you blow an alarm the second time, then the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey. They shall blow an alarm for their journeys. ⁷But when the congregation is to be gathered together, you shall blow, but you shall not sound an alarm. ⁸And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets. And they shall be to you for an ordinance forever throughout your generations. ⁹And if you go to war in your land against the enemy who fights against you, then you shall blow an alarm with the trumpets. And you shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and you shall be saved from your enemies. ¹⁰Also in the day of your gladness, and in your solemn days, and in the beginnings of your months, you shall blow with the trumpets over your burnt offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace offerings, so that they may be to you for a memorial before your GOD. I am the LORD your God.

¹¹And on the twentieth day of the second month, in the second year, the cloud was taken up from the tabernacle of the testimony. ¹²And the

children of Israel took their journeys out of the land of Sinai. And the cloud rested in the wilderness of Pâr'-ân. ¹³And they first took their journey according to the commandment of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

¹⁴In the first place went the banner of the camp of Judah according to their armies. And over his army was Näh'-shôn the son of Ām-mîn'-ā-dāb. ¹⁵And over the army of the tribe of the children of Is'-sā-chār was Nēth'-ā-nēel the son of Zū'-ār. ¹⁶And over the army of the tribe of Zē-bū'-lūn was Ē-lī'-āb the son of Hē'-lōn. ¹⁷And the tabernacle was taken down. And the sons of Gēr'-shōn and the sons of Mē-rār'-i went forward carrying the tabernacle.

¹⁸And the banner of the camp of Reuben went forward according to their armies. And over his army was Ē-lī'-zūr the son of Shēd'-ē-ūr. ¹⁹And over the army of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shē-lū'-mī-ēl the son of Zū-rī-shād'-daī. ²⁰And over the army of the tribe of Gad was Ē-lī'-ā-sāph the son of Deū'-ēl. ²¹And the Kō'-hāth-ites went forward carrying the sanctuary. And the tabernacle was set up before they came.

²²And the banner of the camp of the children of Ē'-phrā-īm went forward according to their armies. And over his army was Ē-lī'shā-mā the son of Ām'-mī-hūd. ²³And over the army of the tribe of the children of Mā-nās'-sēh was Gā-mā'-lī-ēl the son of Pē-dāh'-zūr. ²⁴And over the army of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Ā-bī'-dān the son of Gīd-ē-ō'-nī.

²⁵And the banner of the camp of the children of Dan set forward, being the rear *guard* of all the camps throughout their army. And over his army was Ā-hī-ē'-zēr the son of Ām-mī-shād'-daī. ²⁶And over the army of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pā'-gī-ēl the son of Ōc'-rān. ²⁷And over the army of the tribe of the children of Nāph'-tā-lī was Ā-hī-rā the son of E'-nān. ²⁸These were the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their armies when they went forward.

²⁹And Moses said to Hō'-bāb, the son of Reū'-ēl the Mīd'-ī-ān-īte, Moses' father-in-law: We are going to the place of which the LORD said, I will give it to you. Come with us and we will do you good. For the LORD has spoken good concerning Israel. ³⁰And he said to him, I will not go, but I will go to my own land and to my kindred. ³¹And he said, Do not leave us, I pray you, because you know how we are to camp in the wilderness, and so you may be to us instead of eyes. ³²And if you go with us, whatever goodness the LORD shall do to us, the same will we do to you.

³³And they moved three days' journey from the mountain of the LORD. And the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them in the three days' journey, to look for a resting-place for them. ³⁴And the

cloud of the LORD was upon them by day, when they went out of the camp. ³⁵And when the ark went forward, Moses said, Rise up, LORD, and let Thy enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Thee flee before Thee. ³⁶And when it rested, he said, Return, O LORD, unto the many thousands of Israel.

CHAPTER 11

¹And when the people complained, it displeased the LORD. And the LORD heard it, and His anger was kindled. And the fire of the LORD burned among them and burned up *those who were* in the outermost parts of the camp. ²And the people cried to Moses. And when Moses prayed unto the LORD, the fire was put out. ³And he called the name of the place Tāb'-ē-rāh, because the fire of the LORD burned among them. ⁴And the mixed multitude that was among them fell into strong lusting. And the children of Israel also cried again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? ⁵We remember the fish which we ate freely in Egypt, the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our soul is dried away — there is nothing at all besides this manna before our eyes. ⁷And the manna was like cōr'-ī-ān-dēr seed, and the color of it was like the color of bdellium [dēl'-ī-ūm]. ⁸And the people went around and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in a mortar, and baked it in pans, and made cakes of it. And the taste of it was like the taste of fresh oil. ⁹And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the manna fell upon it.

¹⁰Then Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man in the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD was kindled greatly. Moses also was displeased. ¹¹And Moses said to the LORD, Why hast Thou afflicted Thy servant? And why have I not found favor in Thy sight, so that Thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? ¹²Have I conceived all this people? Did I bring them forth, that Thou shouldest say to me, Carry them in your bosom like a nursing father carries the sucking child, to the land which Thou didst swear unto their fathers? ¹³From where should I get flesh to give to all this people? For they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh that we may eat. ¹⁴I am not able to bear all this people alone, because it is too heavy for me. ¹⁵And if Thou art going to deal this way with me, I beg Thee to kill me at once, if I have found favor in Thy sight — and let me not see my misery.

¹⁶And the LORD said to Moses, Gather unto Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people, and the officers over them. And bring them to the tabernacle of the congregation so that they may stand there with you. ¹⁷And I will come down and talk with you there. And I will take of the spirit which is upon you, and will put it upon them, and they shall bear the burden of

the people with you so that you do not bear it alone. ¹⁸And say unto the people, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow, and you shall eat flesh. For you have wept in the ears of the Lord, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? — for it was well with us in Egypt. Therefore the LORD will give you flesh, and you shall eat. ¹⁹You shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, ²⁰but even a whole month — until it comes out at your nostrils, and it is hateful to you — because you have despised the LORD who is among you, and have wept before Him, saying, Why did we come out of Egypt? ²¹And Moses said, The people among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen. And Thou hast said, I will give them flesh so that they may eat a whole month! ²²Shall the flocks and the herds be killed, to be enough for them? Or shall all the fish of the sea be gathered together for them, to be enough for them? ²³And the LORD said to Moses, Has the LORD's hand become short? You shall see now whether or not My word shall come to pass to you.

²⁴And Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD, and gathered the seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the tabernacle. ²⁵And the LORD came down in a cloud and spoke to him, and took of the spirit that was upon him and gave it to the seventy elders. And when the Spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they never did so again. ²⁶But two of the men stayed in the camp — the name of the one was Ēl'-dād, and the name of the other was Mē'-dād. And the Spirit rested upon them. And they were of those who were written, but did not go out to the tabernacle. And they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, and said, Ēl'-dād and Mē'-dād are prophesying in the camp. ²⁸And Jōsh'-ū-ā the son of Nun, the servant of Moses, one of his young men, answered and said, My lord Moses, make them cease. ²⁹And Moses said to him, Are you jealous for my sake? Would God that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put His Spirit upon them! ³⁰And Moses went into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

³¹And a wind went forth from the LORD. And it brought quails from the sea and let *them* fall by the camp, about a day's journey on this side, and about a day's journey on the other side, all around the camp, and about two cubits *high* upon the face of the earth. ³²And the people stood up all that day and all that night, and all the next day, and they gathered the quails. And he that gathered least gathered ten homers. And they spread them out for themselves all around the camp. ³³And while the flesh was yet between their teeth, before it was chewed, the wrath of the LORD was kindled against the people, and the LORD struck the people with a very great plague. ³⁴And he called the name of that place Kib'-rōth-hāt-tā'-ā-vāh, because there they buried the people that lusted. ³⁵And the people moved from Kib'-rōth-hāt-tā'-ā-vāh to Hā-zē'-rōth, and stayed at Hā-zē'-rōth.

CHAPTER 12

¹And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses because of the Cūsh'-ite woman whom he had married. For he had married a Cushite woman. ²And they said, Has the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses? Has He not also spoken by us? And the LORD heard it. ³(Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all the men who were upon the face of the earth.) ⁴And the LORD spoke suddenly to Moses and to Aaron and to Miriam, You three come out to the tabernacle of the congregation. And the three came out. ⁵And the LORD came down in the pillar of the cloud and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam. And they both came forth. ⁶And He said, Hear now My words. If there is a prophet among you, I the LORD will make Myself known to him in a vision, and will speak to him in a dream. ⁷Not so, My servant Moses. He is trusted in all My house. ⁸I will speak with him mouth to mouth, even clearly, and not in dark speeches. And he shall behold the likeness of the LORD. Why then were you not afraid to speak against My servant Moses? ⁹And the anger of the LORD was kindled against them, and He departed. ¹⁰And the cloud departed from the tabernacle. And behold! Miriam became leprous, *white* as snow. And Aaron looked upon Miriam, and behold, she was leprous. ¹¹And Aaron said to Moses, Oh, my lord, I beseech you, do not lay upon us the sin in which we have done foolishly, and in which we have sinned. ¹²Let her not be like one dead, of whom the flesh is half gone when he comes out of his mother's womb. ¹³And Moses cried unto the LORD saying, Heal her now, O God, I beseech Thee. ¹⁴And the LORD said to Moses, If her father had but spit in her face, should she not be ashamed seven days? Let her be shut out from the camp seven days, and after that let her be received in. ¹⁵And Miriam was shut out from the camp seven days. And the people did not journey until Miriam was brought in. ¹⁶And afterward the people moved from Hā-zē'-rōth, and pitched in the wilderness of Pār'-ān.

CHAPTER 13

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Send men so that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give to the children of Israel. You shall send a man from every tribe of their fathers, everyone a ruler among them. ³And Moses by the commandment of the LORD sent them from the wilderness of Pār'-ān. All those men were heads of the children of Israel. ⁴And these were their names. Of the tribe of Reuben, Shām'-mū-ā the son of Zāc'-cūr. ⁵Of the tribe of Simeon, Shā'-phāt the son of Hōr'-ī. ⁶Of the tribe of Judah, Cā'-lēb the son of Jē-phūn'-nēh. ⁷Of the tribe of Is'-sā-chār, Ī'-gāl the son of Joseph. ⁸Of the tribe of Ē'-phrā-īm, Ō-shē'-ā the son of Nun. ⁹Of the tribe of Benjamin, Pāl'-tī

the son of Rā'-phu. ¹⁰Of the tribe of Zē-bū'-lūn, Gād'-dī-ēl the son of Sō'-dī. ¹¹Of the tribe of Joseph: of the tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh, Gād'-dī the son of Sū'-sī. ¹²Of the tribe of Dan, Ām'-mī-ēl the son of Gē-māl'-lī. ¹³Of the tribe of Asher, Sē'-thūr the son of Michael. ¹⁴Of the tribe of Nāph'-tā-lī, Nāh'-bī the son of Vōph'-sī. ¹⁵Of the tribe of Gad, Geū'-ēl the son of Mā'-chī. ¹⁶These are the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Ō-shē'-ā the son of Nun Jōsh'-ū-ā.

¹⁷And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said to them, Go up this way, southward, and go up into the mountain. ¹⁸And see the land, what it is — and the people that live in it, whether they are strong or weak, few or many. ¹⁹And see what the land is that they live in, whether it is good or bad — and what cities they dwell in, whether in tents or in strongholds — ²⁰and what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is wood in it or not. And be of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of first ripe grapes.

²¹So they went up and searched the land from the wilderness of Zin to Rē'-hōb, as men come to Hā'-māth. ²²And they went up by the south and came to Hē'-brōn, where Ā-hī'-mān, Shē'-shaī, and Tāl'-maī, the children of Ān'-āk, were. (Now Hē'-brōn was built seven years before Zō'-an in Egypt.) ²³And they came to the valley of Ēsh'-cōl and cut from there a branch with one cluster of grapes. And they carried it between two men upon a staff. And they brought of the pōme'-grān-ātes and of the figs. ²⁴The place was called the valley of Ēsh'-cōl because of the clusters of grapes which the children of Israel cut down from there. ²⁵And they returned from spying out the land after forty days.

²⁶And they left and came to Moses and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Pār'-ān, to Kā'-dēsh. And they brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷And they told him and said, We came to the land where you sent us, and surely it flows with milk and honey. And this is the fruit of it. ²⁸Nevertheless the people that dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are walled, very great. And moreover we saw the children of Ān'-āk there. ²⁹The Ā-māl'-ēk-ītes dwell in the land of the south, and the Hīt'-tites, and the Jēb'-ū-sites, and the Ām'-ōr-ītes dwell in the mountains. And the Cā'-nāan-ītes dwell by the sea and by the coast of Jordan. ³⁰And Caleb stilled the people before Moses and said, Let us go up at once and possess it. For we are well able to overcome it. ³¹But the men that went up with him said, We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are. ³²And they brought up an evil report of the land which they had searched to the children of Israel, saying, The land through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eats up those who live

in it. And all the people whom we saw in it are men of great size. ³³And there we saw the giants, the sons of Ān'-āk, of the giants. And we were in our own sight like grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

CHAPTER 14

¹And all the congregation lifted up their voice and cried. And the people wept that night. ²And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron. And the whole congregation said to them, Oh that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or, Oh that we had died in the wilderness! ³And why has the LORD brought us into this land to fall by the sword, so that our wives and our children should be a prey? Would it not be better for us to return to Egypt? ⁴And they said to one another, Let us make a captain, and let us return to Egypt. ⁵Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. ⁶And Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jē-phūn'-nēh (*who were* of those that searched the land), tore their clothes. ⁷And they spoke to all the company of the children of Israel saying, The land which we passed through to search is an exceedingly good land. ⁸If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land which flows with milk and honey. ⁹Only do not rebel against the LORD, neither fear the people of the land. For they are bread for us. Their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them. ¹⁰But all the congregation said to stone them with stones. And the glory of the LORD appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation before all the children of Israel.

¹¹And the LORD said to MOSES, How long will this people provoke Me? And how long will it be before they believe Me, for all the signs which I have showed among them? ¹²I will strike them with the pestilence and will dīs-īn-hēr'-īt them, and I will make of you a greater nation and mightier than they. ¹³And Moses said unto the LORD, Then the Egyptians shall hear. (For Thou didst bring up this people in Thy might from among them.) ¹⁴And they will tell it to those who live in this land. They have heard that Thou, LORD, art among this people, *and* that Thou, LORD, art seen face to face, and that Thy cloud stands over them, and that Thou dost go before them by daytime in a pillar of cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night. ¹⁵Now if Thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard of Thy fame will speak, saying, ¹⁶Because the LORD was not able to bring this people into the land which He swore unto them, therefore He has killed them in the wilderness. ¹⁷And now, I beseech Thee, let the power of my lord be great, according as Thou hast spoken, saying, ¹⁸The LORD is long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers

upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation*. ¹⁹I beseech Thee, pardon the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of Thy mercy, and as Thou has forgiven this people from Egypt even until now.

²⁰And the LORD said, I have pardoned according to your word. ²¹But truly, as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD. ²²Because all those men who have seen My glory and My miracles which I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and have tempted Me now these ten times, and have not listened to My voice, ²³surely they shall not see the land which I swore to their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked Me see it. ²⁴But My servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and has followed Me fully, I will bring him into the land into which he went. And his seed shall possess it. ²⁵(Now the *Ā-māl'-ēk-ītes* and the *Canaanites* lived in the valley.) Tomorrow turn and go into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

²⁶And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²⁷How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, which murmurs against Me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel which they murmur against Me. ²⁸Say to them, As I live, says the LORD, as you have spoken in My ears, so I will do to you. ²⁹Your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, who have murmured against Me, ³⁰you shall without doubt not come into the land which I swore to make you live in — except Caleb the son of *Jē-phūn'-nēh*, and Joshua the son of Nun. ³¹But your little ones, which you said should be a prey, I will bring them in and they shall know the land which you have despised. ³²But *as for* you, your bodies shall fall in this wilderness. ³³And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years and bear your *fōr-nī-cā'-tions*, until your bodies have wasted in the wilderness. ³⁴According to the number of the days in which you searched the land — forty days — each day for a year you shall bear your iniquities — forty years — and you shall know my breaking off. ³⁵I the LORD have spoken — I will surely do it to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. They shall be destroyed in this wilderness, and there they shall die. ³⁶And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land — who returned and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up an evil report upon the land — ³⁷even those men that brought up the evil report upon the land died by the plague before the LORD. ³⁸But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of *Jē-phūn'-nēh*, who were of the men that went to spy out the land, lived. ³⁹And Moses told these sayings to all the children of Israel. And the people mourned greatly.

⁴⁰And they rose up early in the morning and went up to the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we *are here*, and will go up to the place which the LORD has promised, for we have sinned. ⁴¹And Moses said, Why

do you now go beyond the commandment of the LORD? — Since it cannot be blessed. ⁴²Do not go up, for the LORD is not among you — so that you may not be beaten before your enemies. ⁴³For the Ā-māl'-ĕk-ites and the Canaanites are there before you, and you shall fall by the sword. Because you have turned away from the LORD, therefore the LORD will not be with you. ⁴⁴But they presumed to go up to the hill-top. But the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and Moses, did not leave the camp. ⁴⁵Then the Ā-māl'-ĕk-ites came down, and the Canaanites who lived in the hill, and struck them, and beat them down, even to Hôr'-mäh.

CHAPTER 15

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Speak unto the children of Israel and say to them, When you have come into the land of your dwelling places, which I give to you, ³and will make an offering by fire to the LORD, a burnt offering or a sacrifice in performing a vow, or in a free-will offering, or in your solemn feasts, to make a sweet savor unto the LORD, from the herd or from the flock, ⁴then he who offers his offering unto the LORD shall bring a meal offering of a tenth deal of flour mixed with the fourth *part* of a hin of oil. ⁵And the fourth *part* of a hin of wine for a drink offering shall you prepare with the burnt offering or sacrifice for one lamb. ⁶Or for a ram, you shall prepare for a meal offering two tenth deals of flour mixed with the third *part* of a hin of oil. ⁷And for a drink offering you shall offer the third *part* of a hin of wine for a sweet savor to the LORD. ⁸And when you prepare a bull for a burnt offering, or for a sacrifice in performing a vow, or peace offerings unto the LORD, ⁹then he shall bring with the bull a meal offering of three tenth deals of flour mixed with half a hin of oil. ¹⁰And you shall bring for a drink offering half a hin of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor to the LORD. ¹¹So it shall be done for one bull, or for one ram, or for a lamb, or a kid. ¹²According to the number that you shall prepare, so you shall do to everyone according to their number. ¹³All that are born of the country shall do these things in this way, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD. ¹⁴And if a stranger stays with you, or whoever is among you in your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire of a sweet savor unto the LORD — as you do, so he shall do. ¹⁵One ordinance shall be for you of the congregation and also for the stranger that lives with you, an ordinance forever in your generations. As you are, so the stranger shall be before the LORD. ¹⁶One law and one way shall be for you and for the stranger that lives with you.

¹⁷And the LORD spoke to Mōses saying, ¹⁸Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When you come into the land where I bring you, ¹⁹then when you eat of the bread of the land, you shall offer up a heave

offering to the LORD. ²⁰You shall offer up a cake of the first of your dough for a heave offering. As you do the heave offering of the threshing-floor, so you shall lift it up. ²¹Of the first of your dough you shall give to the LORD a heave offering in your generations.

²²And if you have erred and have not done all these commandments which the LORD has spoken to Moses (²³all that the LORD has commanded you by the hand of Moses from the day that the LORD commanded *Moses* and from then on in your generations), ²⁴then if *anything* is committed by ignorance without the knowledge of the congregation, all the congregation shall offer up one young bull for a burnt offering, for a sweet savor unto the LORD, with its meal offering and its drink offering, according to the ordinance, and one kid of the goats for a sin offering. ²⁵And the priest shall make an atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and it shall be forgiven them — for it is ignorance. And they shall bring their offering, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD, and their sin offering before the LORD, for their ignorance. ²⁶And it shall be forgiven all the congregation of the children of Israel and the stranger that lives among them, since all the people were in ignorance. ²⁷And if any soul sins through ignorance, then he shall bring a female goat of the first year for a sin offering. ²⁸And the priest shall make an atonement for the soul that sins without knowing, when he sins by ignorance before the LORD, to make an atonement for him. And it shall be forgiven him. ²⁹And you shall have one law for him who sins through ignorance, *both for* him that is born among the children of Israel and for the stranger that lives among them. ³⁰But the soul who acts with a high hand, *whether* born in the land or a stranger, the same reproaches the LORD. And that soul shall be cut off from among his people. ³¹Because he has despised the word of the LORD and has broken His commandment, that soul shall be utterly cut off. His iniquity shall be upon him.

³²And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the sabbath day. ³³And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation. ³⁴And they put him under guard because it had not been clearly said what should be done to him. ³⁵And the LORD said to Moses, The man shall surely be put to death. All the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp. ³⁶And all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died — even as the LORD commanded Moses.

³⁷And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ³⁸Speak unto the children of Israel and command them that they make fringes in the borders of their garments throughout their generations, and that they put upon the fringe of the borders a ribbon of blue. ³⁹And it shall be to you for a fringe, that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the LORD, and do them — and so that you do not seek after your

own heart and your own eyes, after which you are used to commit fôr-nĩ-cā'-tion — ⁴⁰so that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy unto your God. ⁴¹I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God. I am the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 16

¹Now Kôr'-āh, the son of Iz'-hār, the son of Kō'-hāth the son of Lē'-vī, and Dā'-thān and Ā-bī'-rām, the sons of Ē-lī'-āb, and Ōn, the son of Pē'-lēth, sons of Reuben, took *men*. ²And they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men *who were* well-known. ³And they gathered themselves together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, *You take* too much upon you, since all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you lift yourselves up above the congregation of the LORD? ⁴And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face. ⁵And he spoke to Kôr'-āh and to all his company, saying, Even tomorrow the LORD will show who are His, and *who* is holy, and will cause *him* to come near to Him — even *him* whom He has chosen, He will cause to come near to Him. ⁶Do this. Take censers, Kôr'-āh and all his company, ⁷and put fire in them, and put incense in them before the LORD tomorrow. And the man whom the LORD chooses, he shall be holy. *You take* too much upon you, you sons of Levi!

⁸And Moses said to Kôr'-āh, Hear, I pray you, you sons of Levi — ⁹*does it seem* a small thing to you that the God of Israel has separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near Himself to do the service of the tabernacle of the LORD and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them? ¹⁰And He has brought you near *Him*, and all your brothers the sons of Levi with you. And do you seek the priesthood also? ¹¹For this cause *both* you and all your company are gathered together against the LORD. And what is Aaron, that you murmur against him?

¹²And Moses sent to call Dā'-thān and Ā-bī'-rām, the sons of Ē-lī'-āb. *And they* said, We will not come up. ¹³*Is it* a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land that flows with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, unless you also make yourself a prince over us? ¹⁴Besides you have not brought us into a land that flows with milk and honey, or given us inheritance in fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up. ¹⁵And Moses was very angry, and said to the LORD, Do not respect their offering. I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them. ¹⁶And Moses said unto Kôr'-āh, Stand before the LORD, you and all your company — you and they, and Aaron, tomorrow. ¹⁷And every man take his censer

and put incense in them, and let every man bring his censer before the LORD, two hundred and fifty censers — you also, and Aaron, each *with* his censer. ¹⁸And every man took his censer and put fire in them, and laid incense on it, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron.

¹⁹And Kôr'-āh gathered all the congregation against them, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And the glory of the LORD appeared to all the congregation. ²⁰And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, ²¹Separate yourselves from among this congregation, so that I may devour them in a moment. ²²And they fell upon their faces and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin and wilt Thou be angry with all the congregation? ²³And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²⁴Speak to the congregation saying, Get away from the tent of Kôr'-āh, Dā'-thān, and Ā-bī'-rām. ²⁵And Moses rose up and went to Dā'-thān and Ā-bī'-rām. And the elders of Israel followed him. ²⁶And he spoke to the congregation, saying, I pray you, get away from the tents of these wicked men. And touch nothing of theirs lest you be destroyed in all their sins. ²⁷So they got away from the tent of Kôr'-āh, Dā'-thān, and Ā-bī'-rām, on every side. And Dā'thān and Ā-bī'rām came out and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children. ²⁸And Moses said, By this you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works. For *they* are not of my own mind. ²⁹If these men die the common death of all men, or if they are visited according to the examination of all men, the LORD has not sent me. ³⁰But if the LORD makes a new thing, and the earth opens her mouth and swallows them up with all that *belong* to them, and they go down alive into the pit — then you shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD.

³¹And as he had made an end of speaking all these words, the ground which was under them split apart. ³²And the earth opened her mouth and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that *belonged* to Kôr'āh, and all *their* goods. ³³They and all that *belonged* to them went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them. And they perished from among the congregation. ³⁴And all Israel that were around them fled at their cry. For they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also. ³⁵And there came out a fire from the LORD and burned up the two hundred and fifty men who offered incense.

³⁶And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ³⁷Speak to Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter the fire yonder. For they are holy. ³⁸The censers of these sinners against their own souls, let them make them into broad plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before the LORD, therefore they are made holy. And they shall be a sign to the children of Israel. ³⁹And Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest took the brass censers, the ones with which those who had been burned up had offered, and they were

made into broad *plates* for a covering of the altar — ⁴⁰a memorial to the children of Israel, that no stranger who is not of the seed of Aaron may come near to offer incense before the LORD, so that he may not be as Kôr'-âh and as his company — as the LORD said to him by the hand of Moses.

⁴¹But on the next day all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron saying, You have killed the people of the LORD. ⁴²And when the congregation was gathered together against Moses and against Aaron, they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation. And behold! The cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD appeared. ⁴³And Moses and Aaron came before the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁴⁴And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ⁴⁵Get away from this congregation so that I may consume them as in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. ⁴⁶And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a censer, and put fire in it from the altar, and put on incense, and go quickly to the congregation and make an atonement for them. For wrath has gone out from the LORD — the plague has begun. ⁴⁷And Aaron did as Moses commanded and ran into the midst of the congregation. And behold! The plague had begun among the people. And he put on incense, and made an atonement for the people. ⁴⁸And he stood between the dead and the living, and the plague was stayed. ⁴⁹Now those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand, seven hundred, besides the ones who died about the matter of Kôr'-âh. ⁵⁰And Aaron returned to Moses to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the plague was stayed.

CHAPTER 17

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Speak to the children of Israel, and take a rod from every one of them according to the house of their fathers, of all their princes according to the house of their fathers, twelve rods. Write every man's name upon his rod. ³And you shall write Aaron's name upon the rod of Levi. For one rod shall be for the head of the house of their fathers. ⁴And you shall lay them up in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I will meet with you. ⁵And the rod of the man whom I shall choose shall blossom. And I will make to cease from Me the murmurings of the children of Israel by which they murmur against you. ⁶And Moses spoke to the children of Israel, and every one of their princes gave him a rod for each prince, according to their fathers' houses, twelve rods. And the rod of Aaron was among their rods. ⁷And Moses laid up the rods before the LORD in the tabernacle of witness. ⁸And on the next day Moses went into the tabernacle of witness. And behold! The rod of Aaron for the house of Levi had budded and had brought forth buds, and had bloomed, and had yielded almonds. ⁹And Moses brought out all the rods from before

the LORD to all the children of Israel. And they looked, and every man took his rod.

¹⁰And the LORD said to Moses, Bring Aaron's rod again before the testimony, to be kept as a token against the rebels. And you shall completely take away their murmurings from Me so that they do not die. ¹¹And Moses did so. As the LORD commanded him, so he did. ¹²And the children of Israel spoke to Moses saying, Behold, we die, we perish, we all perish. ¹³Whoever comes near the tabernacle of the LORD shall die. Shall we be consumed with dying?

CHAPTER 18

¹And the LORD said to Aaron, You and your sons, and your father's house with you shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary. And you and your sons with you shall bear the iniquity of the priesthood. ²And bring your brothers also of the tribe of Levi, the tribe of your father, with you, so that they may be joined to you and minister to you. But you and your sons with you *shall minister* before the tabernacle of witness. ³And they shall keep your charge and the charge of all the tabernacle. Only they shall not come near the vessels of the sanctuary and the altar, so that neither they nor you also may die. ⁴And they shall be joined to you, and keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, for all the service of the tabernacle. And a stranger shall not come near you. ⁵And you shall keep the charge of the sanctuary and the charge of the altar, so that there may be no wrath any more upon the children of Israel. ⁶And I, behold, I have taken your brothers the Levites from among the children of Israel. *They* are given to you as a gift for the LORD, to do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁷Therefore you and your sons with you shall keep your priests' office for everything of the altar and inside the veil. And you shall serve. I have given your priest's office as a service of gift. And the stranger that comes near shall be put to death.

⁸And the LORD said to Aaron, Behold, I have also given you the charge of My heave offerings of all the holy things of the children of Israel. I have given them to you because of the anointing, and to your sons, by an ordinance forever. ⁹This shall be yours of the most holy things, *reserved* from the fire — every sacrifice of theirs, every meal offering of theirs, and every trespass offering of theirs, which they shall give Me. *These* are most holy for you and for your sons. ¹⁰You shall eat it in the most holy *place*. Every male shall eat it. It shall be holy unto you. ¹¹And this is yours, the heave offering of their gift, with all the wave offerings of the children of Israel. I have given them to you and to your sons and to your daughters with you, by a statute forever. Everyone that is clean in your house shall eat of it. ¹²All the best of the oil, and all the best of the wine, and of the wheat, the first-fruits of them

which they shall offer unto the LORD, I have given them to you. ¹³And whatever is first ripe in the land, which they shall bring to the LORD, shall be yours. Everyone that is clean in your house shall eat of it.

¹⁴Everything devoted in Israel shall be yours. ¹⁵Everything that opens the womb in all flesh, which they bring to the LORD, *whether* of men or animals, shall be yours. Nevertheless the first-born of man you shall surely redeem, and the first-born of unclean animals you shall redeem. ¹⁶And those that are to be redeemed from a month old you shall redeem, according to your judgment for the money of five shekels, according to the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gē'-rāhs. ¹⁷But the first-born of a cow, or the first-born of a sheep, or the first-born of a goat, you shall not redeem. They are holy. You shall sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shall burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savor unto the LORD. ¹⁸And their flesh shall be yours, as the wave breast and as the right shoulder are yours. ¹⁹All the heave offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer to the LORD, I have given you and your sons and your daughters with you, by a law forever. It is a covenant of salt forever before the LORD to you and to your seed with you.

²⁰And the LORD spoke to Aaron, You shall have no inheritance in their land, neither shall you have any part among them. I am your part and your inheritance among the children of Israel. ²¹And behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²²Neither must the children of Israel come near the tabernacle of the congregation from now on, lest they bear sin and die. ²³But the Levites shall do the service of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear their iniquity. *It shall be* a statute forever throughout your generations, that among the children of Israel they have no inheritance. ²⁴But the tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as a heave offering unto the LORD, I have given to the Levites to inherit. Therefore I have said to them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

²⁵And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²⁶So speak to the Levites and say to them, When you take tithes from the children of Israel, which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then you shall offer up a heave offering of it for the LORD, a tenth part of the tithe. ²⁷And your heave offering shall be credited to you, as though it were the grain of the threshing-floor, and as the fulness of the wine-press. ²⁸So you also shall offer a heave offering unto the LORD of all your tithes which you receive from the children of Israel. And you shall give from it the LORD's offering to Aaron the priest. ²⁹Out of all your gifts you shall offer every heave offering of the LORD, of all the best of it, the holy part of it out of it. ³⁰Therefore you shall say to them, When you have lifted up the best of it, then it shall be credited to the Levites

as though it were the increase of the threshing-floor, and as the increase of the wine-press. ³¹And you shall eat it in every place, you and your households. For it is your reward for your service in the tabernacle of the congregation. ³²And you shall bear no sin because of it, when you have lifted up the best of it. Neither shall you defile the holy things of the children of Israel, lest you die.

CHAPTER 19

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses and to Aaron saying, ²This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD has commanded, saying, Speak to the children of Israel that they bring you a red heifer without spot, in which there is no blemish, and upon which no yoke ever came. ³And you shall give it to Ēl-ē-ā'-zär the priest that he may bring it forth outside the camp. And *one* shall kill it before his face. ⁴And Ēl-ē-ā'-zär the priest shall take of its blood with his finger and sprinkle of its blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation seven times. ⁵And *one* shall burn the heifer in his sight — its skin and its flesh and its blood with its dung, he shall burn. ⁶And the priest shall take cedar wood and hyssop and scarlet, and throw *it* into the midst of the burning of the heifer. ⁷Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water. And afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the evening. ⁸And he who burns her shall wash his clothes in water and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the evening. ⁹And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay *them* up outside the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation. It is a cleansing for sin. ¹⁰And he who gathers the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes and be unclean until the evening. And it shall be to the children of Israel, and to the stranger that lives among them, for a statute forever.

¹¹He who touches the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days. ¹²He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean. But if he does not purify himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean. ¹³Whoever touches the dead body of any man that is dead, and does not purify himself, defiles the tabernacle of the LORD. And that soul shall be cut off from Israel. Because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean. His uncleanness is still upon him.

¹⁴This is the law when a man dies in a tent. All that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. ¹⁵And every open vessel which has no covering bound upon it, is unclean. ¹⁶And whoever touches one that is killed with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. ¹⁷And for an unclean *person* they shall take of the ashes of the burnt

heifer of cleansing for sin, and running water shall be put to it in a vessel. ¹⁸And a clean person shall take hyssop and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one killed, or one dead, or a grave. ¹⁹And the clean *person* shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day. And on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water. And *he* shall be clean at evening. ²⁰But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he has defiled the sanctuary of the LORD. The water of separation has not been sprinkled upon him. He is unclean. ²¹And it shall be a never-ending law to them, that he who sprinkles the water of separation shall wash his clothes. And he that touches the water of separation shall be unclean until evening. ²²And whatever the unclean *person* touches shall be unclean. And the soul who touches it shall be unclean until evening.

CHAPTER 20

¹Then the children of Israel came, the whole congregation, into the desert of Zin in the first month. And the people stayed in Kā'-dēsh. And Miriam died there and was buried there. ²And there was no water for the congregation. And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. ³And the people contended with Moses and spoke, saying, Oh that we had died when our brothers died before the LORD! ⁴And why have you brought up the congregation of the LORD into this wilderness, so that we and our cattle should die there? ⁵And why have you made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us into this evil place? It is no place of seed or of figs or of vines or of pōme'-grān-ātes. Neither is there any water to drink. ⁶And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and they fell upon their faces. And the glory of the LORD appeared to them. ⁷And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ⁸Take the rod, and gather the assembly together, you and Aaron your brother, and speak to the rock before their eyes. And it shall give forth its water, and you shall bring forth to them water out of the rock. So you shall give the congregation and their animals drink. ⁹And Moses took the rod from before the LORD as He commanded him. ¹⁰And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said to them, Hear now you rebels. Must we bring water for you out of this rock? ¹¹And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he struck the rock twice. And the water came out plentifully, and the congregation and their animals drank.

¹²And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, Because you did not believe Me, to sanctify Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have

given them. ¹³This is the water of Mēr'-ī-bāh. Because the children of Israel fought with the LORD, and He showed Himself holy among them.

¹⁴And Moses sent messengers from Kā'-dēsh to the king of Ē'-dōm — so says your brother Israel, You know all the trouble that has happened to us — ¹⁵how our fathers went down into Egypt, and we have lived in Egypt a long time. And the Egyptians troubled us and our fathers. ¹⁶And when we cried unto the LORD, He heard our voice and sent an Angel, and has brought us forth out of Egypt. And behold! We are in Kā'-dēsh, a city in the outermost part of your border. ¹⁷Let us pass, I pray you, through your country. We will not pass through the fields, nor through the vineyards, neither will we drink of the water of the wells. We will go by the king's highway, we will not turn to the right hand nor to the left until we have passed your borders. ¹⁸And Ē'-dōm said to him, You shall not pass by me, lest I come out against you with the sword. ¹⁹And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the highway. And if I and my cattle drink of your water, then I will pay for it. Without doing anything, I will only go through on my feet. ²⁰And he said, You shall not go through. And Ē'-dōm came out against him with many people, and with a strong hand. ²¹So Ē'-dōm refused to give Israel passage through his border. Therefore Israel turned away from him.

²²And the children of Israel, the whole congregation, moved from Kā'-dēsh and came to Mount Hor. ²³And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron in Mount Hor, by the border of the land of Ē'-dōm, saying, ²⁴Aaron shall be gathered to his people. For he shall not enter into the land which I have given to the children of Israel, because you rebelled against My word at the water of Mēr'-ī-bāh. ²⁵Take Aaron and Ēl-ē-ā'-zār his son, and bring them up to Mount Hor. ²⁶And strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Ēl-ē-ā'-zār his son. And Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there. ²⁷And Moses did as the LORD commanded. And they went up into Mount Hor in the sight of all the congregation. ²⁸And Moses stripped Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Ēl-ē-ā'-zār his son. And Aaron died there in the top of the mount. And Moses and Ēl-ē-ā'-zār came down from the mountain. ²⁹And when all the congregation saw that Aaron was dead, they mourned for Aaron thirty days, all the house of Israel.

CHAPTER 21

¹And *when* king Ār'-ād the Cā'-nāan-īte, who lived in the south, heard that Israel came by the way of the spies, then he fought against Israel and took *some* of them prisoners. ²And Israel vowed a vow unto the LORD and said, If Thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will completely destroy their cities. ³And the LORD lis-

tened to the voice of Israel and delivered up the Canaanites. And they completely destroyed them and their cities. And he called the name of the place Hôr'-mäh.

⁴And they moved from Mount Hor by the way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the soul of the people was very discouraged because of the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For *there is* no bread, neither is there any water. And our soul hates this light bread. ⁶And the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people. And many people of Israel died. ⁷Therefore the people came to Moses and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD that He take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, Make a fiery serpent and set it upon a pole. And everyone who is bitten, when he looks upon it, shall live. ⁹And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole. And it came to pass that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked upon the serpent of brass, he lived.

¹⁰And the children of Israel went forward and pitched in Ö'-böth. ¹¹And they moved from Ö'-böth and pitched at Ī'-jē-äb'-ä-rīm in the wilderness which is in front of Mō'-äb, toward the sunrising. ¹²From there they moved and pitched in the valley of Zâr'-äd. ¹³From there they moved and pitched on the other side of Ār'-nōn, which is in the wilderness that comes out of the borders of the Ām'-ör-ites — for Ār'-nōn is in the border of Mō'-äb, between Mō'-äb and the Ām'-ör-ites. ¹⁴Therefore it is said in the book of the wars of the LORD, what He did in the Red Sea, and in the brooks of Arnon, ¹⁵and at the stream of the brooks that goes down to the dwelling of Ār and lies upon the border of Mō'-äb. ¹⁶And from there *they* went to Beer. That is the well of which the LORD spoke to Moses, Gather the people together, and I will give them water.

¹⁷Then Israel sang this song, Spring up, O well. Sing unto it. ¹⁸The princes dug the well, the nobles of the people dug it, with the scepter and with their staves. And from the wilderness *they* went to Mät-tä'-näh, ¹⁹and from Mät-tä'-näh to Nā-hä'-lī-ël, and from Nā-hä'-lī-ël to Bā'-mōth, ²⁰and from Bā'-mōth in the valley, which is in the country of Mō'-äb, *they* worked to the top of Pīs'-gäh, which looks toward Jē-shī'-mōn.

²¹And Israel sent messengers to Sī'-hōn king of the Ām'-ör-ites, saying, ²²Let me pass through your land. We will not turn into the fields or into the vineyards. We will not drink of the waters of the well. We will go along by the king's highway until we are past your borders. ²³And Sī'-hōn would not allow Israel to pass through his border. But Sī'-hōn gathered all his people together, and went out against Israel

into the wilderness. And he came to Jā'-hāz and fought against Israel. ²⁴And Israel struck him with the edge of the sword and possessed his land from Ār'-nōn to Jāb'-bok, even to the children of Ām'-mōn. For the border of the children of Ām'-mōn was strong. ²⁵And Israel took all these cities. And Israel lived in all the cities of the Ām'-ōr-ites, in Hēsh'-bōn and in all the villages of it. ²⁶For Hēsh'-bōn was the city of Sī'-hōn the king of the Ām'-ōr-ites, who had fought against the former king of Mō'-āb and had taken all his land out of his hand, even unto Ār'-nōn. ²⁷Therefore they who speak in proverbs say, Come into Hēsh'-bōn, let the city of Sī'-hōn be built and prepared. ²⁸For there has gone out a fire from Hēsh'-bōn, a flame from the city of Sī'-hōn. It has consumed Ār of Mō'-āb, the lords of the high places of Ār'-nōn. ²⁹Woe to you, Mō'-āb! You are undone, O people of Chemosh [Kē'-mōsh]! He has given his sons to be runaways, and his daughters to go into captivity, unto Sī'-hōn king of the Ām'-ōr-ites. ³⁰We have shot at them. Hēsh'-bōn has perished even to Dī'-bōn, and we have laid them waste even to Nō'-phāh which goes to Mē'-dē-bā.

³¹So Israel lived in the land of the Ām'-ōr-ites. ³²And Moses sent to spy out Jā'-ā'-zēr, and they took the villages of it and drove out the Ām'-ōr-ites that were there. ³³And they turned and went up by the way of Bā'-shān. And Og the king of Bā'-shān went out against them, he and all his people, to the battle at Ēd'-rē-ī. ³⁴And the LORD said to Moses, Do not fear him, for I have delivered him into your hand, and all his people and his land. And you shall do to him as you did to Sī'-hōn king of the Ām'-ōr-ites who lived at Hēsh'-bōn. ³⁵So they struck him and his sons and all his people, until there was none left him alive. And they possessed his land.

CHAPTER 22

¹And the children of Israel went forward and pitched in the plains of Moab on this side Jordan by Jericho. ²And Bā'-lāk the son of Zīp'-pôr saw all that Israel had done to the Ām'-ōr-ites. ³And Moab was much afraid of the people because they were many. And Moab was worried because of the children of Israel. ⁴And Moab said unto the elders of Mīd'-ī-ān, Now this company is licking up all that is around us, as the ox licks up the grass of the field. And Balak the son of Zīp'-pôr was king of the Moabites at that time. ⁵He sent messengers therefore unto Bā'-lāam the son of Bē'-ôr, to Pē'-thôr, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people—to call him, saying, Behold! There is a people come out from Egypt. Behold! They cover the face of the earth, and they are staying across from me. ⁶Therefore, I pray you, come now and curse this people for me. For they are too mighty for me. Perhaps I shall prevail so that we may strike them, and so that I may drive them out of the land. For I know that he whom you bless is blessed, and he whom you curse is cursed.

⁷And the elders of Moab and the elders of Mīd'-i-ān departed with the rewards of divination in their hand. And they came to Balaam and spoke the words of Balak to him. ⁸And he said to them, stay here to-night, and I will bring you word again, as the LORD shall speak to me. And the princes of Moab stayed with Balaam. ⁹And God came to Balaam and said, What men are these with you? ¹⁰And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zīp'-pôr, king of Moab, has sent to me saying, ¹¹Behold! A people has come out of Egypt which covers the face of the earth. Come now, curse them for me. Perhaps I shall be able to overcome them and drive them out. ¹²And God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people, for they are blessed. ¹³And Balaam rose up in the morning and said to the princes of Balak, Go into your land, for the LORD refuses to let me go with you. ⁴And the princes of Moab rose up. And they went to Balak and said, Balaam refuses to come with us.

¹⁵And Balak sent princes again, more and more honorable than those. ⁶And they came to Balaam and said to him, So says Balak the son of Zīp'-pôr, I pray you, let nothing hinder you from coming to me. ¹⁷For I will raise you up to very great honor, and I will do whatever you say to me. I pray you, come then and curse this people for me. ¹⁸And Balaam answered and said to the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the LORD my God, to do less or more. ¹⁹I pray you now therefore, stay here also this night so that I may know what more the LORD will say unto me. ²⁰And God came unto Balaam at night and said to him, If the men come to call you, rise up, go with them. But still, the word which I shall say unto you, that you shall do. ²¹And Balaam rose up in the morning and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.

²²And God's anger was kindled because he went. And the Angel of the LORD stood in the way as an enemy against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him. ²³And the ass saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way, and His sword drawn in His hand. And the ass turned aside out of the way and went into the field. And Balaam struck the ass, to turn her into the way. ²⁴But the Angel of the LORD stood in a path of the vineyards, a wall being on this side, and a wall on that side. ²⁵And when the ass saw the Angel of the LORD, she pushed herself into the wall and crushed Balaam's foot against the wall. And he struck her again. ²⁶And the Angel of the LORD went further and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right hand or to the left. ²⁷And when the ass saw the Angel of the LORD, she fell down under Balaam. And Balaam's anger was kindled, and he struck the ass with a staff. ²⁸And the LORD opened the mouth of the ass, and she said to Balaam, What have I done to you, that you have beaten me these three times? ²⁹And Balaam said to the ass, Because you have mocked me. I wish

there were a sword in my hand, for now I would kill you. ³⁰And the ass said to Balaam, Am I not your ass, upon which you have ridden ever since I was yours, to this day? Was I ever known to do so to you? And he said, no.

³¹Then the LORD opened the eyes of Balaam, and he saw the Angel of the LORD standing in the way, and His sword drawn in His hand. And he bowed down his head, and fell flat on his face. ³²And the Angel of the LORD said to him, Why have you beaten your ass these three times? Behold! I went out to be an enemy to you, because your way is perverse before Me. ³³And the ass saw Me and turned from Me these three times. Unless she had turned from Me, surely now I also would have killed you and saved her alive. ³⁴And Balaam said to the Angel of the LORD, I have sinned. For I did not know that Thou didst stand in the way against me. Now therefore, if it displeases Thee, I will go back again. ³⁵And the Angel of the LORD said to Balaam, Go with the men. But only the word that I shall speak to you, that you shall speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

³⁶And when Balak heard that Balaam had come, he went out to meet him, to a city of Moab, which is in the border of Ār'-nōn, which is in the outermost border. ³⁷And Balak said to Balaam, Did I not earnestly send to you to call you? Why did you not come unto me? Am I not able indeed to lift you up to honor? ³⁸And Balaam said to Balak, Lo, I have come unto you. Have I now any power at all to say anything? The word that God puts in my mouth, that I shall speak. ³⁹And Balaam went with Balak, and they came to Kūr'-jāth-hū'-zōth. ⁴⁰And Balak offered oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam and to the princes that were with him. ⁴¹And on the next day Balak took Balaam and brought him up into the high places of Baal, so that from there he might see the utmost *part* of the people.

CHAPTER 23

¹And Balaam said to Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare here seven oxen and seven rams for me. ²And Balak did as Balaam had spoken. And Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bull and a ram. ³And Balaam said to Balak, Stand by your burnt offering, and I will go. Perhaps the LORD will come to meet me. And whatever He shows me I will tell you. And he went to a high place. ⁴And God met Balaam. And he said to Him, I have prepared seven altars, and I have offered upon every altar a bull and a ram. ⁵And the LORD put a word in Balaam's mouth and said, Return to Balak, and so you shall speak. ⁶And he returned to him. And lo, he stood by his burnt sacrifice, he and all the princes of Moab.

⁷And he took up his parable, and said, Balak the king of Moab has brought me from Ār'-ām, out of the mountains of the east, *saying*,

Come, curse Jacob for me, and come, defy Israel. ⁸How shall I curse *him* whom God has not cursed? Or how shall I defy *him* whom the LORD has not defied? ⁹For from the top of the rocks I see him, and from the hills I behold him. Lo, the people shall dwell alone, and shall not be counted among the nations. ¹⁰Who can count the dust of Jacob, and the number of the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his! ¹¹And Balak said unto Balaam, What have you done to me? I took you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have kept on blessing them! ¹²And he answered and said, Must I not be careful to speak that which the LORD has put in my mouth? ³And Balak said unto him, I pray you, come with me to another place from where you may see them. You shall see only the outermost part of them, and shall not see them all. And curse them from there for me.

¹⁴And he brought him into the field of Zō'-phīm, to the top of Pīs'-gāh, and built seven altars and offered a bull and a ram on every altar. ⁵And he said unto Balak, Stand here by your burnt offering while I meet *the* LORD yonder. ¹⁶And the LORD met Balaam and put a word in his mouth, and said, Go again to Balak and say this. ¹⁷And when he came to him, behold, he stood by his burnt offering, and the princes of Moab were with him. And Balak said to him, What has the LORD spoken?

¹⁸And he took up his parable and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear. Listen to me, son of Zip'-pôr. ¹⁹God is not a man that He should lie, neither is *He* the son of man that He should repent. Has He said, and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken, and shall He not make it good? ²⁰Behold, I have received *commandment* to bless. And He has blessed, and I cannot reverse it. ²¹He has not seen iniquity in Jacob, neither has He seen perverseness in Israel. The LORD his God is with him, and the shout of a king is among them. ²²God brought them out of Egypt. He has as it were the strength of an ox. ²³Surely there is no magic art against Jacob, neither is there any fortune-telling against Israel. According to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What God has worked! ²⁴Behold, the people shall rise up like a great lion, and lift up himself like a young lion. He shall not lie down until he eats of the prey and drinks the blood of the slain.

²⁵And Balak said to Balaam, Neither curse them at all nor bless them at all. ²⁶But Balaam answered and said to Balak, Did I not tell you, saying, All that the LORD speaks, that I must do? ²⁷And Balak said to Balaam, I pray you, come. I will bring you into another place. Perhaps it will please God that you will curse them for me from there. ²⁸And Balak brought Balaam to the top of Pē'-ôr that looks toward Jē-shī'-mōn. ¹⁹And Balaam said to Balak, Build seven altars here for me, and prepare seven bulls and seven rams here for me. ³⁰And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered a bull and a ram on every altar.

CHAPTER 24

¹And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he did not go, as at other times, to seek for secret arts, but he set his face toward the wilderness. ²And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel pitched, according to their tribes. And the Spirit of God came upon him. ³And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Bē'-ôr has said, and the man whose eyes are open has said — 'he has said — he who heard the words of God, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down but having his eyes open — ⁵How goodly are your tents, O Jacob, *and* your tabernacles, O Israel! ⁶They are spread forth like the valleys, like gardens by the river's side, like the trees of aloes which the LORD has planted, like cedar trees beside the waters. ⁷He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters. And his king shall be higher than Ā'-gāg, and his kingdom shall be exalted. ⁸God brought him forth out of Egypt. He has as it were the strength of an ox. He shall eat up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows. ⁹He crouched. He lay down as a lion, and as a great lion. Who shall stir him up? Blessed is he who blesses you, and cursed is he who curses you.

¹⁰And Balak's anger was kindled against Balaam. And he struck his hands together. And Balak said to Balaam, I called you to curse my enemies, and behold, you have kept on blessing them these three times. ¹¹Therefore now flee to your place. I thought to lift you up to great honor, but lo, the LORD has kept you back from honor. ¹²And Balaam said to Balak, Did I not speak also to your messengers whom you sent to me, saying, ¹³If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the commandment of the LORD, to do good or bad of my own mind. *But* what the LORD said, that I will speak. ¹⁴And now, behold, I go to my people. Come! I will make known to you what this people shall do to your people in the latter days.

¹⁵And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Bē'-ôr has said, and the man whose eyes are open has said — ¹⁶he has said, he who heard the words of God and knew the knowledge of the Most High, who saw the vision of the Almighty, falling down but having his eyes open — ¹⁷I shall see him, but not now. I shall behold him, but not near. There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Scepter shall rise out of Israel, and shall strike the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth. ¹⁸And Edom shall be a possession. Sē'-ir also shall be a possession for his enemies. And Israel shall do valiantly. ¹⁹Out of Jacob shall come He who shall have dominion and shall destroy him who remains of the city.

²⁰And when he looked on Ām'-ā-lēk, he took up his parable and said, Ām'-ā-lēk was the first of the nations. But his latter end shall be that he shall perish forever. ²¹And he looked on the Kē'-nītes, and took up his parable and said, Strong is your dwelling-place, and you put your nest in a rock. ²²Nevertheless the Kē'-nītes shall be wasted until Āssh'-ūr shall carry you away captive. ²³And he took up his parable and said, Alas, who shall live when God does this! ²⁴And ships shall come from the coast of Chīt'-tīm, and shall afflict Āssh'-ūr, and shall afflict F'-bēr, and he also shall perish forever. ²⁵And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place. And Balak also went his way.

CHAPTER 25

¹And Israel lived in Chīt'-tīm, and the people began to commit fôr-nī-ca-tiōn with the daughters of Moab. ²And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods. And the people ate and bowed down to their gods. ³And Israel joined himself to Bā'-āl-pē-ôr. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel. ⁴And the LORD said to Moses, Take all the heads of the people and hang them up before the LORD against the sun, so that the fierce anger of the LORD may be turned away from Israel. ⁵And Moses said to the judges of Israel, Every one of you kill his men who were joined to Bā'-āl-pē-ôr. ⁶And behold! One of the children of Israel came and brought to his brothers a woman of Midian, in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, who were weeping before the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ⁷And when Phīn'-ē-hās, the son of Ēl-ē-ā'-zār, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from among the congregation and took a spear in his hand. ⁸And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman, through her belly. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. ⁹And those that died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.

¹⁰And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ¹¹Phīn'-ē-hās the son of Ēl-ē-ā'-zār, the son of Aaron the priest, has turned My wrath away from the children of Israel while he was zealous for My sake among them — so that I did not destroy the children of Israel in My jealousy. ¹²Therefore say, Behold! I give him My covenant of peace. ¹³And he shall have it, and his seed after him, the covenant of an everlasting priesthood—because he was zealous for his God, and made an atonement for the children of Israel. ¹⁴Now the name of the Israelite who was killed, (he who was killed with the woman of Midian) was Zīm'-rī, the son of Sā'-lû, a prince of a chief house among the Simeonites. ¹⁵And the name of the woman of Midian (she who was slain) was Cöz'-bī, the daughter of Zur. He was head over a people, *and* of a chief house in Mid'-ī-ān.

¹⁶And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ¹⁷Trouble the Mīd'-ī-ān-ites, and strike them. ¹⁸For they trouble you with their lies, with which they have deceived you in the matter of Pē'-ôr, and in the matter of Cōz'-bī the daughter of a prince of Mīd'-ī-ān, their sister, who was killed in the day of the plague because of Pē'-ôr.

CHAPTER 26

¹And after the plague, the LORD spoke to Moses and to Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the son of Aaron the priest, saying, ²Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, throughout their fathers' house, all that are able to go to war in Israel. ³And Moses and Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab beside Jordan saying, ⁴Count the people from twenty years old and upward, as the LORD commanded Moses and the children of Israel, who went forth out of the land of Egypt.

⁵Reuben, the oldest son of Israel — the children of Reuben, Hā'-nōch, of whom comes the family of the Hā'-nōch-ites; of Pāl'-lū the family of the Pāl'-lū-ites; ⁶of Hēz'-rōn the family of the Hēz'-rōn-ites; of Cār'-mī, the family of the Cār'-mītes. ⁷These are the families of the Reū'-bēn-ites. And those who were numbered of them were forty-three thousand, seven hundred and thirty. ⁸And the sons of Pāl'-lū were Ē-lī'-āb. ⁹And the sons of Ē-lī'-āb were Nēm'-ū-ēl, and Dā'-thān, and Ā-bī'-rām. This is that Dā'-thān and Ā-bī'-rām who were famous in the congregation, who fought against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Kōr'-āh, when they fought against the LORD. ¹⁰And the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up together with Kōr'-āh, when that company died, when the fire devoured two hundred and fifty men. And they became a sign. ¹¹However the children of Kōr'-āh did not die.

¹²The sons of Simeon according to their families: of Nēm'-ū-ēl, the family of the Nēm'-ū-ēl-ites; of Jā'-mīn, the family of the Jā'-mīn-ites; of Jā'-chīn, the family of the Jā'-chīn-ites; ¹³of Zē'-rāh, the family of the Zār'-hītes; of Shā'-ūl, the family of the Shā'-ūl-ites. ¹⁴These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty-two thousand and two hundred.

¹⁵The children of Gad according to their families: of Zē'-phōn, the family of the Zē'-phōn-ites; of Hāg'-gī, the family of the Hāg'-gītes; of Shū'-nī, the family of the Shū'-nītes; ¹⁶of Ōz'-nī, the family of the Ōz'-nītes; of Ē'-rī, the family of the Ē'-rītes; ¹⁷of Ār'-ōd, the family of the Ār'-ōd-ites; of Ā-rē'-lī, the family of the Ā-rē'-lītes. ¹⁸These are the families of the children of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand and five hundred.

¹⁹The sons of Judah were Er and Ō'-nān. And Er and Ō'-nān died in the land of Canaan. ²⁰And the sons of Judah according to their families were: of Shē'-lāh, the family of the Shē'-lā-nītes; of Phār'-ēz, the family of the Phār'-ēz-ites; of Zē'-rāh, the family of the Zār'-hītes. ²¹And

the sons of Phâr'-êz were: of Hêz'-rôn, the family of the Hêz'-rôn-ites; of Hâm'-ül, the family of the Hâm'-ül-ites. ²²These are the families of Judah according to those that were numbered of them, seventy-six thousand and five hundred.

²³Of the sons of Is'-sä-chär according to their families: of Tõ'-lä, the family of the Tõ'-lä-ites; of Pü'-ä, the family of the Pü'-nites; ²⁴of Jäh'-üb, the family of the Jäh'-üb-ites; of Shim'-rôn, the family of the Shim'-rôn-ites. ²⁵These are the families of Is'-sä-chär according to those that were numbered of them, sixty-four thousand and three hundred.

²⁶Of the sons of Zê-bü'-lün, according to their families: of Sé'-rêd, the family of the Sär'-dites; of Ê'-lôn, the family of the Ê'-lôn-ites; of Jäh'-lêel, the family of the Jäh'-lêel-ites. ²⁷These are the families of the Zê-bü'-lün-ites according to those that were numbered of them, sixty thousand and five hundred.

²⁸The sons of Joseph according to their families were Mä-näs'-sêh and Ê'-phrä-ïm. ²⁹Of the sons of Mä-näs'-sêh: of Mä'-chir, the family of the Mä'-chir-ites. And Mä'-chir fathered Gil'-ê-äd: of Gil'-ê-äd come the family of the Gil'-ê-äd-ites. ³⁰These are the sons of Gil'-ê-äd: of Jê-ê'-zêr, the family of the Jê-ê'-zêr-ites; of Hê'-lêk, the family of the Hê'-lêk-ites. ³¹And of Äs'-ri-êl, the family of the Äs'-ri-êl-ites; and of Shê'-chêm, the family of the Shê'-chêm-ites; ³²and of Shê'-mî'-dä, the family of the Shê'-mî'-dä-ites; and of Hê'-phêr, the family of the Hê'-phêr-ites.

³³And Zê-löph'-ê-häd the son of Hê'-phêr had no sons, but daughters. And the names of the daughters of Zê-löph'-ê-häd were Mär'-läh, and No'-äh, Hög'-läh, Mil'-cäh, and Tir'-zäh. ³⁴These are the families of Mä-näs'-sêh, and those that were numbered of them were fifty-two thousand and seven hundred.

³⁵These are the sons of Ê'-phrä-ïm according to their families: of Shù-thê'-läh, the family of the Shù-thê'-läh-ites; of Bê'-chêr, the family of the Bê'-chêr-ites; of Tä'-hän, the family of the Tä'-hän-ites. ³⁶And these are the sons of Shù-thê'-läh: of Ê'-rän, the family of the Ê'-rän-ites. ³⁷These are the families of the sons of Ê'-phrä-ïm according to those that were numbered of them, thirty-two thousand and five hundred. These are the sons of Joseph according to their families.

³⁸The sons of Benjamin according to their families: of Bê'-lä, the family of the Bê'-lä-ites; of Äsh'-bêl, the family of the Äsh'-bêl-ites; of Ä-hî'-räm, the family of the Ä-hî'-räm-ites; ³⁹of Shù'-phäm, the family of the Shù'-phäm-ites; of Hü'-phäm, the family of the Hü'-phäm-ites. ⁴⁰And the sons of Bê'-lä were Ärd and Nä'-ä-män. Of Ärd, the family of the Ärd-ites; of Nä'-ä-män, the family of the Nä'-ä-män-ites. ⁴¹These are the sons of Benjamin according to their families. And they that were numbered of them were forty-five thousand and six hundred.

⁴²These are the sons of Dan according to their families: of Shû'-hām, the families of the Shû'-hām-ites. These are the families of Dan according to their families. ⁴³All the families of the Shû'-hām-ites, according to those that were numbered of them, were sixty-four thousand and four hundred.

⁴⁴Of the children of Asher according to their families: of Jīm'-nā, the family of the Jīm'-nites; of Jēs'-ū-i, the family of the Jēs'-ū-ites; of Bē-rī'-āh, the family of the Bē-rī'-ites. ⁴⁵Of the sons of Bē-rī'-āh: of Hē'-bēr, the family of the Hē'-bēr-ites; of Māl'-chī-ēl, the family of the Māl'-chī-ē'-lites. ⁴⁶And the name of the daughter of Asher was Sarah. ⁴⁷These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those that were numbered of them, fifty-three thousand and four hundred.

⁴⁸The sons of Nāph'-tā-li according to their families: of Jāh'-zēel, the family of the Jāh'-zēel-ites; of Gū'-nī, the family of the Gū'-nites; ⁴⁹of Jē'-zēr, the family of the Jē'-zēr-ites; of Shīl'-lēm, the family of the Shīl'-lēm-ites. ⁵⁰These are the families of Nāph'-tā-li according to their families. And they that were numbered of them were forty-five thousand and four hundred. ⁵¹These were the numbered of the children of Israel, six hundred one thousand, seven hundred and thirty.

⁵²And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ⁵³Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the number of names. ⁵⁴To many you shall give the more inheritance, and to few you shall give the less inheritance. To everyone shall his inheritance be given according to those that were numbered of him. ⁵⁵Notwithstanding the land shall be divided by lot. According to the names of the tribes of their fathers they shall inherit. ⁵⁶According to the lot shall the possession of it be divided between many and few.

⁵⁷And these are those who were numbered of the Levites after their families: of Gēr'-shōn, the family of the Gēr'-shōn-ites; of Kō'-hāth, the family of the Kō'-hāth-ites; of Mē-rār'-i, the family of the Mē-rār'-ites. ⁵⁸These are the families of the Levites: the family of the Lib'-nites, the family of the Hē'-brōn-ites, the family of the Māh'-lites, the family of the Mū'-shites, the family of the Kōr'-ā-thites. And Kō'-hāth fathered Ām'-rām. ⁵⁹And the name of Ām'-rām's wife was Jōch'-ē-bēd, the daughter of Levi, whom *her mother* bore to Levi in Egypt. And she bore unto Ām'-rām Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister. ⁶⁰And unto Aaron was born Nā'-dāb, and Ā-bī-hū, Ēl-ē-ā'-zār, and Ith'-ā-mār. ⁶¹And Nā'-dāb and Ā-bī-hū died when they offered strange fire before the LORD. ⁶²And those who were numbered of them were twenty-three thousand, all males from a month old and upward. For they were not numbered among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.

⁶³These are they that were numbered by Moses and Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab near

Jordan near Jericho. ⁶⁴But among these there was not a man of them whom Moses and Aaron the priest numbered, when they numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. ⁶⁵For the LORD had said of them, They shall surely die in the wilderness. And there was not a man left of them, except Caleb the son of Jē-phūn'-neh and Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAPTER 27

¹Then the daughters of Zē-lōph'-ē-hād, the son of Hē'-phēr, the son of Gīl'-ē-ād, the son of Mā'-chīr, the son of Mā-nās'-sēh, of the families of Mā-nās'-sēh the son of Joseph, came. And these are the names of his daughters: Māh'-lāh, Nō'-āh, Hōg'-lāh, Mīl'-cāh, and Tīr'-zāh. ²And they stood before Moses and before Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, saying, ³Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not in the company of those who gathered themselves together against the LORD in the company of Kōr'-āh, but died in his own sin, and had no sons. ⁴Why should the name of our father be taken away from among his family, because he has no son? *Therefore* give us a possession among the brothers of our father. ⁵And Moses brought their cause before the LORD. ⁶And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ⁷the daughters of Zē-lōph'-ē-hād speak right. You shall surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father's brothers. And you shall cause the inheritance of their father to pass to them. ⁸And you shall speak to the children of Israel saying, If a man dies and has no son, then you shall cause his inheritance to pass to his daughter. ⁹And if he has no daughter, then you shall give his inheritance to his brothers. ¹⁰And if he has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his father's brothers. ¹¹And if his father has no brothers, then you shall give his inheritance to his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it. And it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute of judgment, as the LORD commanded Moses.

¹²And the LORD said to Moses, Get up into this Mount Āb'-ā-rīm and see the land which I have given to the children of Israel. ¹³And when you have seen it, you also shall be gathered to your people as Aaron your brother was gathered. ¹⁴For you rebelled against My commandment in the desert of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify Me at the water before their eyes — that is the water of Mēr'-ī-bāh in Kā'-dēsh in the wilderness of Zin. ¹⁵And Moses spoke unto the Lord saying, ¹⁶Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation ¹⁷who may go out before them, and who may go in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in — so that the congregation of the LORD may not be as sheep which have no shepherd. ¹⁸And the LORD said to Moses, Take

Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand upon him. ¹⁹And set him before Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest, and before all the congregation, and give him a charge in their sight. ²⁰And you shall put some of your honor upon him, so that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. ²¹And he shall stand before Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest, who shall ask for him according to the judgment of Ū'-rīm before the LORD. At his word they shall go out, and at his word they shall come in, he and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation. ²²And Moses did as the LORD commanded him. And he took Joshua and set him before Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest and before all the congregation. ²³And he laid his hands upon him and gave him a charge, even as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

CHAPTER 28

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Command the children of Israel, and say to them, My offering and My bread for My sacrifices made by fire, a sweet savor unto Me, you shall be careful to offer unto Me in their due season. ³And you shall say to them, This is the offering made by fire which you shall offer unto the LORD — two lambs of the first year without spot day by day *for* a continual burnt offering. ⁴The one lamb you shall offer in the morning, and the other lamb you shall offer at evening. ⁵And a tenth part of an ē'-phāh of flour for a meal offering, mixed with the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil. ⁶*It is* a continual burnt offering which was ordained in Mount Sinai for a sweet savor, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD. ⁷And the drink offering of it shall be the fourth part of a hin for the one lamb. You shall cause the strong wine to be poured unto the LORD in the holy place *for* a drink offering. ⁸And the other lamb you shall offer at evening. As the meal offering of the morning, and as the drink offering of it, you shall offer *it*, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD.

⁹And on the sabbath day two rams of the first year without spot, and two tenth deals of flour *for* a meal offering, mixed with oil, and the drink offering of it — ¹⁰*this is* the burnt offering of every sabbath, besides the continual burnt offering, and its drink offering.

¹¹And in the beginnings of your months you shall offer a burnt offering to the LORD — two young bulls, and one ram, seven lambs of the first year without spot, ¹²and three tenth deals of flour for a meal offering, mixed with oil, for one bull, and two tenth deals of flour for a meal offering, mingled with oil, for one ram — ¹³and a separate tenth deal of flour mixed with oil for a meal offering to one lamb, for a burnt offering of a sweet savor, a sacrifice made by fire unto the LORD. ¹⁴And their drink offerings shall be half a hin of wine to a bull, and the third part of a hin to a ram, and a fourth part of a hin unto a lamb. This is the burnt offering of every month throughout the months of the year. ¹⁵And

one kid of the goats for a sin offering to the LORD shall be offered, besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering. ¹⁶And in the fourteenth day of the first month is the Passover of the LORD. ¹⁷And in the fifteenth day of this month is the feast. Seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. ¹⁸In the first day shall be a holy convocation. You shall do no kind of laboring work. ¹⁹But you shall offer a sacrifice made by fire for a burnt offering to the LORD — two young bulls, and one ram, and seven lambs of the first year. They shall be unto you without blemish. ²⁰And their meal offering shall be of flour mixed with oil: three tenth deals you shall offer for a bull, and two tenth deals for a ram, ²¹a separate tenth part shall you offer for every lamb throughout the seven lambs — ²²and one goat for a sin offering to make an atonement for you. ²³You shall offer these besides the burnt offering in the morning, which is for a continual burnt offering. ²⁴In this way you shall offer daily, throughout the seven days, the bread of the sacrifice made by fire, for a sweet savor unto the LORD. It shall be offered besides the continual burnt offering and its drink offering. ²⁵And on the seventh day you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no laboring work.

²⁶Also in the day of the first-fruits, when you bring a new meal offering unto the LORD in your feast of weeks, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no laboring work. ²⁷But you shall offer the burnt offering for a sweet savor unto the LORD — two young bulls, one ram, seven lambs of the first year ²⁸and their meal offering of flour mixed with oil, three tenth deals to one bull, two tenth deals unto one ram, ²⁹a separate tenth deal unto one lamb, throughout the seven lambs, ³⁰one kid of the goats, to make an atonement for you. ³¹You shall offer them besides the continual burnt offering and its meal offering and their drink offerings. They shall be unto you without blemish.

CHAPTER 29

¹And in the seventh month, on the first of the month, you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no laboring work. It is a day of blowing the trumpets unto you. ²And you shall offer a burnt offering for a sweet savor unto the LORD — one young bull, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish. ³And their meal offering shall be flour mixed with oil, three tenth deals for a bull, two tenth deals for a ram, ⁴and one tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs, ⁵and one kid of the goats for a sin offering to make an atonement for you. ⁶*These* shall be besides the burnt offering of the month, and its meal offering, and the daily burnt offering, and its meal offering, and their drink offerings, according to their ordinance, for a sweet savor, a sacrifice made by fire to the LORD.

⁷And you shall have a holy convocation on the tenth of this seventh month. And you shall afflict your souls. You shall not do any work. ⁸But you shall offer a burnt offering unto the LORD for a sweet savor — one young bull, one ram, seven lambs of the first year. They shall be unto you without blemish. ⁹And their meal offering shall be of flour mixed with oil, three tenth deals to a bull, two tenth deals to one ram, ¹⁰a separate tenth deal for one lamb, throughout the seven lambs, ¹¹one kid of the goats for a sin offering — besides the sin offering of atonement and the continual burnt offering and the meal offering of it, and their drink offerings.

¹²And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month you shall have a holy convocation. You shall do no laboring work, and you shall keep a feast unto the LORD seven days. ¹³And you shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD — thirteen young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year. They shall be without blemish. ¹⁴And their meal offering shall be of flour, mixed with oil, three tenth deals to every bull of the thirteen bulls, two tenth deals to each ram of the two rams, ¹⁵and a separate tenth deal to each lamb of the fourteen lambs, ¹⁶and one kid of the goats for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and its drink offering.

¹⁷And on the second day *you shall offer* twelve young bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot. ¹⁸And their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the law — ¹⁹and one kid of the goats for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and the meal offering of it, and their drink offerings. ²⁰And on the third day eleven bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish. ²¹And their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the law — ²²and one goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its meal offering and its drink offering. ²³And on the fourth day ten bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish. ²⁴Their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the law — ²⁵and one kid of the goats for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and its drink offering.

²⁶And on the fifth day nine bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without spot. ²⁷And their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the law — ²⁸and one goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering and its meal offering and its drink offering. ²⁹And on the sixth day eight bulls, two rams, fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish. ³⁰And their meal offering and their

drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the law — ³¹and one goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and its drink offering. ³²And on the seventh day seven bulls, two rams, and fourteen lambs of the first year without blemish. ³³And their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bulls, for the rams, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the law — ³⁴and one goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, its meal offering, and its drink offering.

³⁵On the eighth day you shall have a solemn assembly. You shall do no laboring work. ³⁶But you shall offer a burnt offering, a sacrifice made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the LORD — one bull, one ram, seven lambs of the first year without blemish. ³⁷Their meal offering and their drink offerings for the bull, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, according to the law. ³⁸And one goat for a sin offering, besides the continual burnt offering, and its meal offering and its drink offering. ³⁹These things you shall do unto the LORD in your set feasts, besides your vows and your free-will offerings, for your burnt offerings, and for your meal offerings, and for your drink offerings, and for your peace offerings. ⁴⁰And Moses told the children of Israel according to all that the LORD commanded Moses.

CHAPTER 30

¹And Moses spoke to the heads of the tribes concerning the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which the LORD has commanded. ²If a man vows a vow unto the LORD, or swears an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word. He shall do according to all that comes out of his mouth. ³If a woman also vows a vow unto the LORD, and binds *herself* by a bond, *being* in her father's house in her youth, ⁴and if her father hears her vow and her bond with which she has bound her soul, and if her father shall hold his peace with her — then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she has bound her soul shall stand. ⁵But if her father does not allow her in the day that he hears, not any of her vows or of her bonds with which she has bound her soul shall stand. And the LORD shall forgive her because her father did not allow her. ⁶And if she had a husband when she vowed, or if she said anything rash out of her lips with which she bound her soul, ⁷and if her husband heard and held his peace with her in the day that he heard *it* — then her vows shall stand, and her bonds with which she bound her soul shall stand. ⁸But if her husband did not allow her on the day that he heard *it*, then he shall make her vow which she vowed, and that which she uttered with her lips, with which she bound her soul, of no effect. And the LORD shall forgive her. ⁹But every vow of a widow and of her who is divorced, with

which they bound their souls, shall stand against her. ¹⁰And if she vowed in her husband's house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath, ¹¹and if her husband heard and held his peace with her, *and* did not forbid her — then all her vows shall stand, and every bond with which she bound her soul shall stand. ¹²But if her husband has completely made them void on the day he heard, whatever comes out of her lips, concerning her vows or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand. Her husband has made them void. And the LORD shall forgive her. ¹³Every vow and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may make it firm, or her husband may make it void. ¹⁴But if her husband does hold his peace with her from day to day, then he establishes all her vows or all her bonds which are upon her. He confirms them, because he held his peace with her in the day that he heard. ¹⁵But if he shall in any way make them void after he has heard, then he shall take away her iniquity. ¹⁶These are the statutes which the LORD commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between the father and his daughter in her youth in her father's house.

CHAPTER 31

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Avenge the children of Israel from the Mīd'-ī-ān-ītes. Afterward you shall be gathered to your people. ³And Moses spoke to the people saying, Arm some of yourselves to the war, and let them go against the Mīd'-ī-ān-ītes, and avenge the LORD from Mīd'-ī-ān. ⁴You shall send to the war a thousand from every tribe, throughout all the tribes of Israel. ⁵So they were delivered out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of *every* tribe, twelve thousand armed for war. ⁶And Moses sent them to the war, a thousand of *every* tribe. *He sent* them and Phīn'-ĕ-hās the son of Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest, to the war, with the holy instruments and the trumpets to blow in his hand. ⁷And they warred against the Mīd'-ī-ān-ītes, as the LORD commanded Moses. And they killed all the males. ⁸And they killed the kings of Mīd'-ī-ān, besides the rest of them that were killed. *They killed* Ē'-vī, and Rē'-kēm, and Zūr, and Hūr, and Rē'-bā — five kings of Mīd'-ī-ān. They also killed Bā'-lāam the son of Bē-ôr with the sword. ⁹And the children of Israel took all the women of Mīd'-ī-ān captive, and their little ones, and the spoil of all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods. ¹⁰And they burned with fire all their cities in which they lived, and all their beautiful castles. ¹¹And they took all the spoil and all the prey of men and animals. ¹²And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, to Moses and to Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest and to the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which is by Jordan *near* Jericho.

¹³And Moses and Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them outside the camp. ¹⁴And Moses

was angry with the officers of the army, the captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, who came from the battle. ¹⁵And Moses said to them, Have you saved all the women alive? ¹⁶Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Bā'-lāam, to commit sin against the LORD in the matter of Pē'-ôr, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD. ¹⁷Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that has known man by lying with him. ¹⁸But all the women children, that have not known a man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves. ¹⁹And stay outside the camp seven days. Whosoever has killed any person, and whoever has touched any dead one, purify yourselves and your captives on the third day and on the seventh day. ²⁰And purify all *your* clothing, and all that is made of skins, and all work of goats' *hair*, and all things made of wood.

²¹And Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest said to the men of war who went to battle, This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD commanded Moses. ²²Only the gold and the silver, the brass, the iron, the tin, and the lead — ²³everything that can stand the fire, you shall make *it* go through the fire, and it shall be clean. Nevertheless it shall be purified with the water of separation. And all that cannot stand the fire you shall make go through the water. ²⁴And you shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and you shall be clean, and afterwards you shall come into the camp.

²⁵And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²⁶Take the sum of the prey that was taken of man and of animal, you and Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest and the chief fathers of the congregation. ²⁷And divide the prey into two parts: between those who took the war upon themselves, who went out to battle, and between all the congregation. ²⁸And levy a tax for the LORD from the men of war who went out to battle — one soul of five hundred, of the persons and of the beeves, and of the asses, and of the sheep. ²⁹Take it from their half and give it to Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest, for a heave offering unto the LORD. ³⁰And from the children of Israel's half you shall take one portion of fifty, of the persons, of the beeves, of the asses, of the flocks, of all kinds of animals, and give them to the Levites who keep the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD. ³¹And Moses and Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest did as the LORD commanded Moses. ³²And the prize, the rest of the spoil which the men of war had caught, was six hundred and seventy-five thousand sheep, ³³seventy-two thousand beef cattle, ³⁴sixty-one thousand asses, ³⁵and thirty-two thousand persons in all, of women that had not known men by lying with them. ³⁶And the half, the portion of those who went out to war, was in number three hundred thirty-seven thousand and five hundred sheep, ³⁷and the LORD's tax of the sheep was six hundred and seventy-five. ³⁸And the beef cattle were thirty-six thousand, of which the LORD's tax was seventy-two. ³⁹And the asses were thirty

thousand, five hundred, of which the LORD's tax was sixty-one. ⁴⁰And the persons were sixteen thousand, of which the LORD's tax was thirty-two persons. ⁴¹And Moses gave the tax, the LORD's heave offering, to Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest, as the LORD commanded Moses.

⁴²And of the children of Israel's half, which Moses divided from the men who warred — ⁴³now the half *that belonged unto* the congregation was three hundred thirty-seven thousand, five hundred sheep, ⁴⁴and thirty-six thousand beef cattle, ⁴⁵and thirty thousand and five hundred asses, ⁴⁶and sixteen thousand persons — ⁴⁷even of the children of Israel's half, Moses took one portion in fifty, of man and of animal, and gave them to the Levites who kept the charge of the tabernacle of the LORD — even as the LORD commanded Moses.

⁴⁸And the officers who were over thousands of the army, over the captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, came near Moses. ⁴⁹And they said to Moses, Your servants have taken the sum of the men of war who are under our charge, and there is not one man of us lacking. ⁵⁰We have therefore brought an offering for the LORD, what every man has found, of jewels of gold, chains, and bracelets, rings, earrings, and tablets, to make an atonement for our souls before the LORD. ⁵¹And Moses and Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest took the gold from them, all cut jewels. ⁵²And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels. ⁵³For the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself. ⁵⁴And Moses and Ēl-ē-ā'-zār took the gold of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, for a memorial for the children of Israel before the LORD.

CHAPTER 32

¹Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle. And when they saw the land of Jā'-zēr, and the land of Gilead—that, behold, the place was a place for cattle — ²the children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spoke to Moses and to Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest, and to the princes of the congregation, saying, ³Āt'-ā-rōth, and Dī'-bōn, and Jā'-zēr, and Nīm'-rāh, and Hēsh'-bōn, and Ēl-ē-ā'-lēh, and Shē'-bām, and Nē'-bō, and Bē'-ōn — ⁴*even* the country which the LORD struck before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle, and your servants have cattle. ⁵Therefore, they said, if we have found grace in your sight, let this land be given unto your servants for a possession, *and* do not bring us over Jordan.

⁶And Moses said to the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brothers go to war, and shall you sit here? ⁷And why do you break the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the LORD has given them? ⁸So your fathers

did when I sent them from Kā'-dēsh-bār'-nē-ă to see the land. ⁹For when they went up into the valley of Ēsh'-cōl and saw the land, they broke the hearts of the children of Israel, so that they should not go into the land which the LORD had given them. ¹⁰And the LORD's anger was kindled the same time, and He swore, saying, ¹¹Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and up, shall see the land which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob — because they have not fully followed Me, ¹²except Caleb the son of Jē-phūn'-nēh, the Kē'-nēz-ite, and Joshua the son of Nun, for they have fully followed the LORD. ¹³And the LORD's anger was kindled against Israel, and He made them wander in the wilderness forty years until all the generation which had done evil in the sight of the LORD was destroyed. ¹⁴And behold, you are risen up in your fathers' stead, an increase of sinful men, to add still more to the fierce anger of the LORD toward Israel. ¹⁵For if you turn away from after Him, He will yet again leave them in the wilderness. And you shall destroy all this people.

¹⁶And they came near to him and said, We will build sheep-folds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones, ¹⁷but we ourselves will go ready armed before the children of Israel until we have brought them to their place. And our little ones shall live in the fenced cities because of those who live in the land. ¹⁸We will not return to our houses until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. ¹⁹For we will not inherit with them on the other side of Jordan, or forward, because our inheritance has fallen unto us on this side of Jordan, eastward. ²⁰And Moses said to them, If you will do this thing, if you will go armed before the LORD to war, ²¹and all of you will go armed over Jordan before the LORD until He has driven out His enemies from before Him, ²²and the land is subdued before the LORD, then afterwards you shall return and be guiltless before the LORD and before Israel. And this land shall be your possession before the LORD. ²³But if you will not do so, behold, you have sinned against the LORD. And be sure your sin will find you out. ²⁴Build cities for your little ones and folds for your sheep, and do that which has come out of your mouth.

²⁵And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spoke to Moses saying, Your servants will do as my lord commands. ²⁶Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead. ²⁷But your servants will go over, every man armed for war, before the LORD to battle, as my lord says.

²⁸So Moses commanded Ēl-ē-ă'-zār the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chief fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel regarding them. ²⁹And Moses said to them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will go with you over Jordan, every man armed to battle before the LORD, and the land shall be humbled

before you, then you shall give them the land of Gilead for a possession. ³⁰But if they will not go over with you armed, they shall have possessions among you in the land of Canaan. ³¹And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben answered, saying, As the LORD has said unto your servants, so we will do. ³²We will go over armed before the LORD into the land of Canaan, so that the possession of our inheritance on this side Jordan may be ours. ³³And Moses gave to them, to the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, and to the half the tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of Sī'-hōn king of the Ām'-ōr-ites, and the kingdom of Og king of Bā'-shān, the land with its cities in the borders, the cities of the country all around.

³⁴And the children of Gad built Dī'-bōn and Āt'-ā-rōth and Ā-rō'-ēr, ³⁵and Āt'-rōth, Shō'-phān, and Jā'-ā'-zēr, and Jōg'-bē-hāh, ³⁶and Bēth-nīm'-rāh, and Bēth-hār'-ān, fenced cities. And *they built* folds for sheep. ³⁷And the children of Reuben built Hēsh'-bōn, and Ēl-ē-ā'-lēh, and Kīr-jā-thā'-īm, ³⁸and Nē'-bō, and Bā'-āl-mē-ōn (their names being changed) and Shīb'-māh. And they gave other names to the cities which they built. ³⁹And the children of Mā'-chīr the son of Mā-nās'-sēh went to Gilead and took it, and put out the Ām'-ōr-ite who was in it. ⁴⁰And Moses gave Gilead to Mā'-chīr the son of Mā-nās'-sēh, and he lived in it. ⁴¹And Jā'-īr the son of Mā-nās'-sēh went and took the small towns of it, and called them Hā'-vōth-jā'-īr. ⁴²And Nō'-bāh went and took Kē'-nāth and the villages of it, and called it Nō'-bāh, after his own name.

CHAPTER 33

¹These are the journeys of the children of Israel, who went forth out of the land of Egypt with their armies under the hand of Moses and Aaron. ²And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of the LORD. And these are their journeys according to their starting-places. ³And they departed from Rām'-ē-sēs in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month. On the next day after the Passover the children of Israel went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians. ⁴For the Egyptians buried all *their* first-born whom the LORD had stricken among them. The LORD also executed judgments upon their gods. ⁵And the children of Israel moved from Rām'-ē-sēs and pitched in Sūc'-cōth. ⁶And they departed from Sūc'-cōth and pitched in Ē'-thām, which is in the edge of the wilderness. ⁷And they moved from Ē'-thām and turned again to Pī-hā-hī'-rōth, which is in front of Bā'-āl-zē-phōn. And they pitched in front of Mīg'-dōl. ⁸And they departed from before Pī-hā-hī'-rōth and passed through the middle of the sea into the wilderness, and went three days' journey in the wilderness of Ē'-thām, and pitched in Mār'-āh. ⁹And they moved from Mār'-āh and came to Ē'-līm. And in Ē'-līm were twelve fountains of water and seventy palm trees. And they pitched

there. ¹⁰And they moved from Ē'-līm and camped by the Red Sea. ¹¹And they moved from the Red Sea and camped in the wilderness of Sin.

¹²And they took their journey out of the wilderness of Sin and camped in Dōph'-kāh. ¹³And they departed from Dōph'-kāh and camped in Ā'-lūsh. ¹⁴And they moved from Ā'-lūsh and camped at Rēph'-ī-dīm, where there was no water for the people to drink. ¹⁵And they departed from Rēph'-ī-dīm and pitched in the wilderness of Sī'-naī. ¹⁶And they moved from the desert of Sī'-naī and pitched at Kīb'-rōth-hāt-tā'-ā-vāh. ¹⁷And they departed from Kīb'-rōth-hāt-tā'-ā-vāh and camped at Hā-zē'-rōth. ¹⁸And they departed from Hā-zē'-rōth and pitched in Rīth'-māh. ¹⁹And they departed from Rīth'-māh and pitched at Rīm-mōn-pār'-ēz. ²⁰And they departed from Rīm-mōn-pār'-ēz and pitched in Lib'-nāh. ²¹And they moved from Lib'-nāh and pitched at Rīs'-sāh. ²²And they journeyed from Rīs'-sāh and pitched in Kē-hē-lā'-thāh. ²³And they went from Kē-hē-lā'-thāh and pitched in Mount Shā'-phēr. ²⁴And they moved from Mount Shā'-phēr and camped in Hā-rā'-dāh. ²⁵And they moved from Hā-rā'-dāh and pitched in Māk-hē'-lōth. ²⁶And they moved from Māk-hē'-lōth and camped at Tā'-hāth. ²⁷And they departed from Tā'-hāth and pitched at Tār'-āh. ²⁸And they removed from Tār'-āh and pitched in Mīth'-cāh.

²⁹And they went from Mīth'-cāh and pitched in Hāsh-mō'-nāh. ³⁰And they departed from Hāsh-mō'-nāh and camped at Mō'-sē-rōth. ³¹And they departed from Mō'-sē-rōth and pitched in Bēn-ē-jā'-ā-kān. ³²And they moved from Bēn-ē-jā'-ā-kān and camped at Hōr-hā-gid'-gād. ³³And they went from Hōr-hā-gid'-gād and pitched in Jōt'-bā-thāh. ³⁴And they moved from Jōt'-bā-thāh and camped at Ēb-rō'-nāh. ³⁵And they departed from Ēb-rō'-nāh and camped at Ē-zī-ōn-gā'-bēr. ³⁶And they moved from Ē-zī-ōn-gā'-bēr and pitched in the wilderness of Zin, which is Kā'-dēsh. ³⁷And they moved from Kā'-dēsh and pitched in Mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom. ³⁸And Aaron the priest went up to Mount Hor at the commandment of the LORD and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel had come up out of the land of Egypt, in the first of the fifth month. ³⁹And Aaron was a hundred and twenty-three years old when he died in Mount Hor. ⁴⁰And King Ār'-ād the Canaanite, who lived in the south in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel. ⁴¹And they departed from Mount Hor and pitched in Zāl-mō'-nāh. ⁴²And they departed from Zāl-mō'-nāh and pitched in Pū'-nōn. ⁴³And they departed from Pū'-nōn and pitched in Ō'-bōth. ⁴⁴And they departed from Ō'-bōth and pitched in Ī-jē-āb'-ā-rīm, in the border of Moab. ⁴⁵And they departed from Ī-rīm and pitched in Dī'-bōn-gād. ⁴⁶And they moved from Dī'-bōn-gād and camped on Āl'-mōn-dib-lā-thā'-īm. ⁴⁷And they moved from Āl'-mōn-dib-lā-thā'-īm and pitched in the mountains of Āb'-ā-rīm, before Nē'-bō. ⁴⁸And they departed from the

mountains of Āb'-ā-rīm and pitched in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho. ⁴⁹And they pitched by Jordan, from Bēth-jēs'-ī-mōth to Ā-bēl-shīt'-tim in the plains of Moab.

⁵⁰And the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan near Jericho, saying, ⁵¹Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When you have passed over Jordan into the land of Canaan, ⁵²then you shall drive out all those who live in the land from before you, and destroy all their pictures, and destroy all their molded images and pluck down all their high places. ⁵³And you shall put out the land-owners and live in it. For I have given you the land to possess it. ⁵⁴And you shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance among your families. And you shall give the more inheritance to the many, and to the fewer you shall give the less inheritance. Every man's *inheritance* shall be in the place where his lot falls; according to the tribes of your fathers you shall inherit. ⁵⁵But if you will not drive out the people of the land from before you, then those of them whom you let remain shall be pricks in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall trouble you in the land in which you live. ⁵⁶Moreover I shall do unto you as I thought to do unto them.

CHAPTER 34

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ²Command the children of Israel and say to them: When you come into the land of Canaan—this is the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, the land of Canaan with its borders — ³then your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the coast of Edom, and your south border shall be the furthest coast of the Salt Sea eastward. ⁴And your border shall turn from the south to the ascent of Āk-rāb'-bīm and pass on to Zin. And its border shall be from the south to Kā-dēsh-bār-nē-ā, and shall go on to Hā'-zār-ād-dār, and pass on to Āz'-mōn. ⁵And the border shall turn from Āz'-mōn to the river of Egypt, and the end of it shall be at the sea. ⁶And for the western border, you shall even have the Great Sea for a border. This shall be your west border. ⁷And this shall be your north border. From the Great Sea you shall point out for you Mount Hor. ⁸From Mount Hor you shall point *your border* to the entrance of Hā'-māth. And the end of the border shall be at Zē'-dād. ⁹And the border shall go on to Ziph'-rōn, and the end of it shall be at Hā'-zār-ē'-nān. This shall be your north border. ¹⁰And you shall point out your east border from Hā'-zār-ē'-nān to Shē'-phām. ¹¹And the coast shall go down from Shē'-phām to Rib'-lāh, on the east side of Ā'-īn. And the border shall go down, and shall reach to the side of the sea of Chīn'-nē-rēth eastward. ¹²And the border shall go down to Jordan, and the end of it shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land with the borders of it round about.

¹³And Moses commanded the children of Israel saying, This is the land which you shall inherit by lot, which the LORD commanded to give to the nine tribes and to the half tribe. ¹⁴For the tribe of the children of Reuben according to the house of their fathers, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to the house of their fathers, have received *their inheritance*. And half the tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh have received their inheritance. ¹⁵The two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side Jordan *near* Jericho eastward, toward the sunrise.

¹⁶And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ¹⁷These are the names of the men who shall divide the land to you — Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest and Joshua the son of Nun. ¹⁸And you shall take one prince from every tribe, to divide the land by inheritance. ¹⁹And the names of the men are these. Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jē-phūn'-nēh. ²⁰And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shē-mū'-ēl the son of Ām'-mī-hūd. ²¹Of the tribe of Benjamin, E-lī'-dād the son of Chīs'-lōn. ²²And the prince of the tribe of the children of Dan, Būk'-kī the son of Jōg'-lī. ²³The prince of the children of Joseph, for the tribe of the children of Mā-nās'-sēh, shall be Hān'-nī-ēl the son of Ē'-phōd. ²⁴And the prince of the tribe of the children of Ē'-phrā-īm shall be Kē-mū'-ēl the son of Shīph'-tān. ²⁵And the prince of the tribe of the children of Zē-bū'-lūn shall be Ē-lī-zā'-phān the son of Pār'-nāch. ²⁶And the prince of the tribe of the children of Īs'-sā-chār shall be Pāl'-tī-ēl the son of Āz'-zān. ²⁷And the prince of the tribe of the children of Asher shall be Ā-hī'-hūd the son of Shē-lō'-mī. ²⁸And the prince of the tribe of the children of Nāph'-tā-lī shall be Pē-dāh'-ēl the son of Ām'-mī-hūd. These are *the ones* to whom the LORD commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan.

CHAPTER 35

¹And the LORD spoke to Moses in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho, saying, ²Command the children of Israel that they give unto the Levites, from the inheritance of their possessions cities to live in. And you shall *also* give to the Levites suburbs for the cities round about them. ³And they shall have the cities to live in. And the suburbs of them shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their animals. ⁴And the suburbs of the cities which you shall give to the Levites *shall reach* from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about. ⁵And you shall measure from outside the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits. And the city shall be in the middle. This shall be to them the suburbs of the cities. ⁶And among the cities which you shall give unto the Levites *there* shall be six cities for refuge, which

you shall appoint for the manslayer, so that he may flee there. And you shall add forty-two cities to them. ⁷So all the cities which you shall give to the Levites shall be forty-eight cities. *You shall give* them with their suburbs. ⁸And the cities which you shall give shall be of the possessions of the children of Israel. You shall give many from *those who have* many. But from *those who have* few you shall give few. Everyone shall give of his cities to the Levites according to his inheritance which he inherits.

⁹And the LORD spoke to Moses saying, ¹⁰Speak to the children of Israel and say to them, When you have come over Jordan into the land of Canaan, ¹¹then you shall choose cities to be cities of refuge for you, so that the slayer who kills any person through error may flee there. ¹²And they shall be unto you cities for refuge from the avenger, so that the manslayer does not die until he stands before the congregation in judgment. ¹³And of those cities which you shall give, you shall have six cities for refuge. ¹⁴You shall give three cities on this side Jordan, and you shall give three cities in the land of Canaan to be cities of refuge. ¹⁵These six cities shall be a refuge for the children of Israel, and for the stranger, and for anyone who stays among them, so that everyone who kills any person through error may flee there.

¹⁶And if he strikes him with an instrument of iron, so that he dies, he is a murderer. The murderer shall surely be put to death. ¹⁷And if he strikes him by throwing a stone, with which he may die, and if he dies, he is a murderer. The murderer shall surely be put to death. ¹⁸Or if he strikes him with a hand weapon of wood, with which he may die, and if he dies, he is a murderer. The murderer shall surely be put to death. ¹⁹The revenger of blood himself shall kill the murderer. When he meets him, he shall kill him. ²⁰And if he stabs him from hatred, or hurls at him by lying in wait, so that he dies, ²¹or in hatred strikes him with his hand so that he dies, he who struck *him* shall surely be put to death. *For* he is a murderer. The revenger of blood will kill the murderer when he meets him.

²²But if he stabs him suddenly without hatred, or has thrown something on him without lying in wait, ²³or with any stone with which a man may die if he does not see, and throws it upon him so that he dies, and was not his enemy, neither sought his harm — ²⁴then the congregation shall judge between the one who kills and the revenger of blood according to these judgments. ²⁵And the congregation shall deliver the one who kills out of the hand of the revenger of blood. And the congregation shall send him back to the city of his refuge, to which he had fled. And he shall stay in it until the death of the high priest who was anointed with the holy oil. ²⁶But if the one who killed shall at any time come outside the border of the city of his refuge to which he had fled, ²⁷and if the revenger of blood finds him outside the borders of the city of his refuge, and if the revenger of blood kills the slayer,

he shall not be guilty of blood — ²⁸because he should have remained in the city of his refuge until the death of the high priest. But after the death of the high priest the one who killed shall return to the land of his possession.

²⁹So these things shall be for a statute of judgment unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings. ³⁰Whoever kills any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses. But one witness shall not testify against any person *to cause him* to die. ³¹Moreover you shall take no atonement for the life of a murderer who is guilty of death. But he shall surely be put to death. ³²And you shall take no atonement for him who has fled to the city of his refuge, so that he should come again to live in the land until the death of the high priest. ³³So you shall not defile the land in which you are. For blood defiles the land. And the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed in it, except by the blood of him that shed it. ³⁴So do not defile the land which you shall inhabit, in which I dwell. For I the LORD dwell among the children of Israel.

CHAPTER 36

¹And the chief fathers of the families of the children of Gilead, the son of Mā'-chīr, the son of Mā-nās'-sēh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near and spoke before Moses, and before the princes, the chief fathers of the children of Israel. ²And they said, The LORD commanded my lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel. And my lord was commanded by the LORD to give the inheritance of Zē-lōph'-ē-hād our brother to his daughters. ³And if they are married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Israel, then shall their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers and shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe unto which they are received. So it shall be taken from the lot of our inheritance. ⁴And when the jubilee of the children of Israel shall come, then their inheritance shall be put to the inheritance of the tribe into which they are received. So their inheritance shall be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

⁵And Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of the LORD saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph has said well.

⁶This is the thing which the LORD commands concerning the daughters of Zē-lōph'-ē-hād, saying, Let them marry to whom they think best. Only they shall marry into the family of the tribe of their father. ⁷So the inheritance of the children of Israel shall not be moved from tribe to tribe. For every one of the children of Israel shall keep himself to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. ⁸And every daughter that possesses an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, so that the children of

Israel may each one enjoy the inheritance of his fathers. ⁹Neither shall the inheritance move from one tribe to another tribe. But every one of the tribes of the children of Israel shall keep himself to his own inheritance. ¹⁰Even as the LORD commanded Moses, so the daughters of Zē-lōph'-ē-hād did. ¹¹For Māh'-lāh, Tīr'-zāh, and Hōg'-lāh, and Mil'-cāh, and Noah, the daughters of Zē-lōph'-ē-hād, were married to their father's brothers' sons. ¹²They were married into the families of the sons of Mā-nās'-sēh the son of Joseph, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father. ¹³These are the commandments and the judgments which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho.

The Book of DEUTERONOMY

CHAPTER 1

¹These are the words which Moses spoke to all Israel on this side Jordan in the wilderness, in the plain over against the Red Sea, between Pâr'-ân and Tô'-phël, and Lâ'-bân, and Hâ-zê'-rôth, and Dî'-zâ-lâb — ²eleven days' from Hôr'-ëb by the way of Mount Sé'-ir unto Kâ'-dêsh-bâr'-nê-â.

³And in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first of the month, Moses spoke to the children of Israel according to all that the LORD had given him in commandment to them — ⁴after he had killed Si'-hôn the king of the Âm'-ôr-ites, who lived in Hêsh'-bôn, and Ôg the king of Bâ'-shân who lived at Âs'-tâ-rôth in Êd'-rê-î — ⁵on this side Jordan, in the land of Moab, Moses began to declare this law. *He* said, ⁶The LORD our God spoke to us in Hôr'-ëb, saying, You have lived long enough in this mountain. ⁷Turn and take your journey, and go into the mountain of the Âm'-ôr-ites, and to all his neighbors in the plain, in the hills, and in the valley, and in the south, and by the sea side, to the land of the Canaanites, and to Lëb'-â-nôn, unto the great river, the river Eû-phrà'-tês. ⁸Behold, I have set the land before you. Go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give to them and to their seed after them.

⁹And I spoke to you at that time, saying, I am not able to bear you all by myself. ¹⁰The LORD your God has multiplied you, and, behold, you are this day like the stars of heaven for multitude. ¹¹(*May* the LORD God of your fathers make you a thousand times as many as you are, and bless you, as He has promised you!) ¹²How can I all by myself bear your pressure and your burden and your strife?¹³Take wise and understanding men, *men* known among your tribes, and I will make them rulers over you. ¹⁴And you answered me and said, The thing which you have spoken is good. ¹⁵So I took the chief of your tribes, wise and noted men, and made them heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens, and officers among your tribes. ¹⁶And I commanded your judges at that time saying, Hear *the causes* between your brothers, and judge righteously between *every* man and his brother, and the stranger with him. ¹⁷You shall not respect persons in judgment, but you shall hear the small as well as the great. You shall not be afraid of the face of man, for the judgment is God's. And the cause that is too hard for you, bring it to me, and I will hear it. ¹⁸And I commanded you at that time all the things which you should do.

¹⁹And when we departed from Hôr'-ëb, we went through all that great and terrible wilderness which you saw by the way of the mountain of the Âm'-ôr-ites, as the LORD our God commanded us. And we

came to Kā'dēsh-bār'-nē-ā. ²⁰And I said to you, You have come to the mountain of the Amorites, which the LORD our God has given unto us. ²¹Behold, the LORD your God has set the land before you. Go up *and* possess *it*, even as the LORD God of your fathers has said to you. Do not fear, neither be troubled. ²²And you came near to me, every one of you, and said, We will send men before us, and they shall search out the land and bring us word again by what way we must go up, and into what cities we shall come. ²³And the saying pleased me very much. And I took twelve men of you, one of a tribe. ²⁴And they turned and went up into the mountain and came to the valley of Ēsh'-cōl, and searched it out. ²⁵And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down to us, and brought us word again and said, *It is a good land which the LORD our God gives us.*

²⁶But you would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God. ²⁷And you murmured in your tents and said, Because the LORD hates us, He has brought us forth out of the land of Egypt to deliver us into the hand of the Ām'-ōr-ites, to destroy us. ²⁸Where shall we go up? Our brothers have broken our hearts, saying, The people are greater and taller than we are. The cities are great and walled up to heaven. And moreover we have seen the sons of the Ān'-ā-kims there. ²⁹Then I said to you, Do not dread them nor be afraid of them. ³⁰The LORD your God who goes before you shall fight for you, according to all that He did for you in Egypt before your eyes, ³¹and in the wilderness where you have seen how the LORD your God carried you, as a man carries his son, in all the way that you went until you came into this place. ³²Yet in this thing you did not believe the LORD your God, ³³who went in the way before you to search you out a place to pitch your tents, in fire by night, to show you by what way you should go, and in a cloud by day.

³⁴And the LORD heard the voice of your words, and was angry and swore, saying, ³⁵Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which I swore to give to your fathers, ³⁶except Caleb the son of Jē-phūn'-nēh — he shall see it, and to him I will give the land that he has trodden upon, and to his children, because he has fully followed the LORD. ³⁷Also the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, saying, You also shall not go in there. ³⁸But Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall go in there. Make him strong, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. ³⁹Moreover your little ones, who you said would be a prey, and your children who in that day had no knowledge between good and evil, they shall go in there. And I will give it to them, and they shall possess it. ⁴⁰But as for you, turn and take your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea.

⁴¹Then you answered and said to me, We have sinned against the LORD — we will go up and fight according to all that the LORD our God commanded us. And when each one of you had buckled on his

weapons of war, you were ready to go up into the hill. ⁴²But the LORD said to me, Say to them, Do not go up, neither fight — for I am not among you — lest you be beaten by your enemies. ⁴³So I spoke to you. And you would not hear, but rebelled against the commandment of the LORD, and went presumptuously into the hill. ⁴⁴And the Amorites who lived in that mountain came out against you and chased you, even as bees do, and destroyed you in Sē'-ir, *even* to Hôr'-mäh. ⁴⁵And you returned and wept before the LORD. But the LORD would not listen to your voice, nor give ear to you. ⁴⁶So you stayed in Kā'-dēsh many days, according to the days that you stayed *there*.

CHAPTER 2

¹Then we turned and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea, as the LORD spoke to me. And we went around Mount Sē'-ir many days. ²And the LORD spoke to me, saying, ³You have gone around this mountain long enough. Turn northward. ⁴And command the people saying, You are to pass through the border of your brothers, the children of Esau, who dwell in Sē'-ir. And they shall be afraid of you. Therefore be careful. ⁵Do not meddle with them, for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as a foot breadth — because I have given Mount Sē'-ir to Esau for a possession. ⁶You shall buy food from them for money, so that you may eat. And you shall also buy water from them for money, so that you may drink. ⁷For the LORD your God has blessed you in all the works of your hand. He knows your walking through this great wilderness. The LORD your God has been with you these forty years. You have lacked nothing.

⁸And when we left our brothers the children of Esau who lived in Sē'-ir, through the way of the plain from Ē'-läth, and from Ē-zī-ön-gā'-bēr, we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. ⁹And the LORD said to me, Do not trouble the Mō'-āb-ites, neither fight with them in battle. For I will not give you any of their land for a possession. Because I have given Ār to the children of Lot for a possession. ¹⁰The Ē'-mīmś lived there in times past, a great people, who were many and tall like the Ān'-ā-kīms. ¹¹(*They* also were known as giants, like the Ān'-ā-kīms, but the Mō'-āb-ites call them Ē'-mīmś. ¹²The Hôr'-īms also lived in Sē'-ir in times past. But the children of Esau took their place when they had destroyed them from before them, and lived in their place — even as Israel did unto the land of his possession which the LORD gave to them.)

¹³Now, *I said*, rise up and get over the valley Zē'-rēd. And we went over the valley Zē'-rēd. ¹⁴And the time in which we came from Kā'-dēsh-bār'-nē-ā until we had come over the valley Zē'-rēd, was thirty-eight years — until all the generations of the men of war had died out from among the host, even as the LORD swore unto them. ¹⁵For indeed

the hand of the LORD was against them, to destroy them from among the host, until they were gone.

¹⁶So when all the men of war were gone from among the people, and were dead, ¹⁷the LORD spoke to me, saying, ¹⁸today you are to pass over through Ār, the coast of Moab. ¹⁹And when you come near, across from the children of Ām'-mōn, do not trouble them nor meddle with them. For I will not give you any possessions from the land of the children of Ām'-mōn, because I have given it to the children of Lot for a possession. ²⁰(That also was known to be a land of giants. Giants lived there in past times. And the Ām'-mōn-ites call them Zām-zūm'-mīmś — ²¹a people great and many, and tall, like the Ān'-ā-kīms, but the LORD destroyed them before them. And they took their place and lived in their place, ²²as He did to the children of Esau who lived in Sē'-ir, when he destroyed the Hōr'-īms from before them. And they took their place and lived in their place even to this day. ²³And the Cāph'-tō-rīms, who came forth out of Cāph'-tōr destroyed the Ā'-vīmś who lived in Hā-zē'-rīm, unto Āz'-zāh, and lived in their place.)

²⁴Rise up *and* take your journey, and pass over the river Ār'-nōn. Behold! I have given into your hand Sī'-hōn the Ām'-ōr-īte, king of Hēsh'-bōn, and his land. Begin to possess *it*, and fight with him in battle. ²⁵Today I will begin to put your dread and your fear upon the nations that are under the whole heaven — who shall hear report of you, and shall tremble and be in anguish because of you.

²⁶And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kē'-dē-mōth to Sī'-hōn king of Hēsh'-bōn with words of peace, saying, ²⁷Let me pass through your land. I will go along by the highway. I will neither turn to the right hand nor to the left. ²⁸You shall sell me food for money, so that I may eat, and give me water for money so that I may drink. Only I will pass through on my feet, ²⁹(as the children of Esau who live in Sē'-ir, and the Moabites who live in Ār, did to me,) until I shall pass over Jordan into the land which the LORD our God gives us. ³⁰But Sī'-hōn king of Hēsh'-bōn would not let us pass by him. For the LORD your God hardened his spirit and made his heart stubborn so that He might deliver him into your hands, as it is this day. ³¹As the LORD said to me, Behold, I have begun to give Sī'-hōn and his land before you. Begin to possess it so that you may inherit his land. ³²Then Sī'-hōn came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jā'-hāz. ³³And the LORD our God delivered him before us. And we struck him and his sons and all his people. ³⁴And we took all his cities at that time and completely destroyed the men and the women and the little ones of every city. We left none to remain. ³⁵Only we took the cattle as a spoil for ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took. ³⁶From Ā-rō'-ēr, which is by the brink of the river of Ār'-nōn, and from the city that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us. The LORD our God delivered all to us. ³⁷Only to the land of the chil-

dren of Ammon you did not come, *nor* unto any place of the river Jāb'-bōk, nor to the cities in the mountains, nor to whatever the LORD our God denied us.

CHAPTER 3

¹Then we turned and went up the way to Bā'-shān. And Og the king of Bā'-shān came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Ēd'-rē-ī. ²And the LORD said to me, Do not fear him, for I will deliver him and all his people, and his land, into your hand. And you shall do to him as you did to Sī'-hōn king of the Ām'ōr-ītes, who lived at Hēsh'-bōn. ³So the LORD our God delivered Og into our hands also, the king of Bā'-shān, and all his people. And we struck him until none was left remaining to him. ⁴And we took all his cities at that time. There was not a city which we did not take from them, sixty cities, all the region of Ār'-gōb, the kingdom of Og in Bā'-shān. ⁵All these cities were fenced with high walls, gates, and bars — besides a good many unwallled towns. ⁶And we completely destroyed them, as we did to Sī'-hōn king of Hēsh'-bōn, completely destroying the men, women, and children of every city. ⁷But we took the cattle and the spoil of the cities as a prize for ourselves. ⁸And we took at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites the land that was on this side Jordan, from the river of Ār'-nōn unto Mount Hermon ⁹(*the Hermon which the Si-dō'-nī-āns call Sī'-rī-ōn, and the Amorites call it Shē'-nūr*). ¹⁰All the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, and Sāl'-chāh and Ēd'-rē-ī, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan *were taken*. ¹¹For only Og king of Bashan remained of the rest of the giants. Behold! His bedstead was a bedstead of iron. Is it not in Rāb'-bāth of the children of Ām'-mōn? Nine cubits was the length of it, and four cubits the width of it, according to the cubit of a man. ¹²And this land which we possessed at that time, from Ā-rō'-ēr which is by the river Ār'-nōn, and half of Mount Gilead, and the cities of it, I gave to the men of Reuben and of Gad. ¹³And the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, I gave to the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh — all the region of Ār'-gōb, with all Bashan, which was called the land of giants. ¹⁴Jā'-īr the son of Mā-nās'-sēh took all the country of Ār'-gōb unto the coasts of Gē-shū'-rī and Mā-āch'-ā-thī. And he called them after his own name, Bā-shān-hā'-vōth-jā'-īr unto this day. ¹⁵And I gave Gilead unto Mā'-chīr. ¹⁶And to the Reubenites and to the Gadites I gave from Gilead even to the river Arnon, half the valley, and the border even to the river Jāb'-bōk, the border of the children of Ammon, ¹⁷the plain also, and Jordan, and the border of it, from Chīn'-nē-rēth even to the sea of the plain, the salt sea, under Āsh'-dōth-pīs'-gāh eastward.

¹⁸And I commanded you at that time saying, The LORD your God has given you this land to possess it. You shall pass over armed before

your brothers the children of Israel, all that are able for the war. ¹⁹But your wives and your little ones, and your cattle (I know that you have much cattle) shall stay in your cities which I have given you ²⁰until the LORD has given rest to your brothers, as well as to you, and *until* they also possess the land which the LORD your God has given them beyond Jordan. And *then* you shall each one return to his possessions which I have given you.

²¹And I commanded Joshua at that time saying, Your eyes have seen all that the LORD your God has done to these two kings. So the LORD shall do to all the kingdoms where you pass. ²²You shall not fear them. For the LORD your God shall fight for you. ²³And I begged the LORD at that time saying, ²⁴O LORD God, Thou hast begun to show Thy servant Thy greatness, and Thy mighty hand. For what God is *there* in heaven or in earth who can do according to Thy works, and according to Thy might? ²⁵I pray Thee, let me go over and see the good land that is beyond Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lēb'-ā-nōn. ²⁶But the LORD was angry with me because of you and would not hear me. And the LORD said unto me, Let it be enough for you. Speak no more to Me of this matter. ²⁷Get up into the top of Pīś'-gāh and lift up your eyes westward and northward and southward and eastward, and behold it with your eyes. For you shall not go over this Jordan. ²⁸But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him. For he shall go over before this people, and he shall cause them to inherit the land which you shall see. ²⁹So we stayed in the valley over against Bēth-pē'-ōr.

CHAPTER 4

¹Now therefore listen, O Israel, to the statutes and to the judgments which I teach you, in order to do *them*, so that you may live and go in and possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers gives you. ²You shall not add to the word which I command you, neither shall you take away from it, so that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. ³Your eyes have seen what the LORD did because of Bā-āl-pē'-ōr. For the LORD your God has destroyed from among you all the men that followed Bā-āl-pē'-ōr. ⁴And you who did hold fast to the LORD your God are alive, every one of you, this day. ⁵Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you should do so in the land where you go to possess it. ⁶Therefore keep and do *them*, for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. ⁷For what nation is so great, who has God so near them, as the LORD our God is in all *things for which* we call upon Him? ⁸And what nation is so great, that has statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law which I set before you this day?

⁹Only take heed to yourself and keep your soul carefully, lest you forget the things which your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. But teach them to your sons, and your sons' sons.

¹⁰*Remember* the day that you stood before the LORD your God in Hôr'-ëb, when the LORD said to me, Gather the people together unto Me, and I will make them hear My words, so that they may learn to fear Me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and *so that* they may teach their children. ¹¹And you came near and stood under the mountain. And the mountain burned with fire unto the midst of heaven, with darkness, clouds, and thick darkness. ¹²And the LORD spoke to you out of the midst of the fire. You heard the voice of the words, but saw no likeness. Only *you heard* a voice. ¹³And He declared to you His covenant which He commanded you to perform – ten commandments. And He wrote them on two tables of stone.

¹⁴And the LORD commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and judgments so that you might do them in the land where you go over to possess it. ¹⁵Therefore take good heed to yourselves – for you saw no kind of likeness on the day the LORD spoke to you in Hôr'-ëb out of the midst of the fire – ¹⁶lest you corrupt *yourselves*, and make yourselves a graven image – the likeness of any figure, the likeness of male or female, ¹⁷the likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flies in the air, ¹⁸the likeness of anything that creeps on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth – ¹⁹and lest you lift up your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, and the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, lest you should be driven to worship them and serve them, which the LORD your God has divided to all nations under the whole heaven. ²⁰But the LORD has taken you and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be to Him a people of inheritance, as *you* are this day.

²¹Furthermore the LORD was angry with me for your sakes, and swore that I should not go over Jordan, and that I should not go in to that good land which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance. ²²But I must die in this land; I must not go over Jordan. But you shall go over and possess that good land. ²³Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which He made with you, and make you a graven image, the likeness of anything which the LORD your God has forbidden you. ²⁴For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.

²⁵When you shall father children and children's children, and when you shall have remained long in the land and shall make *yourselves* rotten by making a graven image *or* the likeness of anything, and shall do evil in the sight of the LORD your God, to provoke Him to anger

— ²⁶I call heaven and earth to witness against you **this day**, that you shall soon utterly perish from off the land which you are passing over Jordan to possess. You shall not prolong *your* days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed. ²⁷And the LORD shall scatter you among the nations, and you shall be left few in number among the nations where the LORD shall drive you. ²⁸And there you shall serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. ²⁹But if you shall seek the LORD your God from there, you shall find *Him*, if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.

³⁰When you are in trouble and when all these things have found you in the latter days, if you return to the LORD your God and shall be obedient unto His voice ³¹(for the LORD your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you, nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them. ³²For ask now of the days that are past, which were before you, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and *ask* from the one side of heaven to the other, where there has been *any such thing* as this great thing is, or has been heard like it. ³³Did people *ever* hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire (as you have heard) and live? ³⁴Or has any God tried to go *and* take a nation for Himself from the midst of *another* nation, by trials, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? ³⁵It was shown unto you so that you might know that the LORD is God, and no one else beside Him. ³⁶He made you hear His voice out of Heaven so that He might teach you. And He showed you His great fire upon earth. And you heard His words out of the midst of the fire. ³⁷And because He loved your fathers, therefore He chose their seed after them, and brought you out in His sight with His mighty power out of Egypt, ³⁸in order to drive out from before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land *for* an inheritance, as it is this day. ³⁹Therefore know this day, and think of it within your heart, that the LORD is God in Heaven above and on the earth beneath. *There is* no other. ⁴⁰Therefore you shall keep his laws and His commandments which I command you this day, so that it may go well with you and with your children after you, and so that you may make your days longer upon the earth which the LORD your God gives you forever.

⁴¹Then Moses separated three cities on this side Jordan towards the sunrise, ⁴²so that the slayer might flee there, *he* who should kill his neighbor through error and *who* did not hate him in times past — and that fleeing to one of these cities he might live. ⁴³*They were* Bē'-zēr in the wilderness, in the plain country, of the Reubenites; and Ramoth in Gilead of the Gadites; and Gō'-lān in Bā'-shān, of the Mā-nās'-sītes.

⁴⁴And this is the law which Moses set before the children of Israel. ⁴⁵These are the testimonies and the statutes and the judgments which Moses spoke to the children of Israel after they came forth out of Egypt — ⁴⁶on this side Jordan, in the valley over against Bêth-pê'-ôr, in the land of Sî'-hôn king of the Amorites, who lived at Hêsh'-bôn, whom the children of Israel killed, after they had come forth out of Egypt. ⁴⁷And they possessed his land, and the land of Og king of Bâ'-shan, two kings of the Amorites, who were on this side Jordan toward the sunrise, ⁴⁸from Ā-rō'-ēr, which is by the bank of the river Arnon, even to Mount Šî'-ôn, which is Hēr'-mon, ⁴⁹and all the plain on this side Jordan eastward, even to the sea of the plain, under the springs of Piś'-gâh.

CHAPTER 5

¹And Moses called all Israel and said to them, Hear, O Israel, the statutes and judgments which I speak in your ears this day, so that you may learn them and keep and do them. ²The LORD our God made a covenant with us in Hôr'-ēb. ³The LORD did not make this covenant with our fathers, but with us, *even* us who are all of us here alive this day. ⁴The LORD talked with you face to face in the mountain out of the midst of the fire — ⁵(I stood between the LORD and you at that time, to show you the word of the LORD, for you were afraid because of the fire, and did not go up into the mountain), saying, ⁶I am the LORD your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage.

⁷You shall have no other gods besides Me.

⁸You shall not make *any* graven image, or any likeness of *anything* that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth. ⁹You shall not bow yourself down to them, nor serve them. For I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of those who hate Me, ¹⁰and showing mercy unto thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.

¹¹You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain — for the LORD will not let *him* who takes His name in vain go unpunished.

¹²Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the LORD your God has commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is the sabbath of the LORD your God. *In it* you shall not do any work — you, nor your son, nor your daughter, nor your man-servant, nor your maid-servant, nor your ox, nor your ass, nor any of your cattle, nor your stranger that is inside your gates — so that your man-servant and your maid-servant may rest as well as you. ¹⁵And remember that you were a servant in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and with a

stretched-out arm. Therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

¹⁶Honor your father and your mother, as the LORD your God has commanded you – so that your days may be made longer, and that it may go well with you in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

¹⁷You shall not kill.

¹⁸Neither shall you commit adultery.

¹⁹Neither shall you steal.

²⁰Neither shall you bear false witness against your neighbor.

²¹Neither shall you desire your neighbor's wife, neither shall you covet your neighbor's house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, his ox, or his ass, or anything that is your neighbor's.

²²The LORD spoke these words unto all your gathering in the mountain out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice. And he added no more. And he wrote them in two tables of stone and delivered them to me. ²³And when you heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain burned with fire,) you came near me, all the heads of your tribes and your elders, ²⁴and you said, Behold! The LORD our God has showed us His glory and His greatness, and we have heard His voice out of the midst of the fire. We have seen this day that God talks with man and that He lives. ²⁵Now therefore why should we die? For this great fire will destroy us. If we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die. ²⁶For who of all flesh has heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we *have*, and has lived? ²⁷You go near and hear all that the LORD our God shall say. And you speak to us all that the LORD our God shall speak to you, and we will hear and do *it*.

²⁸And the LORD heard the voice of your words when you spoke to me. And the LORD said to me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto you. They have well said all that they have spoken. ²⁹O that there were such a heart in them that they would fear Me and keep all My commandments always, so that it might be well with them and with their children forever! ³⁰Go say to them, Go into your tents again. ³¹But as for you, you stand here by Me, and I will speak unto you all the commandments and the laws and the judgments which you shall teach them, so that they may do *them* in the land which I am giving them, to possess it. ³²Therefore you shall be careful to do as the LORD your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. ³³You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you so that you may live and *it* may be well with you, and *so that* you may make *your* days longer in the land which you shall possess.

CHAPTER 6

¹Now these are the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD our God commanded to teach you so that you might do *them* in the land where you go, to possess it — ²so that you might fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you — you, and your son, and your son's son — all the days of your life, and so that your days may be made longer.

³Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to do *it*, so that it may be well with you, and that you may grow stronger, as the LORD God of our fathers has promised you, in the land that flows with milk and honey. ⁴Hear, O Israel. The LORD our God is one LORD. ⁵And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words which I command you this day shall be in your heart. ⁷And you shall carefully teach them unto your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸And you shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. ⁹And you shall write them upon the posts of your house, and on your gates. ¹⁰And when the LORD your God has brought you into the land which He swore unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, (to give you great and goodly cities which you did not build, ¹¹and houses full of all good things which you did not fill, and wells which are dug, *but* which you did not dig, vineyards and olive trees which you did not plant,) when you shall have eaten and be full, ¹²*then* beware lest you forget the LORD who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. ¹³You shall fear the LORD your God and serve Him, and shall swear by His name. ¹⁴You shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the people who are round about you, ¹⁵(for the LORD your God is a jealous God among you,) lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you and destroy you from off the face of the earth.

¹⁶You shall not tempt the LORD your God as you tempted *Him* in Mās'-sāh. ¹⁷You shall carefully keep the commandments of the LORD your God, and His testimonies, and His statutes which He has commanded you. ¹⁸And you shall do what is right and good in the sight of the LORD, so that it may be well with you, and so that you may go in and possess the good land which the LORD swore unto your fathers, ¹⁹to cast out all your enemies from before you, as the LORD has spoken. ²⁰When your son asks you in time to come, saying, What *do* the testimonies, and the statutes and the judgments which the LORD our God has commanded you *mean*? ²¹Then you shall say unto your son, We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt, and the LORD brought

us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²²And the LORD showed signs and wonders, great and evil *signs*, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh and upon all his household, before our eyes. ²³And He brought us out from there so that He might bring us in to give us the land which He swore unto our fathers. ²⁴And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, so that He might preserve us alive, as *it is* at this day. ²⁵And if we are careful to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as He has commanded us, it shall be our righteousness.

CHAPTER 7

¹When the LORD your God shall bring you into the land where you go to possess it, and has cast out many nations before you — the Hit'tites and the Gīr'-gā-shītes and the Ām'-ōr-ites, and the Canaanites, and the Pē-rīz'-zītes, and the Hī'-vītes, and the Jēb'-ū-sītes, seven nations greater and mightier than you — ²and when the LORD your God shall deliver them before you, you shall crush them and completely destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. ³Neither shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter unto his son, nor shall you take his daughter unto your son. ⁴For they will turn away your son from following Me, so that they may serve other gods. So the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you and will destroy you suddenly. ⁵But you shall deal with them in this way — you shall destroy their altars and break down their images, and cut down their groves and burn their graven images with fire. ⁶For you are a holy people unto the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. ⁷The LORD did not set His love upon you, nor choose you, because you were more in number than any people, for you were the fewest of all people. ⁸But because the LORD loved you, and because He wou'd keep the oath which He had sworn unto your fathers, the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Therefore know that the LORD your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations. ¹⁰And he repays those who hate Him to their face, to destroy them. He will not be slow to repay him who hates Him. He will repay him to his face. ¹¹Therefore you shall keep the commandments and the statutes and the judgments which I command you this day, to do them.

¹²Therefore, because you listen to these judgments and keep and do them, the LORD your God shall keep unto you the covenant and the mercy which He swore unto your fathers. ¹³And He will love you and

bless you and multiply you. He will also bless the fruit of your womb, and the fruit of your land, your grain, and your wine, and your oil, the increase of your cattle, and the flocks of your sheep, in the land which He swore unto your fathers to give you. ¹⁴You shall be blessed above all people. There shall not be male or female barren among you or among your cattle. ¹⁵And the LORD will take away from you all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt which you know upon you. But He will lay them upon all who hate you.

¹⁶And you shall destroy all the people which the LORD your God shall deliver you. Your eye shall have no pity upon them, neither shall you serve their gods, for they will be a snare to you. ¹⁷If you shall say in your heart, These nations are more than I; how can I throw them out? ¹⁸You shall not be afraid of them, *but* shall well remember what the LORD your God did to Pharaoh and to all Egypt. ¹⁹*Remember* the great temptations which your eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the stretched-out arm by which the Lord your God brought you out. So shall the LORD your God do to all the people of whom you are afraid. ²⁰Moreover the LORD your God will send the hornet among them, until the ones who are left, and who hide themselves from you, are destroyed. ²¹You shall not be afraid of them, for the LORD your God is among you, a mighty and terrible God. ²²And the LORD your God will put out those nations before you by little and little. You may not destroy them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon you. ²³But the LORD your God shall deliver them to you, and shall destroy them with a mighty ruin until they are destroyed. ²⁴And He shall deliver their kings into your hand, and you shall destroy their name from under heaven. No man shall be able to stand before you until you have destroyed them. ²⁵You shall burn the graven images of their gods with fire. You shall not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourself, so that you may not be snared in it. For it is hateful to the LORD your God. ²⁶Neither shall you bring a thing God hates into your house, lest you be a cursed thing like it. You shall utterly hate it, and you shall utterly despise it. For it is a cursed thing.

CHAPTER 8

¹All the commandments which I command you this day shall you be careful to do, that you may live and multiply and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to your fathers. ²And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God led you these forty years in the wilderness in order to humble you, to prove you — to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. ³And He humbled you and allowed you to hunger, and *then He* fed you with manna (which you did not know, neither did your fathers know

it) so that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone. But man shall live by every word that comes out of the mouth of the LORD. ⁴Your clothing did not become old on you, neither did your foot swell, these forty years. ⁵You shall also consider in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the LORD your God chastens you. ⁶Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear him. ⁷For the LORD your God brings you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley and vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, ⁹a land in which you shall eat bread without lacking *anything*. You shall not lack anything in it. *It is* a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you may dig brass. ¹⁰When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

¹¹Beware that you do not forget the LORD your God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command you this day — ¹²lest *when* you have eaten and are full and have built goodly houses and lived *in them*, ¹³and *when* your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart might be lifted up, and you might forget the LORD your God who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵*For He* led you through the great and terrible wilderness *in which* were fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty wastes, where *there was* no water. *It was He* who brought you forth water out of the rock of flint, ¹⁶who fed you in the wilderness with manna which your fathers did not know, so that He might humble you and so that He might prove you, to do you good in the end — ¹⁷and so that you might not say in your heart, My power and the might of my hand has gotten me this wealth. ¹⁸But you shall remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, so that He may confirm His covenant which He has sworn unto your fathers, as *it is* this day. ¹⁹And if you do at all forget the LORD your God and walk after other gods and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. ²⁰As the nations whom the LORD destroys before your face, so you shall perish because you would not listen to the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 9

¹Hear, O Israel! You are to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than you, cities great and fenced up to heaven, ²a people great and tall, the children of the Ān'-ā-kims, whom you know, and *of whom* you have heard it said, Who can stand before the children of Ān'-āk! ³Therefore understand this day that the

LORD your God is He who goes over before you. *Like* a consuming fire He shall destroy them, and He shall bring them down before your face. So you shall drive them out and destroy them quickly, as the LORD has said unto you. ⁴Do not speak in your heart, after the LORD your God has cast them out from before you, saying, For my righteousness the LORD has brought me in to possess this land. But for the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. ⁵Not for your righteousness, or for the uprightness of your heart, do you go to possess their land. But for the wickedness of these nations the LORD your God drives them out from before you, and so that He may perform the word which the LORD swore to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. ⁶Therefore understand that the LORD your God does not give you this good land, to possess it, for your righteousness. For you are a stiff-necked people.

⁷Remember, and do not forget, how you provoked the LORD your God to wrath in the wilderness. From the day you departed out of the land of Egypt, until you came to this place, you have been rebellious against the LORD. ⁸Also in Hôr-ēb you provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you. ⁹When I had gone up into the mountain to receive the tablets of stone, the tablets of the covenant which the LORD made with you, then I stayed in the mountain forty days and forty nights — I did not either eat bread nor drink water. ¹⁰And the LORD delivered to me two tablets of stone written with the finger of God. And on them was written according to all the words which the LORD spoke with you in the mountain out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. ¹¹And at the end of forty days and forty nights the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, the tables of the covenant. ¹²And the LORD said to me, Arise! Get down quickly from here, for your people whom you have brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted *themselves*. They have quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them. They have made them a molten image. ¹³Furthermore the LORD spoke to me saying, I have seen this people, and, behold, it is a stiff-necked people. ¹⁴Let me alone, so that I may destroy them and blot out their name from under heaven. And I will make of you a nation mightier and greater than they are. ¹⁵So I turned and came down from the mountain, and the mountain burned with fire. And the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands. ¹⁶And I looked, and behold! You had sinned against the LORD your God, *and* had made you a molten calf. You had turned aside quickly out of the way which the LORD had commanded you. ¹⁷And I took the two tablets and threw them out of my hands and broke them before your eyes.

¹⁸And I fell down before the LORD, as at the first, forty days and forty nights. I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all your sins which you sinned in doing wickedly in the sight of the LORD to

provoke Him to anger. ¹⁹For I was afraid of the anger and fury with which the LORD was angry against you to destroy you. But the LORD listened to me at that time also. ²⁰And the LORD was very angry with Aaron to have destroyed him. And I prayed for Aaron also the same time. ²¹And I took your sin, the calf which you had made, and burned it with fire, and stamped it, grinding it very small, until it was as small as dust. And I threw the dust of it into the brook that descended out of the mountain.

²²And at Tăb'-ĕ-răh, and at Măs'-săh, and at Kīb'-rôth-hăt-tă'-ă-văh, you provoked the LORD to anger. ²³Likewise when the LORD sent you from Kă'-dêsh-băr'-nĕ-ă, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you, then you rebelled against the commandment of the LORD your God, and you did not believe Him, nor listened to His voice. ²⁴You have been rebellious against the LORD from the day that I knew you. ²⁵So I fell down before the LORD forty days and forty nights, as I fell down *at the first*, because the LORD had said He would destroy you. ²⁶I prayed therefore to the LORD and said, O Lord GOD, do not destroy Thy people and Thy inheritance which Thou hast redeemed through Thy greatness, which Thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. ²⁷Remember Thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Do not look to the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin, ²⁸lest the land from where Thou didst bring us out say, Because the LORD was not able to bring them into the land which He promised them, and because He hated them, He has brought them out to kill them in the wilderness. ²⁹Yet they are Thy people and Thy inheritance which Thou didst bring out by Thy mighty power and by Thy stretched-out arm.

CHAPTER 10

¹At that time the LORD said to me, Cut out two tablets of stone like the first, and come up unto Me into the mountain, and make an ark of wood. ²And I will write on the tablets the words that were in the first tablets which you broke, and you shall put them in the ark. ³And I made an ark of ă-că'-ciă wood, and cut out two tablets of stone like the first, and went up into the mountain, having the two tablets in my hand. ⁴And He wrote on the tablets, according to the first writing, the ten commandments which the LORD spoke to you in the mountain out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly. And the LORD gave them to me. ⁵And I turned myself and came down from the mountain, and put the tables in the ark which I had made. And there they are, as the LORD commanded me.

⁶And the children of Israel took their journey from Bĕer'-ôth of the children of Jă'-ă-kăn to Mō'-sĕ-ră. There Aaron died, and there he was buried. And Ĕl-ĕ-ă-zăr his son served in the priest's office in his stead.

From there they moved to Gūd-gō'-dāh, and from Gūd-gō'-dāh to Jōt'-bāth, a land of rivers of waters. ⁸At that time the LORD separated the tribe of Levi to carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD, to stand before the LORD to minister unto Him, and to bless in His name, unto this day. ⁹Therefore Levi has no part nor inheritance with his brothers. The LORD is his inheritance, according as the LORD your God promised him. ¹⁰And I stayed in the mountain, according to the first time, forty days and forty nights. And the LORD listened to me at that time also. The LORD would not destroy you. ¹¹And the LORD said to me, Arise, Go before the people, causing them to go in and possess the land which I swore unto their fathers to give unto them.

¹²And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³to keep the commandments of the LORD, and His statutes, which I command you this day for your good? ¹⁴Behold, the heaven and the heaven of heavens belongs to the LORD your God, the earth *also*, with all that is in it. ¹⁵Only the LORD had a delight in your fathers to love them, and He chose their seed after them, you above all people, as it is this day. ¹⁶Therefore circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stiff-necked. ¹⁷For the LORD your God is God of gods, and Lord of lords, a great God, a mighty, and a terrible *God*, who does not respect persons nor take bribes. ¹⁸He executes justice for the fatherless and widow, and loves the stranger in giving him food and clothing. ¹⁹Therefore love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. ²⁰You shall fear the LORD your God. You shall serve Him, and you shall hold fast to Him, and swear by His name. ²¹He is your praise, and He is your God, who has done for you these great and terrible things which your eyes have seen. ²²Your fathers went down into Egypt with seventy persons. And now the LORD your God has made you as the stars of heaven for multitude.

CHAPTER 11

¹Therefore you shall love the LORD your God, and keep His charge and His statutes and His judgments and His commandments always. And you know this day — for I do not speak with your children who have not known and who have not seen the correcting of the LORD your God — His greatness, His mighty hand, and His stretched-out arm, ³and His miracles, and His acts which He did in the midst of Egypt, unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt and to all his land. ⁴And *you know* what He did to the army of Egypt, to their horses and to their chariots — how He made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and *how* the LORD has destroyed them unto his day. ⁵And *you know* what He did to you in the wilderness until

you came into this place, ⁶and what He did unto Dā'-thān and Ā-bī'rām, the sons of Ē-lī'-āb the son of Reuben — how the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the substance that was in their possession, in the midst of all Israel. ⁷But your eyes have seen all the great acts of the LORD which He did.

⁸Therefore you shall keep all the commandments which I command you this day, so that you may be strong and go in and possess the land where you go to possess it, ⁹and so that you may make *your* days longer in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers to give to them and to their seed a land that flows with milk and honey. ¹⁰For the land into which you go to possess it, is not as the land of Egypt from which you came out, where you sowed your seed and watered it with your foot, like a garden of herbs. ¹¹But the land which you are entering to possess is a land of hills and valleys, drinking water from the rain of heaven. ¹²*It is* a land which the LORD your God cares for. The eyes of the LORD your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even to the end of the year. ¹³And if you will listen carefully to my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹⁴I will give you the rain of your land in its due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that you may gather in your grain and your wine and your oil. ¹⁵And I will send grass in your fields for your cattle so that you may eat and be full. ¹⁶Take heed to yourselves that your heart may not be deceived, and you turn aside and serve other gods, and worship them. ¹⁷And *then* the LORD's wrath may be kindled against you, and He may shut up the heaven so that there will be no rain, and so that the land will not yield her fruit. And you will perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD gives you.

¹⁸Therefore you shall lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul, and bind them for a sign upon your hand, so that they may be as frontlets between your eyes. ¹⁹And you shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ²⁰And you shall write them upon the door posts of your house, and upon your gates, ²¹so that your days and the days of your children may be multiplied in the land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers, like the days of the heavens upon the earth. ²²For if you will carefully keep all these commandments which I command you, to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast unto Him, ²³then the LORD will drive out all these nations from before you, and you shall possess greater and mightier nations than yourself. ²⁴Every place on which the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours — from the wilderness and Lēb'-ā-non, from the river, the river Eū-phrā'-tēs, even to the furthest sea shall your border be. ²⁵There shall no man be able to stand

before you, *for* the LORD your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of you upon all the land that you shall tread upon, as He has said unto you.

²⁶Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse — ²⁷a blessing if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you this day, ²⁸and a curse if you will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but will turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods which you have not known. ²⁹And when the LORD your God has brought you into the land where you go to possess it, you shall put the blessing upon Mount Gē-rī-zīm, and the curse upon Mount E'-bāl. ³⁰Are they not on the other side Jordan, by the way where the sun goes down, in the land of the Canaanites, who dwell in the plain over against Gīl-gāl beside the plains of Mō'-rēh? ³¹For you shall pass over Jordan to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God gives you, and you shall possess it and dwell in it. ³²And you shall be careful to do all the statutes and judgments which I set before you this day.

CHAPTER 12

¹These are the statutes and judgments which you shall be careful to do in the land which the LORD God of your fathers gives you to possess, all the days that you live upon the earth. ²You shall completely destroy all the places in which the nations which you shall possess served their gods — upon the high mountains and upon the hills and under every green tree. ³And you shall overthrow their altars and break their pillars, and burn their groves with fire. And you shall cut down the carved images of their gods, and destroy their names out of that place. ⁴You shall not do so unto the LORD your God. ⁵But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put His name there, *even* unto His dwelling place you shall seek, and there you shall come. ⁶And there you shall bring your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and heave offerings of your hand, and your vows, and your free-will offerings, and the first-born of your herds and of your flocks. ⁷And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice in all that you put your hand to, you and your households in which the LORD your God has blessed you. ⁸You shall not do according to all the things that we do here this day, each man doing whatever is right in his own eyes. ⁹For you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance which the LORD your God gives you.

¹⁰But when you go over Jordan and live in the land which the LORD your God gives you to inherit, and *when* He gives you rest from all your enemies round about, so that you live in safety, ¹¹then there shall be a place which the LORD your God shall choose to cause His name

to dwell there. There you shall bring all that I command you, your burnt offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which you vow unto the LORD. ¹²And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters and your men-servants and your maid-servants, and the Levite that is within your gates (because he has no part nor inheritance with you). ¹³Take heed to yourself that you do not offer your burnt offering in every place that you see. ¹⁴But in the place which the LORD shall choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offering, and there you shall do all that I command you. ¹⁵However, you may kill and eat flesh in all your gates, whatever your soul desires, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you, the unclean and the clean may eat of it, as of the gazelle, and as of the hart. ¹⁶Only you shall not eat the blood. You shall pour it upon the earth like water.

¹⁷You may not eat inside your gates the tithe of your grain or of your wine or of your oil, or the first-born of your herds or of your flock, or any of your vows which you vow, or your free-will offerings or the heave offering of your hand. ¹⁸But you must eat them before the LORD your God in the place which the LORD your God shall choose – you, and your son, and your daughter, and your man-servant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite that is within your gates. And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God in all that you put your hands to. ¹⁹Take heed to yourself that you do not forsake the Levite as long as you live upon the earth.

²⁰When the LORD your God shall make your border larger, as He has promised you, and you shall say, I will eat flesh, because your soul longs to eat flesh – you may eat flesh, whatever your soul desires. ²¹If the place which the LORD your God has chosen to put his name there is too far from you, then you shall kill of your herd and of your flock which the LORD has given you, as I have commanded you, and you shall eat in your gates whatever your soul desires. ²²Even as the gazelle and the hart is eaten, so you shall eat them. The unclean and the clean shall eat of them alike.

²³Only be sure that you do not eat the blood. For the blood is the life. And you may not eat the life with the flesh. ²⁴You shall not eat it. You shall pour it upon the earth like water. ²⁵You shall not eat it, so that it may go well with you and with your children after you, when you shall do *what* is right in the sight of the LORD. ²⁶Only your holy things which you have, and your vows, you shall take and go to the place which the LORD shall choose. ²⁷And you shall offer your burnt offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the LORD your God. And the blood of your sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the LORD your God, and you shall eat the flesh. ²⁸Be careful to hear all these words which I command you, so that it may go well with

you and with your children after you forever, when you do *that which* is good and right in the sight of the LORD your God.

²⁹When the LORD your God shall cut off the nations before you, where you go to possess them, and you take their place and dwell in their land, ³⁰take heed to yourself that you do not become snared by following them, after they are destroyed from before you. And *be careful* that you do not ask about their gods, saying, How did these nations serve their gods that I too may do likewise. ³¹You shall not do so unto the LORD your God. For every hateful thing unto the LORD, which He hates, they have done unto their gods — ³²for even their sons and their daughters they have burned in the fire to their gods. Whatever thing I command you, be careful to do it. You shall not add to it, nor take away from it.

CHAPTER 13

¹If a prophet rises among you, or a dreamer of dreams, and gives you a sign or a wonder, ²and the sign or the wonder which he tells you comes to pass, of which he said, Let us go after other gods which you have not known, and let us serve them — ³you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments, and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. ⁵And that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, to lure you out of the way which the LORD your God commanded you to walk in. So you shall put the evil away from the midst of you.

⁶If your brother, the son of your mother, or your son, or your daughter, or the wife of your bosom, or your friend who is like your own soul, lures you secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods which you have not known, you nor your fathers — ⁷*that is*, of the gods of the people who are round about you, near you or far off from you, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth — ⁸you shall not consent to him or listen to him. Neither shall your eye pity him, neither shall you spare, neither shall you hide him. ⁹But you shall surely kill him. Your hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. ¹⁰And you shall stone him with stones so that he dies, because he has sought to lure you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. ¹¹And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this among you.

¹²If, in one of your cities which the LORD your God has given you to dwell in, you shall hear *someone* saying, ¹³*Certain* men, the children of Bē'-li-āl, have gone out from among you and have withdrawn those who live in their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which you have not known — ¹⁴then you shall inquire and make search, and ask carefully. And behold, If it is true, and the thing is certain, that such a hateful thing is done among you, ¹⁵you shall surely strike those who live in that city with the edge of the sword, destroying it completely, and all that is in it, and all the cattle of it, with the edge of the sword. ¹⁶And you shall gather all the spoil of it into the middle of its street, and shall burn the city with fire, and all its spoil, every bit of it, for the LORD your God. And it shall be a heap forever. It shall not be built again. ¹⁷And let nothing of the cursed thing cling to your hand, so that the LORD may turn from the heat of his anger and show you mercy, and have pity upon you, and multiply you as He has sworn unto your fathers, ¹⁸when you shall listen to the voice of the LORD your God, to keep all His commandments which I command you this day, to do *that which is right* in the eyes of the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 14

¹You are the children of the LORD your God. You shall not cut yourselves nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. ²For you are a holy people unto the LORD your God, and the LORD has chosen you to be a peculiar people unto Himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth. ³You shall not eat anything hateful to God. ⁴These are the animals which you shall eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, ⁵the hart, and the gazelle, and the fallow deer, and the wild goat, and the mountain goat, and the wild ox, and the mountain-sheep. ⁶And every animal that divides the hoof (and divides *it* into two claws), *and* chews the cud among the animals, that you shall eat. ⁷Nevertheless these you shall not eat, of those which chew the cud, or of those that divide the cloven hoof: the camel, and the hare, and the coney — for they chew the cud, but do not divide the hoof. They are unclean unto you. ⁸And the swine — because it divides the hoof but does not chew the cud, it is unclean unto you. You shall not eat of their flesh nor touch their dead body. ⁹These you shall eat of all that are in the waters: all that have fins and scales you shall eat. ¹⁰And whatever does not have fins and scales you shall not eat. It is unclean to you. ¹¹You shall eat of all clean birds. ¹²But you shall not eat of these: the eagle, and the ōs'-sī-frāge, and the ospray, ¹³and the falcon, and the kite, and the vulture after its kind, ¹⁴and every raven after its kind, ¹⁵and the owl, and the night hawk, and the cuckoo, and the hawk after its kind, ¹⁶the little owl, and the great owl, and the swan, ¹⁷and the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant, ¹⁸and the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the lap-wing, and the bat. ¹⁹And every

creeping thing that flies is unclean to you. They shall not be eaten.
²⁰You may eat of all clean fowls.

²¹You shall not eat of anything that dies of itself. You shall deliver it to the stranger that is in your gates, so that he may eat it. Or you may sell it to a stranger. For you are a holy people unto the LORD your God. You shall not boil a kid in its mother's milk. ²²You shall truly tithe all the increase of your seed that the field brings forth year by year. ²³And you shall eat before the LORD your God in the place which He shall choose to place His name there, the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the first-born of your herds and of your flocks — so that you may learn to fear the LORD your God always. ²⁴And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry it, or if the place is too far from you, which the LORD your God shall choose to set His name there, when the LORD your God has blessed you, ²⁵then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand, and shall go to the place which the LORD your God shall choose. ²⁶And you shall pay that money for whatever your soul desires, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatever your soul desires. And you shall eat there before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your household ²⁷and the Levite that is within your gates — you shall not forsake him, for he has no part nor inheritance with you.

²⁸At the end of three years you shall bring forth all the tithe of your increase the same year, and shall lay it up inside your gates. ²⁹And the Levite, because he has no part nor inheritance with you, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, who are inside your gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied — so that the LORD may bless you in all the work of your hand which you do.

CHAPTER 15

¹At the end of every seven years you shall make a release. ²And this is the manner of the release. Every man who has a loan to his neighbor shall release it. He shall not exact *it* from his neighbor, or from his brother, because it is called the LORD's release. ³You may exact it from a foreigner, but your hand shall release *that* which is yours with your brother, ⁴except when there shall be no poor among you. For the LORD shall greatly bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance to possess it — ⁵only if you carefully listen to the voice of the LORD your God to be careful to do all these commandments which I command you this day. ⁶For the LORD your God blesses you as He promised you. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And you shall reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over you.

⁷If there is among you a poor man of one of your brothers inside any of your gates in your land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not harden your heart nor shut your hand from your poor brother. ⁸But you shall open your hand wide unto him, and shall surely lend him enough for his need, *that* which he lacks. ⁹Beware that there is not a thought in your wicked heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand – and your eye may be evil against your poor brother, and you give him nothing. And he may cry unto the LORD against you, and it is sin to you. ¹⁰You shall surely give to him, and your heart shall not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the LORD your God shall bless you in all your works, and in all that you put your hand to. ¹¹For the poor shall never cease out of the land. Therefore I command you saying, You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor, and to your needy, in your land.

¹²If your brother, a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and serves you six years, then in the seventh year you shall let him go free from you. ¹³And when you send him out free from you, you shall not let him go away empty. ¹⁴You shall surround him from your flock, and from your *grain* floor, and from your wine-press. With that with which the LORD your God has blessed you, you shall give to him. ¹⁵And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you. Therefore I command you this thing today. ¹⁶And if he says to you, I will not go away from you, because he loves you and your house, because he is happy with you – ¹⁷then you shall take an awl and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be your servant forever. And also unto your maid-servant you shall do likewise. ¹⁸It shall not seem hard to you when you send him away from you free, for he has been worth a double hired servant in serving you six years. And the LORD your God shall bless you in all that you do.

¹⁹All the first-born males that come from your herd and from your flock, you shall set apart unto the LORD your God. You shall do no work with the first-born of your bull, nor shear the first-born of your sheep. ²⁰You shall eat it before the LORD your God year by year in the place which the LORD shall choose, you and your household. ²¹And if there is any blemish in it, *if it is* lame, or blind, or any ill blemish, you shall not sacrifice it unto the LORD your God. ²²You shall eat it inside your gates. The unclean and the unclean shall *eat it* alike, as the gazelle, and as the hart. ²³Only you shall not eat the blood of it. You shall pour it upon the ground like water.

CHAPTER 16

¹Observe the month Ā'-bīb, and keep the Passover unto the LORD your God. For in the month Ā'-bib the LORD your God brought you

forth out of Egypt by night. ²You shall therefore sacrifice the Passover unto the LORD your God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which the LORD shall choose to place His name there. ³You shall eat no leavened bread with it. Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread with it, the bread of affliction, for you came forth out of the land of Egypt in haste. *This is* so that you may remember the day that you came forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of your life. ⁴And there shall be no leavened bread seen with you in all your borders for seven days. Neither shall any of the flesh which you sacrificed in the first day at evening remain all night until the morning. ⁵You may not sacrifice the Passover within any of your gates, which the LORD your God gives you — ⁶but at the place which the LORD your God shall choose to place His name in, there you shall sacrifice the Passover at evening, at the going down of the sun, at the time that you came forth out of Egypt. ⁷And you shall roast and eat it in the place which the LORD your God shall choose. And in the morning you shall turn and go to your tents. ⁸Six days you shall eat unleavened bread. And on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the LORD your God. You shall do no work.

⁹You shall count seven weeks to yourselves. Begin to count the seven weeks from the time you began to put the sickle to the grain. ¹⁰And you shall keep the feast of weeks unto the LORD your God with a measure of a free-will offering of your hand, which you shall give according as the LORD your God has blessed you. ¹¹And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you, and your son, and your daughter, and your man-servant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite that is inside your gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, those who are among you, in the place which the LORD your God has chosen to place His name there. ¹²And you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt. And you shall be careful to do these statutes.

¹³You shall keep the feast of tabernacles seven days after you have gathered in your grain and your wine. ¹⁴And you shall rejoice in your feast — you, and your son, and your daughter, and your man-servant, and your maid-servant, and the Levite, the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are inside your gates. ¹⁵Seven days you shall keep a solemn feast unto the LORD your God in the place which the LORD your God shall choose. Because the LORD your God shall bless you in all your increase, and in all the works of your hands, therefore you shall surely rejoice.

¹⁶Three times in a year shall all your males appear before the LORD your God in the place which He shall choose—in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles. And they shall not appear before the LORD empty. ¹⁷Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the LORD your God which He has given you.

¹⁸You shall make judges and officers for you in all your gates, which the LORD your God gives you, throughout your tribes. And they shall judge the people with just judgment. ¹⁹You shall not wrest judgment. You shall not respect persons, neither take a gift, for a gift blinds the eyes of the wise and perverts the words of the righteous. ²⁰You shall follow that which is altogether just, that you may live and inherit the land which the LORD your God gives you.

²¹You shall not plant a grove of any trees near the altar of the LORD your God which you shall make. ²²Neither shall you set up any image, which the LORD your God hates.

CHAPTER 17

¹You shall not sacrifice unto the LORD your God any bull or sheep in which there is *any* blemish or any unseemly thing, for that is an insult to the LORD your God.

²If there is found among you, inside any of your gates which the LORD your God gives you, a man or woman who has worked wickedness in the sight of the LORD your God, in breaking His covenant, ³and has gone and served other gods and worshipped them (either the sun, or moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded) — ⁴and if it is told you, and you have heard and inquired carefully, and, behold, it is true and the thing is certain, that such abomination is done in Israel — ⁵then you shall bring forth that man or that woman who has committed that wicked thing, to your gates, even that man or that woman, and shall stone them with stones until they die. ⁶At the mouth of two witnesses or three witnesses shall he that is worthy of death be put to death. ⁷At the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. The hands of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hands of all the people. So you shall put the evil away from among you.

⁸If there arises a matter too hard for you in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, matters of disagreement within your gates, then you shall arise and go up to the place which the LORD your God shall choose. ⁹And you shall come to the priests the Levites, and to the judge that shall be in those days, and ask. And they shall show you the sentence of judgment. ¹⁰And you shall do according to the sentence which the ones of that place which the LORD shall choose, shall show you. And you shall be careful to do according to all that they tell you. ¹¹According to the sentence of the law which they shall teach you, and according to the judgment which they shall tell you, you shall do. You shall not turn aside from the sentence which they shall show you, to the right hand or to the left. ¹²And the man that acts proudly and will not listen to the priest who stands to minister there before the LORD your God, or

to the judge, even that man shall die. And you shall put away the evil from Israel. ¹³And all the people shall hear and fear, and not do proudly any more. ¹⁴When you come to the land which the LORD your God gives you, and shall possess it and shall live in it, and shall say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are around me, ¹⁵you shall surely set a king over you, whom the LORD your God shall choose. You shall set a king over you from among your brothers. You may not set a stranger over you, who is not your brother. ¹⁶But he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he should multiply horses, because the LORD has said unto you, You shall return no more that way from now on. ¹⁷Neither shall he multiply wives to himself, so that his heart does not turn away. Neither shall he greatly multiply silver and gold to himself. ¹⁸And when he sits upon the throne of his kingdom, he shall write a copy of this law in a book out of *that which is* before the priests the Levites. ¹⁹And it shall be with him, and he shall read it all the days of his life, so that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law, and these statutes, to do them — ²⁰so that his heart may not be lifted up above his brothers, and that he does not turn aside from the commandment, to the right hand or the left — to the end that he may make *his* days longer in his kingdom, he and his children, in the midst of Israel.

CHAPTER 18

¹The priests the Levites, all the tribe of Levi, shall have no part nor inheritance with Israel. They shall eat the offerings of the LORD made by fire, and His inheritance. ²Therefore they shall have no inheritance among their brothers. The LORD is their inheritance, as He has said to them.

³And this shall be the priest's due from the people, from those that offer a sacrifice, whether it is ox or sheep. And they shall give to the priest the shoulder and the two cheeks, and the stomach. ⁴You shall also give him the first-fruit of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the first of the fleece of your sheep. ⁵For the LORD your God has chosen him out of all your tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the LORD, him and his sons forever.

⁶And if a Levite comes from any of your gates out of all Israel, where he lived, and come with all the desire of his mind unto the place which the LORD shall choose, ⁷then he shall minister in the name of the LORD his God, as all his brothers and Levites *do*, who stand there before the LORD. ⁸They shall have the same portions to eat, besides that which comes from the sale of the inheritance from his father.

⁹When you come to the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to do according to the abominations of those na-

tions. ¹⁰There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that uses divination, or an observer of clouds, or a fortune-teller, or a witch, ¹¹or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or one who calls to the dead. ¹²For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD. And because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. ¹³You shall be perfect with the LORD your God. ¹⁴For these nations whom you shall possess listened to observers of clouds and to diviners. But as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you *to do* so.

¹⁵The LORD your God will raise up unto you a Prophet from the midst of you, of your brothers, One like me. Unto Him you shall listen — ¹⁶according to all that you desired of the LORD your God in Hôr'-êb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, so that I do not die. ¹⁷And the LORD said to me, They have spoken well what they have spoken. ¹⁸I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brothers, like you, and will put My words in His mouth. And He shall speak unto them all that I shall command Him. ¹⁹And whoever will not listen to My words which He shall speak in My name, I will require *it* of him. ²⁰But the prophet who shall speak proudly in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die. ²¹And if you say in your heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken? ²²When a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not follow nor come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken — the prophet has spoken it proudly. You shall not be afraid of him.

CHAPTER 19

¹When the LORD your God has cut off the nations whose land the LORD your God gives you, and when you take their place and live in their cities and in their houses, ²you shall separate three cities for you in the middle of your land, which the LORD your God gives you to possess it. ³You shall prepare you a way, and divide the borders of your land which the LORD your God gives you to inherit, into three parts, so that every slayer may flee there. ⁴And this is the case of the slayer who shall flee there that he may live — whoever in error kills his neighbor whom he did not hate in times past ⁵(as when a man goes into the wood with his neighbor to cut wood, and his hand brings a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the head slips from the wood and lights upon his neighbor so that he dies) he shall flee to one of those cities and live — ⁶so that the avenger of the blood may not pursue the slayer while his heart is hot, and overtake him because the way is long, and kill him. But he was not worthy of death for he did

not hate him in time past. ⁷Therefore I command you saying, You shall separate three cities for you. ⁸And if the LORD your God makes your border larger, as He has sworn unto your fathers, and gives you all the land which He promised to give unto your fathers — ⁹if you will keep all these commandments which I command you this day, to do them, to love the LORD your God, and to walk always in His ways — then you shall add three more cities to these three, ¹⁰so that innocent blood may not be shed in your land which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance, and blood *may not* be upon you.

¹¹But if any man hates his neighbor and lies in wait for him and rises up against him and strikes his life from him, so that he dies, and flees to one of these cities, ¹²then the elders of his city shall send and bring him away from there and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood so that he may die. ¹³Your eye shall not pity him, but you shall put away *the guilt of innocent blood* from Israel, so that it may go well with you.

¹⁴You may not remove your neighbor's landmark which those in the past have set in your inheritance, which you shall inherit in the land which the LORD your God gives you to possess it.

¹⁵One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sins. At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be made sure. ¹⁶If a false witness rises up against any man to testify a falling away against him, ¹⁷then both the men who are disagreeing shall stand before the LORD, before the priests and the judges which shall be in those days. ¹⁸And the judges shall make careful inquiry. And behold, if the witness is a false witness and has testified falsely against his brother, ¹⁹then you shall do unto him as he had thought to have done unto his brother. So you shall put the evil away from among you. ²⁰And those who remain shall hear and fear, and shall from then on commit no such evil among you. ²¹And your eye shall not pity. Life shall go for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

CHAPTER 20

¹When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots, a people more than you, do not be afraid of them. For the LORD your God is with you, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt. ²And when you have come near to the battle, the priest shall go up and speak to the people, ³and shall say to them, Hear, O Israel, today you go up to battle against your enemies. Do not let your hearts faint, do not fear, and do not tremble, neither be terrified because of them. ⁴For the LORD your God is He who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

⁵And the officers shall speak to the people saying, What man is there that has built a new house and has not dedicated it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man dedicate it. ⁶And what man is there that has planted a vineyard and has not yet eaten of it? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man eat of it. ⁷And what man is there that has become engaged to a wife and has not taken her? Let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle and another man take her. ⁸And the officers shall speak further to the people, and they shall say, What man is there that is fearful and faint-hearted? Let him go and return to his house, lest his brothers' heart faint as well as his heart. ⁹And when the officers have made an end of speaking to the people, they shall make captains of the armies to lead the people.

¹⁰When you come near a city to fight against it, then shout peace to it. ¹¹And if it makes the answer of peace and opens to you, then all the people that are found in it shall pay tax to you, and they shall serve you. ¹²But if it will make no peace with you, but will make war against you, then you shall besiege it. ¹³And when the LORD your God has delivered it into your hands, you shall strike every male of it with the edge of the sword. ¹⁴But the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that it is in the city, all the spoil of it, you shall take to yourself. And you shall eat the spoil of your enemies, which the LORD your God has given you. ¹⁵So you shall do to all the cities which are very far off from you, which are not of the cities of these nations. ¹⁶But of the cities of these people, which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance, you shall save alive nothing that breathes. ¹⁷But you shall utterly destroy them — the Hit'tites, and the Amorites, the Canaanites, and the Pē-riz'-zītes, the Hī'-vītes and the Jēb'-ū-sītes — as the LORD your God has commanded you, ¹⁸so that they may not teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done to their gods. So you would sin against the LORD your God.

¹⁹When you shall besiege a city a long time in making war against it to take it, you shall not destroy the trees of it by forcing an axe against them. For you may eat of them, and you shall not cut them down. For is the tree of the field a man, that it should be used in the siege? ²⁰Only the trees which you know that they are not trees for food, you shall destroy and cut them down. And you shall build bulwarks against the city that makes war with you, until it is subdued.

CHAPTER 21

¹If *one* is found dead in the land which the LORD your God gives you to possess it, lying in the field, *and* it is not known who has killed him, ²then your elders and your judges shall come forth. And they shall measure to the cities which are around him who is dead. ³And the city

which is nearest to the dead man, even the elders of that city, shall take a heifer which has not been worked with, which has not drawn in the yoke. ⁴And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer to a rough valley, which is neither plowed nor sown, and shall strike off the heifer's neck there in the valley. ⁵And the priests, the sons of Levi, shall come near. For the LORD your God has chosen them to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of the LORD, and by their word shall every controversy and every stroke be *tried*. ⁶And all the elders of that city which is next to the dead man, shall wash their hands over the heifer that has been beheaded in the valley. ⁷And they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it. ⁸Be merciful, O LORD, unto Thy people Israel, whom Thou hast redeemed, and do not lay innocent blood to the charge of Thy people Israel. And the blood shall be forgiven them. ⁹So you shall put away the *guilt of* innocent blood from among you, when you do *what is* right in the sight of the LORD.

¹⁰When you go forth to war against your enemies, and the LORD your God has delivered them into your hands and you have taken them captive, ¹¹and see among the captives a beautiful woman, and have a desire unto her, that you would have her for your wife, ¹²then you shall bring her home to your house. And she shall shave her head and dress her nails. ¹³And she shall put the clothing of her captivity off her, and shall remain in your house, and shall sorrow for her father and her mother a full month. And after that you shall go in unto her and be her husband, and she shall be your wife. ¹⁴And if you have no delight in her, then you shall let her go where she will. But you shall not sell her at all for money, you shall not make a slave of her, because you have humbled her.

¹⁵If a man has two wives, one beloved and another hated, and they have borne him children, *both* the beloved and the hated, and if the first-born son was of her that was hated, ¹⁶then when he makes his sons to inherit what he has, he may not make the son of the beloved first-born before the son of the hated *one, who is truly* the first-born. ¹⁷But he shall acknowledge the son of the hated as the first-born by giving him a double portion of all that he has. For he is the beginning of his strength. The right of the first-born is his.

¹⁸If a man has a son who is stubborn and rebels, who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother (and when they have chastened him, *he* will not listen to them), ¹⁹then his father and his mother shall lay hold on him and bring him out to the elders of his city, and to the gate of his place. ²⁰And they shall say to the elders of his city, this son of ours is stubborn and rebellious. He will not obey our voice. *He is* a glutton and a drunkard. ²¹And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones so that he dies. So shall you put evil away from you, and all Israel shall hear and fear.

²² And if a man has committed a sin worthy of death, and if he is put to death and you hang him on a tree, ²³his body shall not remain all night on the tree. But you shall surely bury him that day (for he that is hanged is accursed of God), so that your land may not be defiled, which the LORD your God gives you *for* an inheritance.

CHAPTER 22

¹You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep go astray and hide yourself from them. You shall surely bring them again to your brother. ²And if your brother is not near you, or if you do not know him, then you shall bring it into your own house, and it shall be with you until your brother seeks after it, and you shall give it back to him again. ³In the same way you shall do with his ass. And so shall you do with his clothing. And with any lost thing of your brother's, which he has lost and you have found, you shall do the same. You may not hide yourself. ⁴You shall not see your brother's ass or his ox fall down by the way, and hide yourself from them. You shall surely help him to lift them up again.

⁵The woman shall not wear that which pertains to a man, neither shall a man put a woman's garment on. For all that do so are hateful to the LORD your God. ⁶If a bird's nest happens to be before you in the way in any tree, or on the ground, *whether* young ones or eggs, and the dam sitting upon the young or upon the eggs, you shall not take the dam with the young. ⁷But you shall in every case let the dam go and take the young for yourself, so that it may be well with you, and you may make *your* days longer. ⁸When you build a new house, then you shall make a guard rail for your roof, so that you do not bring blood upon your house, if any man falls from there.

⁹You shall not sow your vineyard with different kinds of seeds, lest the fruit of your seed which you have sown and the fruit of your vineyard be defiled. ¹⁰You shall not plow with an ox and an ass together. ¹¹You shall not wear a garment of different kinds, of wool and linen together. ¹²You shall make three tassels upon the four corners of your cloak with which you cover. ¹³If any man takes a wife and goes in unto her, and hates her, ¹⁴and makes shameful charges against her, and brings up an evil name upon her, and says, I took this woman, and when I came to her, I did not find her a maiden — ¹⁵then shall the father of the girl, and her mother, take and bring *the tokens* of the girl's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate. ¹⁶And the girl's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hates her. ¹⁷And lo, he has made shameful charges against her, saying, I have not found your daughter a maiden. And yet these are *the tokens* of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. ¹⁸And the elders of that city shall

take that man and punish him. ¹⁹And they shall fine him a hundred *shekels* of silver, and give them to the father of the girl, because he has brought an evil name upon a virgin of Israel. And she shall be his wife. He may not put her away all his days. ²⁰But if this thing is true and *the tokens of virginity* are not found for the girl, ²¹then they shall bring the girl out to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her with stones so that she dies — because she has done foolishness in Israel, to play the harlot in her father's house. So you shall put evil away from among you.

²²If a man is found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die — the man that lay with the woman, and the woman. So you shall put away evil from Israel. ²³If a girl *who is* a virgin is engaged to a husband, and a man finds her in the city and lies with her, ²⁴then you shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and you shall stone them with stones that they die — the girl because she did not cry out in the city, and the man because he has humbled his neighbor's wife. So you shall put away evil from among you. ²⁵But if a man finds an engaged girl in the field, and the man forces her and lies with her, then only the man that lay with her shall die. ²⁶But you shall do nothing to the girl. *There is* no sin *worthy* of death in the girl; for as when a man rises against his neighbor and slays him, even so is this matter. ²⁷For he found her in the field, the engaged girl cried out, but *there was* none to save her. ²⁸If a man finds a girl *that is* a virgin, who is not engaged and lays hold on her, and lies with her, and they are found, ²⁹then the man who lay with her shall give to the girl's father fifty *shekels* of silver, and she shall be his wife. Because he has humbled her, he may not put her away all his days. ³⁰A man shall not take his father's wife, nor uncover his father's skirt.

CHAPTER 23

¹He whose testicles are crushed, or who has his male member cut off, shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD. ²A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD. Even to his tenth generation he shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD. ³An Ammonite or Mō'-āb-īte shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD. Even to their tenth generation they shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD forever — ⁴because they did not meet you with bread and with water in the way when you came forth out of Egypt, and because they hired against you Bā'-lāam the son of Bē'-ōr, of Pē'-thōr of Mēs-ō-pō-tā'-mī-ā, to curse you. ⁵Nevertheless the LORD your God would not listen to Bāl'-āam, but the LORD your God turned the curse to a blessing unto you, because the LORD your God loved you. ⁶You shall not seek their peace nor their prosperity all your days forever.

⁷You shall not despise an Ē'-dōm-ite, for he is your brother. You shall not despise an Egyptian, because you were a stranger in his land. ⁸The children that are born to them shall enter into the congregation of the LORD in their third generation.

⁹When the army goes forth against your enemies, then keep yourself from every wicked thing.

¹⁰If there is among you any man that is not clean because of uncleanness that chances upon him by night, then he shall go outside the camp. He shall not come inside the camp. ¹¹But when evening comes on, he shall wash with water. And when the sun is down, he shall come into the camp.

¹²You shall also have a place outside the camp where you shall go forth. ¹³And you shall have a paddle upon your weapon. And when you sit down outside, you shall dig with it, and shall turn back and cover that which comes from you. ¹⁴For the LORD your God walks in the middle of your camp, to deliver you and to give up your enemies before you. Therefore your camp shall be holy, so that He may see no unclean thing in you and turn away from you.

¹⁵You shall not deliver unto his master the servant who has escaped from his master unto you. ¹⁶He shall live with you, among you, in that place which he shall choose in one of your gates, where it seems good to him. You shall not treat him cruelly.

¹⁷There shall be no harlot of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel. ¹⁸You shall not bring the hire of a harlot, or the price of a dog, into the house of the LORD your God for any vow. For even both these are hateful unto the LORD your God.

¹⁹You shall not lend for interest to your brother, interest of money, interest of food, interest of anything that is loaned upon interest. ²⁰You may lend upon interest to a stranger, but you shall not lend upon interest to your brother, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all that you set your hand to in the land where you go to possess it.

²¹When you shall vow a vow unto the LORD your God, you shall not wait to pay it, for the LORD your God will surely require it of you, and it would be sin in you. ²²But if you shall cease to vow, it shall be no sin in you. ²³That which has gone out of your lips you shall keep and perform — *even* a free-will offering, according as you have vowed unto the LORD your God, which you have promised with your mouth.

²⁴When you come into your neighbor's vineyard, then you may eat grapes to your fill at your own pleasure, but you shall not put any in your vessel. ²⁵When you come into the standing grain of your neighbor, then you may pluck the heads with your hand, but you shall not move a sickle into your neighbor's standing grain.

CHAPTER 24

¹When a man has taken a wife and married her, and it happens that she finds no favor in his eyes, because he has found some uncleanness in her, then let him write her a bill of divorce and put it in her hand, and send her out of his house. ²And when she has departed from his house, she may go and be another man's *wife*. ³And *if* the latter husband hates her and writes her a bill of divorcement and puts it in her hand and sends her out of his house — or if the latter husband dies, he who took her to be his wife — ⁴her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife after she is defiled. For that is hateful before the LORD. And you shall not cause the land to sin, which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance.

⁵When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any business. He shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer up his wife whom he has taken.

⁶No man shall take the lower or the upper millstone to pledge, for he takes *a man's* life to pledge.

⁷If a man is found stealing any of his brothers, the children of Israel, and makes a slave of him, or sells him, then that thief shall die. And you shall put evil away from among you.

⁸Be careful in the plague of leprosy, that you watch carefully and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you. As I commanded them, so you shall be careful to do. ⁹Remember what the LORD your God did unto Miriam by the wayside, after you had come forth out of Egypt.

¹⁰When you loan anything to your brother, you shall not go into his house to bring forth his pledge. ¹¹You shall stand outside, and the man to whom you loan shall bring the pledge outside to you. ¹²And if the man is poor, you shall not sleep with his pledge—¹³in any case you shall deliver him the pledge again when the sun goes down, that he may sleep in his own clothing, and bless you. And it shall be righteousness unto you before the LORD your God.

¹⁴You shall not ill-treat a hired servant *who is* poor and needy, of your brothers, or of your strangers that are in your land within your gates. ¹⁵At his day you shall give *him* his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it — for he is poor and sets his heart upon it — lest he cry against you unto the LORD, and it shall be sin unto you. ¹⁶The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers. Every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

¹⁷You shall not turn aside the rightful judgment of the stranger *or* of the fatherless — nor take a widow's clothing to pledge — ¹⁸but you

shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you from there. Therefore I command you to do this thing.

¹⁹When you cut down your harvest in your field, and have forgotten a sheaf in the field, you shall not go again to bring it. It shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow — so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands. ²⁰When you beat your olive tree, you shall not go over the boughs again. It shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. ²¹When you gather the grapes from your vineyard, you shall not glean *it* afterward. It shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow. ²²And you shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt. Therefore I command you to do this thing.

CHAPTER 25

¹If there is an argument between men, and they come to judgment so that *the judges* may judge them, then they shall justify the righteous and condemn the wicked. ²And if the wicked man is worthy to be beaten, it shall happen that the judge shall cause him to lie down and to be beaten before his face, according to his fault, by a certain number. ³He may give him forty stripes, *and* no more — lest, if he should give more, and beat him above these with many stripes, then your brother shall seem vile unto you.

⁴You shall not muzzle the ox when he treads out *the grain*.

⁵If brothers live together, and one of them dies and has no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry outside to a stranger. Her husband's brother shall go in unto her and take her as a wife for himself, and perform the duty of a husband's brother to her. ⁶And it shall be *that* the first-born whom she bears shall succeed in the name of his brother *who is* dead, so that his name may not be put out of Israel. ⁷And if the man does not want to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate to the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuses to raise up a name in Israel to his brother. He will not perform the duty of my husband's brother. ⁸Then the elders of his city shall call him and speak to him. And *if* he stands and says, I do not like to take her, ⁹then his brother's wife shall come to him in the presence of his elders, and take off his shoe from his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done to that man who will not build up his brother's house. ¹⁰And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him who has his shoe taken off.

¹¹When men strive together with one another, and the wife of the one draws near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him who strikes him, and puts forth her hand and takes him by the secret *parts*, ¹²then you shall cut off her hand. Your eye shall not pity.

¹³You shall not have in your bag two kinds of weights, a great and a small. ¹⁴You shall not have in your house two kinds of measures, a great and a small. ¹⁵You shall have a perfect and just weight, a perfect and just measure you shall have — so that your days may be lengthened in the land which the LORD your God gives you. ¹⁶For all that do such things, all that do unrighteousness, are hateful to the LORD your God.

¹⁷Remember what Ām'-ā-lēk did to you by the way, when you had come forth out of Egypt, ¹⁸how he met you by the way and struck those of you who were behind, all *the* feeble behind you, when you were faint and weary. And he did not fear God. ¹⁹Therefore when the LORD your God has given you rest from all your enemies round about in the land which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance to possess it, you shall blot out the remembrance of Ām'-ā-lēk from under heaven. You shall not forget.

CHAPTER 26

¹And it shall be, when you have come into the land which the LORD your God gives you for an inheritance, and possess it, and live in it, ²you shall take of the first of all the fruit of the earth which you shall bring of your land that the LORD your God gives you, and *you* shall put it in a basket, and shall go to the place which the LORD your God shall choose to place His name there. ³And you shall go to the priest in those days, and say to him, I profess today unto the LORD your God that I have come to the country which the LORD swore unto our fathers to give us. ⁴And the priest shall take the basket out of your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵And you shall speak and say before the LORD your God, My father was a Syr'-ī-ān ready to perish. And he went down to Egypt, and stayed there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and many. ⁶And the Egyptians ill-treated us, and afflicted us, and laid hard bondage upon us. ⁷And when we cried unto the LORD God of our fathers, the LORD heard our voice and looked upon our afflictions and our labor and our oppression. ⁸And the LORD brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fearful might, and with miracles and with wonders. ⁹And He has brought us into this place, and has given us this land, a land that flows with milk and honey. ¹⁰And now, behold, I have brought the first-fruits of the land which Thou, O LORD, hast given me. And you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God. ¹¹And you shall rejoice in every good thing which the LORD your God has given to you, and to your house — you, and the Levite, and the stranger that is among you.

¹²When you have made an end of tithing all the tithes of your increase the third year, the year of tithing, and have given it to the

Levite, the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, (that they may eat inside your gates and be filled), ¹³then you shall say before the LORD your God, I have brought away the holy things out of *my* house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and to the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all Thy commandments which Thou hast commanded me. I have not broken Thy commandments, neither have I forgotten. ¹⁴I have not eaten of it in my mourning, neither have I taken away *any* of it for unclean *use*, nor given *any* of it for the dead. I have listened to the voice of the LORD my God, *and* have done according to all that Thou hast commanded me. ¹⁵Look down from Thy holy dwelling, from Heaven, and bless Thy people Israel and the land which Thou hast given us, as Thou didst swear unto our fathers, a land that flows with milk and honey.

¹⁶This day the LORD your God has commanded you to do these statutes and judgments. You therefore shall keep and do them with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹⁷You have this day said that the LORD is your God, and that you would walk in His ways, and keep His statutes and His commandments and His judgments, and listen to His voice. ¹⁸And the LORD has taken you this day to be His peculiar people, as He has promised you, and that *you* should keep all His commandments, ¹⁹and to make you high above all nations which he has made, in praise and in name and in honor, and that you may be a holy people unto the LORD your God, even as He has spoken.

CHAPTER 27

¹And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day. ²And on the day when you shall pass over Jordan to the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall set up great stones and plaster them with plaster. ³And you shall write upon them all the words of the law when you have passed over, so that you may go in to the land which the LORD your God gives you, a land that flows with milk and honey, as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you. ⁴Therefore when you have gone over Jordan, you shall set up these stones which I command you this day, in Mount Ē'-bāl, and you shall plaster them with plaster. ⁵And you shall build an altar there unto the LORD your God, an altar of stones. You shall not lift up *any* iron *tool* upon them. ⁶You shall build the altar of the LORD your God of whole stones, and you shall offer burnt offerings on it unto the LORD your God. ⁷And you shall offer peace offerings, and shall eat there, and rejoice before the LORD your God. ⁸And you shall write all the words of this law very plainly upon the stones.

⁹And Moses and the priests the Levites spoke unto all Israel, saying, Take heed and listen, O Israel. This day you have become the people of the LORD your God. ¹⁰You shall therefore obey the voice of the LORD your God, and do His commandments and His statutes which I command you this day.

¹¹And Moses charged the people the same day, saying, ¹²These shall stand upon Mount Gē-ri'-zīm to bless the people when you have come over Jordan — Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Is'-sā-chār, and Joseph, and Benjamin. ¹³And these shall stand upon Mount Ē'-bāl to curse — Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zē-bū'-lūn, Dan, and Nāph'-tā-li. ¹⁴And the Levites shall speak and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice, ¹⁵Cursed is the man that makes *any* graven or molten image, an abomination unto the LORD, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and puts it in a secret *place*. And all the people shall answer and say, Amen. ¹⁶Cursed is he who thinks lightly of his father or his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. ¹⁷Cursed is he who removes his neighbor's landmark. And all the people shall say, Amen. ¹⁸Cursed is he who makes the blind to wander out of the way. And all the people shall say, Amen. ¹⁹Cursed is he who perverts the judgment of the stranger, fatherless, and widow. And all the people shall say, Amen. ²⁰Cursed is he who lies with his father's wife, because he uncovers his father's skirt. And all the people shall say, Amen. ²¹Cursed is he who lies with any kind of animal. And all the people shall say, Amen. ²²Cursed is he who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother. And all the people shall say, Amen. ²³Cursed is he who lies with his mother-in-law. And all the people shall say, Amen. ²⁴Cursed is he who strikes his neighbor secretly. And all the people shall say, Amen. ²⁵Cursed is he who takes reward to kill an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen. ²⁶Cursed is he who does not confirm all the words of this law, to do them. And all the people shall say, Amen.

CHAPTER 28

¹And if you shall listen carefully to the voice of the LORD your God, to observe *and* to do all His commandments which I command you this day, the LORD your God will set you on high above all nations of the earth. ²And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you will listen to the voice of the LORD your God. ³You shall be blessed in the city, and you shall be blessed in the field. ⁴The fruit of your body shall be blessed, and the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your cows, and the flocks of your sheep. ⁵Your basket and your store shall be blessed. ⁶You shall be blessed when you come in, and you shall be blessed when you go out.

⁷The LORD shall cause your enemies that rise up against you to be stricken before your face. They shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. ⁸The LORD shall command the blessing upon you in your storehouses, and all that you set your hand to. And He shall bless you in the land which the LORD your God gives you.

⁹The LORD shall establish you a holy people unto Himself, as He has sworn unto you, if you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. ¹⁰And all the people of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they shall be afraid of you. ¹¹And the LORD shall make you to have plenty of goods, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your ground, in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give you. ¹²The LORD shall open to you His good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto your land in its season, and to bless all the work of your hand. And you shall loan unto many nations, and you shall not borrow. ¹³And the LORD shall make you the head, and not the tail. And you shall be always above, and you shall not be beneath — if you listen to the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day, to observe and to do *them*. ¹⁴And you shall not go aside from any of the words which I command you this day, to the right hand or to the left, to go after other gods to serve them.

¹⁵But, if you will not listen to the voice of the LORD your God, to observe *and* to do all His commandments and His statutes which I command you this day, all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you. ¹⁶You shall be cursed in the city, and you shall be cursed in the field. ¹⁷Your basket and your store shall be cursed. ¹⁸The fruit of your body shall be cursed, and the fruit of your land, the increase of your cows, and the flocks of your sheep. ¹⁹You shall be cursed when you come in, and you shall be cursed when you go out. ²⁰The LORD shall send upon you cursing, vexation, and rebuke, in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed, and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings by which you have forsaken Me. ²¹The LORD shall make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from off the land where you go to possess it. ²²The LORD shall strike you with lung disease and with a fever, and with an inflammation, and with an extreme burning, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew. And they shall pursue you until you perish. ²³And your heaven which is over your head shall be brass, and the earth that is under you shall be iron. ²⁴The LORD shall make the rain of your land powder and dust. It shall come down from heaven upon you until you are destroyed.

²⁵The LORD shall cause you to be stricken before your enemies. You shall go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before

them. And *you* shall be moved into all the kingdoms of the earth. ²⁶And your body shall be food to all birds of the air, and to the beasts of the earth. And no man shall frighten *them* away. ²⁷The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, and with the hemorrhoids [hēm'-ôr-roids], and with the scab, and with the itch, of which you cannot be healed. ²⁸The LORD shall strike you with madness and blindness and astonishment of heart. ²⁹And you shall grope at noonday, as the blind gropes in darkness, and you shall not prosper in your ways. And you shall always be pressed down and spoiled forever, and no man shall save *you*. ³⁰You shall become engaged to a wife, and another man shall lie with her. You shall build a house, and you shall not live in it. You shall plant a vineyard, and you shall not gather the grapes of it. ³¹Your ox shall be slain before your eyes, and you shall not eat of it. Your ass shall be violently taken away from before your face, and shall not be restored to you. Your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have none to rescue *them*. ³²Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail *with longing* for them all the day long. And *there shall be* no power in your hand. ³³The fruit of your land, and all your labors, shall be eaten up by a nation which you do not know.

And you shall always be oppressed and crushed — ³⁴so that you shall be mad because of that which you shall see with the sight of your eyes. ³⁵The LORD shall strike you in the knees and in the legs with a sore boil that cannot be healed, from the sole of your foot to the top of your head. ³⁶The LORD shall bring you, and your king which you shall set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known. And there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone. ³⁷And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a by-word among all nations where the LORD shall lead you. ³⁸You shall carry much seed out into the field, and shall gather but little in, for the locust shall eat it. ³⁹You shall plant vineyards and dress *them*, but shall neither drink of the wine nor gather *the grapes*, for the worms shall eat them. ⁴⁰You shall have olive trees throughout all your coasts, but you shall not anoint *yourself* with the oil, for your olive shall drop off *its fruit*. ⁴¹You shall give birth to sons and daughters, but you shall not enjoy them, for they shall go into captivity. ⁴²All your trees and the fruit of your land the locust shall possess. ⁴³The stranger that is within you shall get up above you very high, and you shall come down very low. ⁴⁴He shall loan to you, and you shall not loan to him. He shall be the head, and you shall be the tail.

⁴⁵Moreover all these curses shall come upon you, and shall pursue you and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not listen to the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you. ⁴⁶And they shall be upon you for a sign and for a wonder, and upon your seed forever. ⁴⁷Because

you did not serve the LORD your God with joyfulness and with gladness of heart for the abundance of all *things*,⁴⁸ therefore you shall serve your enemies which the LORD shall send against you, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in the lack of all *things*. And he shall put a yoke of iron upon your neck until he has destroyed you.

⁴⁹The LORD shall bring a nation against you from far, from the end of the earth, as the eagle flics — a nation whose tongue you shall not understand, ⁵⁰a nation fierce of face who shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young. ⁵¹And he shall eat the fruit of your cattle and the fruit of your land, until you are destroyed — who shall not leave you grain, wine, or oil, the increase of your cows, or flocks of your sheep, until he has destroyed you. ⁵²And he shall besiege you in all your gates until your high and fenced walls in which you trusted come down, throughout all the land. And he shall besiege you in all your gates throughout all your land which the LORD your God has given you. ⁵³And you shall eat the fruit of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters, which the LORD your God has given you, in the siege and in the difficulty with which your enemies shall distress you. ⁵⁴The man *that is* tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he shall leave — ⁵⁵so that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat, because he has nothing left to him in the siege and in the difficulty with which your enemies shall distress you in all your gates. ⁵⁶The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, ⁵⁷and toward her young one who comes out from between her feet, and toward her children whom she shall bear. For she shall eat them secretly for lack of all things, in the siege and straitness with which your enemies shall distress you in your gates.

⁵⁸If you will not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD YOUR GOD, ⁵⁹then the LORD will make your plagues remarkable, and the plagues of your children shall be great plagues, and they shall go on a long time with sore and long-lasting sicknesses.

⁶⁰Moreover He will bring upon you all the diseases of Egypt which you were afraid of. And they shall cling to you. ⁶¹Also every sickness and every plague which is not written in the book of this law, the LORD will bring them upon you until you are destroyed. ⁶²And you shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven for multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.

⁶³And as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good and to multiply you, so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you and to bring you to nothing. And you shall be plucked from off the land where you go to possess it. ⁶⁴And the LORD shall scatter you among all people, from the one end of the earth even to the other, and you shall serve other gods there, which neither you nor your father have known, wood and stone. ⁶⁵And among these nations you shall find no ease, neither shall the sole of your foot have rest. But the LORD shall give you there a trembling heart and failing of eyes and sorrow of mind. ⁶⁶And your life shall hang in doubt before you, and you shall fear day and night, and shall have no assurance of your life. ⁶⁷In the morning you shall say, Would God it were evening! And at evening you shall say, Would God it were morning! — for the fear of your heart with which you shall fear, and for the sight of your eyes which you shall see. ⁶⁸And the LORD shall bring you into Egypt again with ships, by the way of which I said to you, You shall see it no more again. And there you shall be sold to your enemies for men-slaves and women-slaves, and no man shall buy *you*.

CHAPTER 29

¹These are the words of the covenant which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Mō'-āb, besides the covenant which He made with them in Horeb. ²And Moses called to all Israel and said to them, You have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh and unto all his servants, and to all his land. ³Your eyes have seen the great temptations, the signs, and those great miracles. ⁴Yet the LORD has not given you a heart to perceive and eyes to see and ears to hear, until this day. ⁵And I have led you forty years in the wilderness. Your clothes have not become old upon you, and your shoe has not become old upon your foot. ⁶You have not eaten bread, neither have you drunk wine or strong drink, so that you might know that I am the LORD your God. ⁷And when you came to this place, Sī'-hōn the king of Hēsh'-bōn, and Og the king of Bā'-shān, came out against us to battle, and we struck them. ⁸And we took their land and gave it for an inheritance to the Reubenites and to the Gadites and to the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh. ⁹Therefore keep the words of this covenant and do them, so that you may prosper in all that you do.

¹⁰You stand this day, all of you, before the LORD your God — your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, with all the men of Israel, ¹¹your little ones, your wives, and your stranger that is in your camp, from the cutter of your wood to the drawer of your water — ¹²so that you should enter into covenant with the LORD your God, and into His oath, which the LORD your God makes you this day — ¹³so

that He may establish you today for a people unto Himself, and *that* He may be a God unto you, as He has said to you, and as He has sworn unto your fathers — to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. ¹⁴Neither do I make this covenant and this oath with you only, ¹⁵but with *him* who stands here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day ¹⁶(for you know how we have lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the nations which you passed by, ¹⁷and you have seen their abominations and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them) — ¹⁸lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turns away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations — lest there should be among you this day a root that bears gall and wormwood, ¹⁹and *lest* it come to pass, when he hears the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of my heart, to add drunkenness to thirst. ²⁰The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and His jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.

²¹And the LORD shall set him apart to evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law — ²²so that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say (when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the LORD has laid upon it, ²³*that* the whole land of it is brimstone, and salt, and burning, *that* it is not sown, nor bears, nor *has* any grass growing in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gō-mōr'-rāh, Ād'-māh, and Zē-bō'-īm, which the LORD overthrew in His anger, and in His wrath), ²⁴even all nations shall say, Why has the LORD done this to this land? What does the heat of this great anger *mean*? ²⁵Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which He made with them when He brought them forth out of the land of Egypt. ²⁶For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they did not know, and who had not given to them any portion. ²⁷And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book. ²⁸And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger and wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day. ²⁹The secret *things belong* to the LORD our God, but those *things which are* revealed *belong* unto us and to our children forever, so that we may do all the words of this law.

CHAPTER 30

¹And when all these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and when you shall call *them* to

mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, ²and shall return to the LORD your God and shall obey His voice according to all that I command you this day, you and your children, with all your heart, and with all your soul, ³then the LORD your God will turn your captivity. And He will have compassion upon you, and will return and gather you from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you. ⁴If any of you is driven out into the outermost parts of heaven, the LORD your God will gather you from there, and He will bring you from there. ⁵And the LORD your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. And He will do you good, and multiply you above your fathers. ⁶And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed, to love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live. ⁷And the LORD your God will put all these curses upon your enemies, and upon those that hate you, who persecuted you. ⁸And you shall return and obey the voice of the LORD, and do all His commandments which I command you this day. ⁹And the LORD your God will make you have plenty in every work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, and in the fruit of your cattle, and in the fruit of your land, for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over you for good, as He rejoiced over your fathers, ¹⁰if you shall listen to the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, *and* if you turn unto the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

¹¹For this commandment which I command you this day is not hidden from you, neither is it far off. ¹²It is not in Heaven, that you should say, Who shall go up for us to Heaven, and bring it to us, so that we may hear it and do it? ¹³Neither is it beyond the sea, so that you should say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it to us so that we may hear it and do it? ¹⁴But the word is very near you, in your mouth and in your heart, so that you may do it.

¹⁵See, I have set before you this day life and good, and death and evil, ¹⁶in that I command you this day to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, so that you may live and multiply. And the LORD your God shall bless you in the land where you go to possess it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, so that you will not hear, but shall be drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I announce to you this day that you shall surely perish, you shall not prolong *your* days upon the land where you pass over Jordan to go to possess it. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing. Therefore choose life so that both you and your seed may live, ²⁰so that you may love the LORD your God, *and* that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him. For He is your life and the length of your days, so that you may dwell in the land

which the LORD swore unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

CHAPTER 31

¹And Moses went and spoke these words to all Israel. ²And he said to them, I am a hundred twenty years old this day. I can no more go out and come in. Also the LORD has said unto me, You shall not go over this Jordan. ³The LORD your God will go over before you. He will destroy these nations from before you, and you shall possess them. *And* Joshua shall go over before you, as the LORD has said. ⁴And the LORD shall do unto them as He did to Si'-hōn and to Og, kings of the Ām'-ōr-ītes, and to the land of those whom He destroyed. ⁵And the LORD shall give them up before your face, so that you may do unto them according to the commandments which I have commanded you. ⁶Be strong and of a good courage. Do not fear nor be afraid of them. For the LORD your God is He who goes with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you.

⁷And Moses called to Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of a good courage. For you must go with this people to the land which the LORD has sworn unto their fathers to give them, and you shall cause them to inherit it. ⁸And the LORD is He who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not fail you nor forsake you. Do not fear; nor be dismayed.

⁹And Moses wrote this law and delivered it to the priests, the sons of Levi, who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and to all the elders of Israel. ¹⁰And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of seven years — at the set time of the year of release, in the feast of tabernacles, ¹¹when all Israel has come to appear before the LORD your God in the place which He shall choose — you shall read this law before all Israel in their hearing. ¹²Gather the people together, men and women and children, and your stranger who is within your gates, so that they may hear and that they may learn and fear the LORD your God, and be careful to do all the words of this law, ¹³and *that* their children who have not known may hear and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as you live in the land where you go over Jordan to possess it.

¹⁴And the LORD said to Moses, Behold, your days are coming near when you must die. Call Joshua and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, so that I may give him a charge. *And* Moses and Joshua went. *And they* presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation. ¹⁵And the LORD appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud. *And* the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle. ¹⁶And the LORD said to Moses, Behold, you shall sleep with your fathers. *And* this people shall rise up and go lusting after the

gods of the strangers of the land into which they are going, to be among them. And *they* will forsake Me and break My covenant which I have made with them. ¹⁷Then My anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them. And I will hide My face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them — so that they will say in that day, Have not these evils come upon us because our God is not among us? ¹⁸And I will surely hide My face in that day for all the evils which they have done, in that they have turned unto other gods.

¹⁹Now therefore write this song for you, and teach it to the children of Israel. Put it in their mouths so that this song may be a witness for Me against the children of Israel. ²⁰For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swore unto their fathers, *the land* that flows with milk and honey, and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and have become fat, then they will turn to other gods and serve them, and provoke Me and break My covenant. ²¹And when many evils and troubles have befallen them, this song shall testify against them as a witness. For it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed. For I know their imagination which they do, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swore.

²²Moses therefore wrote this song the same day, and taught it to the children of Israel. ²³And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge and said, Be strong and of a good courage. For you shall bring the children of Israel into the land which I swore unto them, and I will be with you. ²⁴And when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, ²⁵Moses commanded the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying, ²⁶Take this book of the law, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, so that it may be there for a witness against you. ²⁷For I know your rebellion and your stiff neck. Behold, while I am still alive with you this day, you have been rebellious against the LORD. And how much more after my death? ²⁸Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, so that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them. ²⁹For I know that after my death you will become altogether rotten, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you. And evil will befall you in the latter days, because you will do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands. ³⁰And Moses spoke in the ears of all the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until they were ended.

CHAPTER 32

¹Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; and hear, O earth, the words of my mouth. ²My doctrine shall drop as the rain; my speech shall drop

down as the dew, as the small rain upon the tender plant, and as the showers upon the grass; ³because I will call upon the name of the LORD. Praise God for His greatness. ⁴He is the Rock, His work is perfect. For all His ways are judgment. A God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He. ⁵They have corrupted themselves. They are not His children, that is their blot. *They are* a perverse and crooked generation. ⁶Do you repay the LORD in this way, O foolish and unwise people? Is not He your father who has bought you? Has He not made you and established you?

⁷Remember the days of old; consider the years of many generations. Ask your father, and he will show you; your elders, and they will tell you. ⁸When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. ⁹For the LORD's portion is His people. Jacob is the lot of His inheritance. ¹⁰He found him in a desert land, and in the deserted, howling wilderness. He led him about, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. ¹¹As an eagle stirs up her nest, flutters over her young, spreads abroad her wings, takes them *and* bears them on her wings, ¹²so the LORD alone led him, and *there was* no strange god with him. ¹³He made him ride on the high places of the earth, so that he might eat the increase of the fields. And He made him suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock, ¹⁴butter from cows, and milk from sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bā'-shān, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat. And you drank the pure blood of the grape.

¹⁵But Jē-shū'-rūn became fat and kicked. You have become fat, you have grown thick, you are covered *with fat*. Then he forsook God who made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. ¹⁶They provoked Him to jealousy with strange gods; with abominations they provoked Him to anger. ¹⁷They sacrificed to devils, not to God — to gods whom they knew not, to new *gods* newly come up, whom your fathers did not fear. ¹⁸You are not mindful of the Rock who brought you forth, and have forgotten God who formed you. ¹⁹And when the LORD saw it, he despised *them* because of the provoking of His sons and of His daughters. ²⁰And He said, I will hide My face from them; I will see what their end shall be. For they are a very perverse generation, children in whom is no faith. ²¹They have moved Me to jealousy with *that which is* not God. They have provoked Me to anger with their vanities. And I will move them to jealousy with *those who are* not a people. I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation. ²²For a fire is kindled in My anger, and shall burn to the lowest hell, and shall consume the earth with its increase, and set on fire the foundations of the mountains. ²³I will heap mischief upon them. I will spend My arrows upon them. ²⁴*They shall be* burned with hunger and devoured with burning coals, and with bitter destruction. I will also send the teeth of beasts upon

them, with the poison of serpents of the dust. ²⁵The sword outside, and the terror inside, shall destroy both the young man and the virgin, the babe also with the man of grey hairs. ²⁶I said I would scatter them into corners; I would make the memory of them to cease from among men, ²⁷were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy — lest their enemies should behave themselves strangely; lest they should say, Our hand is high and the LORD has not done all this.

²⁸For they are a nation without wisdom, neither *is there any* understanding in them. ²⁹O that they were wise, that they understood this, that they would consider their latter end! ³⁰How shall one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them and the LORD had shut them up? ³¹For their rock is not as our Rock, even our enemies themselves being judges. ³²For their vine is of the vine of Sodom, and of the fields of Gō-mōr'-rāh. Their grapes are grapes of gall. Their clusters are bitter. ³³Their wine is the poison of serpents, and the cruel venom of asps.

³⁴Is not this laid up in store with Me *and* sealed up among My treasures? ³⁵Vengeance *belongs* to Me, and *I will* repay. Their foot shall slide in *due* time, for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste. ³⁶For the LORD shall judge His people and turn Himself around for His servants when He sees that *their* power is gone and *there is* none shut up nor left. ³⁷And He shall say, Where are their gods, *their* rock in whom they trusted — ³⁸who ate the fat of their sacrifices *and* drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up and help you *and* be your guard. ³⁹See now that I, *even* I, am He, and there is no god with me. I kill, and I make alive — I wound and I heal — neither is there *any* that can deliver out of My hand. ⁴⁰For I lift up My hand to Heaven and say, I live forever! ⁴¹If I sharpen My glittering sword, and *if* My hand takes hold in judgment, I will give vengeance to My enemies and will reward those that hate Me. ⁴²I will make My arrows drunk with blood, and My sword shall devour flesh, with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the hairy scalp of the enemy. ⁴³Rejoice, O nations, *with* His people — for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and will render vengeance to His foes and will be merciful to His land and to His people.

⁴⁴And Moses came and spoke all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and Joshua the son of Nun. ⁴⁵And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel. ⁴⁶And he said to them, Set your hearts unto all the words which I testify among you this day, which you shall command your children to observe *and* to do, all the words of this law. ⁴⁷For it is not a vain thing for you, because it is your life. And through this thing you shall make your days longer in the land where you go over Jordan to possess it. ⁴⁸And the LORD spoke to Moses that same day, saying, ⁴⁹Get up into this mountain Āb'-ā-rīm, *unto* Mount

Nē'-bo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho, and behold the land of Canaan which I give to the children of Israel for a possession. ⁵⁰And die in the mountain where you go up, and be gathered to your people, as Aaron your brother died in Mount Hor and was gathered to his people — ⁵¹because you sinned against Me among the children of Israel at the waters of Mēr'-i-bāh-Kā'-dēsh, in the wilderness of Zin — because you did not sanctify Me in the midst of the children of Israel. Yet you shall see the land before *you*, but you shall not go there unto the land which I give the children of Israel.

CHAPTER 33

¹And this is the blessing with which Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. ²And he said,

The LORD came from Sinai and rose up from Sē'-ir unto them. He shone forth from Mount Pār'-ān, and He came with ten thousands of saints. From His right hand went a fiery law for them. ³Yea, He loved the people. All His saints are in Thy hand, and they sat down at Thy feet. *Everyone* shall receive of Thy words. ⁴Moses commanded us a law, the inheritance of the congregation. ⁵And he was king in Jē-shū'-rūn, when the heads of the people *and* the tribes of Israel were gathered together.

⁶Let Reuben live and not die, and let *not* his men be few. ⁷And this is *the blessing* of Judah. And he said, Hear, LORD, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people. Let his hands be sufficient for him, and be Thou a help to him from his enemies. ⁸And of Levi he said, *Let* Thy Thūm'-mīm and Thy Ū'-rīm be with Thy holy one whom Thou didst prove at Mās'-sāh, *with* whom Thou didst strive at the waters of Mēr'-i-bāh, ⁹who said to his father and to his mother, I have not seen him — neither did he know his brothers, nor knew his own children, for they have observed Thy word and kept Thy covenant. ¹⁰Let them teach Jacob Thy judgments, and Israel Thy law. Let them put incense before Thee and whole burnt sacrifice upon Thy altar. ¹¹O LORD, bless what is his, and accept the work of his hands. Strike through the loins of those who rise against him, and of those who hate him, that they should not rise again.

¹²Of Benjamin he said, The beloved of the LORD shall live in safety beside Him, and shall cover him all the day long, and He shall live between his shoulders. ¹³And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD is his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that crouches beneath, ¹⁴and for the precious fruits *brought forth* by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon, ¹⁵and for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills, ¹⁶and for the precious things of the earth and fulness of it, and for the good-will of Him who lived in the bush. *Let the bless-*

ing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him *who* was separated from his brothers. ¹⁷His glory is *like* the first-born of his bull, and his horns are *like* the horns of an ox. With them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth. And they are the ten thousands of E'-phrā-īm, and they are the thousands of Mā-nās'-sēh.

¹⁸And of Zē-bū'-lūn he said, Rejoice, Zē-bū'-lūn, in your going out — and, Īs'-sā-chär, in your tents. ¹⁹They shall call the people to the mountain. There they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness, for they shall suck of the bounty of the seas and of treasures hid in the sand. ²⁰And of Gad he said, Blessed is he who makes Gad greater. He lives as a lion and tears the arm with the crown of the head. ²¹And he provided the first part for himself, because there, in a portion of the lawgiver, *was he seated*. And he came with the heads of the people. He executed the justice of the LORD, and His judgments with Israel. ²²And of Dan he said, Dan is a lion's whelp. He shall leap from Bā'-shän. ²³And of Nāph'-tä-lī he said, O Nāph'-tä-lī, satisfied with favor, and full with the blessing of the LORD, possess the west and the south. ²⁴And of Asher he said, Let Asher be blessed with children, let him be pleasing to his brothers, and let him dip his foot in oil. ²⁵Your shoes shall be iron and brass. And as your days, so shall your strength be.

²⁶There is none like the God of Jē-shū'-rūn, who rides upon the heaven to your help, and in His majesty upon the skies. ²⁷The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms. And He shall throw the enemy out from before you, and shall say, Destroy them. ²⁸Israel then shall dwell in safety alone. The fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of grain and wine. Also his skies shall drop down dew. ²⁹Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help, and who is the sword of your excellency! And your enemies shall be found liars unto you, and you shall tread upon their high places.

CHAPTER 34

¹And Moses went up from the plains of Mō'-āb to the mountain of Né'-bō, to the top of Pīs'-gāh that is over against Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, ²and all Nāph'-tä-lī, and the land of E'-phrā-īm, and Mā-nās'-sēh, and all the land of Judah, to the furthest sea, ³and the south, and the plain of the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees, to Zō'-ār. ⁴And the LORD said to him, This is the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it to your seed. I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there. ⁵So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Mō'-āb, according to the word of the LORD. ⁶And He buried him in a valley in the land of Mō'-āb, over against Bēth-pē'-ôr. But no man knows of his grave unto this day.

And Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died. His eye was not dim, nor had *he* lost any of his natural strength.

⁷And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Mō'-āb thirty days. So the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended. ⁹And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands upon him. And the children of Israel listened to him, and did as the LORD commanded Moses. ¹⁰And never since has a prophet like Moses arisen in Israel, whom the LORD knew face to face — ¹¹in all the signs and the wonders which the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, ¹²and in all that mighty hand, and in all the great terror which Moses showed in the sight of all Israel.

The Book of JOSHUA

CHAPTER 1

¹Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, ²My servant Moses is dead. Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan — you, and all this people, unto the land which I give to them, *even* to the children of Israel. ³Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, I have given that to you, as I said to Moses. ⁴From the wilderness and this Lēb'-ā-nōn even to the great river, the river Eū-phrā'-tēs, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border. ⁵No man shall be able to stand before you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you. I will not fail you nor forsake you. ⁶Be strong and of good courage. For you shall divide the land for an inheritance to this people, *the land* which I swore unto their fathers, to give it to them. ⁷Only be strong and very courageous so that you may be careful to do according to all the law which My servant Moses commanded you. Do not turn from it *to* the right hand or *to* the left, so that you may be blessed wherever you go. ⁸This book of the law shall not depart out of your hand, but you shall meditate in it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way blessed, and then you shall have good success. ⁹Have not I commanded you? Be strong and of good courage. Do not be afraid, neither be dismayed. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

¹⁰Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people saying, ¹¹Pass through the host, and command the people, saying, Prepare food for yourselves, for within three days you shall go over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you to possess it. ¹²And Joshua spoke to the Reubenites and to the Gadites and to half the tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh, saying, ¹³Remember the word which Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you saying, The LORD your God has given you rest and has given you this land. ¹⁴Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side Jordan. But you shall go armed before your brothers, all the mighty men of valor, and help them ¹⁵until the LORD has given your brothers rest, even as you, and they also have possessed the land which the LORD your God gives them — *and* then you shall return to the land of your possession and enjoy it — which Moses the LORD's servant gave you on this side Jordan, towards the sunrise.

¹⁶And they answered Joshua, saying, We will do all that you command us, and wherever you send us we will go. ¹⁷Just as we listened to Moses in all things, so we will listen to you. Only may the LORD your God be with you as He was with Moses. ¹⁸Whoever rebels against your

commandment and will not listen to your words in all that you command him, he shall be put to death. Only be strong and of a good courage.

CHAPTER 2

¹And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shīt'-tīm two men to spy secretly, saying, Go look over the land, even Jericho. And they went and came to the house of a harlot named Rā'-hāb. And they stayed there. ²And the king of Jericho was told about it, saying, Behold, men from the children of Israel came in here tonight, to search out the country. ³And the king of Jericho sent to Rahab, saying, Bring out the men that have come to you, those who have entered into your house. For they have come to search out all the country. ⁴And the woman took the two men and hid them. And she said, Two men came to me, but I did not know where they came from. ⁵And when it was dark, *at the time* of shutting the gate, the men went out. Where the men went I do not know. Go after them quickly, for you shall overtake them. ⁶But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and had hidden them with the stalks of flax which she had laid in order upon the roof. ⁷And the men went after them on the way to Jordan, unto the fords. And as soon as they who went after them had gone out, they shut the gate.

⁸And before they had laid down, she came up to them upon the roof. ⁹And she said to the men, I know that the LORD has given you the land, and that your terror has fallen upon us, and that all those who live in the land faint because of you. ¹⁰For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites that were on the other side Jordan, Sī'-hōn and Og, whom you utterly destroyed. ¹¹And as soon as we had heard, our hearts melted, nor did any more courage remain in any man, because of you. For the LORD your God, He is God in heaven above and in earth beneath. ¹²Now therefore, I pray you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you will also show kindness unto my father's house. And give me a true token, ¹³and *say that* you will save my father and my mother alive. And *save* my brothers and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death. ¹⁴And the men answered her, Our life shall be for yours, if you do not tell our business. And when the LORD has given us the land, we will deal kindly and truly with you. ¹⁵Then she let them go down by a cord through the window. For her house was upon the town wall, and she lived upon the wall. ¹⁶And she said to them, Get up into the mountain lest those who went after *you* meet you. And hide yourselves there three days until they have returned. And afterward you may go your way. ¹⁷And the men said to her, We desire to be blameless of this oath to you, which you have made us swear. ¹⁸Behold, *when* we come into the land, you shall set this line of scarlet

thread in the window from which you let us down. And you shall bring your father and your mother, and your brothers, and all your father's household, home to you. ¹⁹And whoever shall go out of the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall be upon his head, and we will be blameless. And whoever shall be with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if any hand is upon him. ²⁰And if you tell our business, then we will be free of the oath which you have made us swear to you. ²¹And she said, Let it be according to your word. And she sent them away, and they departed. And she set the scarlet line in the window. ²²And they went and came to the mountain, and stayed there three days until those who went after *them* had returned. And those who went after *them* looked for them throughout all the way, but did not find them. ²³So the two men returned. And *they* went down from the mountain, and passed over, and came to Joshua the son of Nun. And *they* told him all *things* that happened to them. ²⁴And they said to Joshua, Truly the LORD has delivered all the land into our hands, for even all those who live in the country faint because of us.

CHAPTER 3

¹And Joshua rose early in the morning. And they moved from Shīt'-tim and came to Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they passed over. ²And after three days the officers went through the host. ³And they commanded the people saying, When you see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then you shall move from your place and go after it. ⁴Yet there shall be a space, about two thousand cubits by measure, between you and it. Do not come near it, so that you may know the way by which you must go. For you have not passed this way before now. ⁵And Joshua said to the people, Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the LORD will do wonders among you. ⁶And Joshua spoke to the priests saying, Take up the ark of the covenant and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

⁷And the LORD said to Joshua, Today I will begin to magnify you in the sight of all Israel so that they may know that I will be with you, as I was with Moses. ⁸And you shall command the priests that carry the ark of the covenant, saying, When you have come to the brink of the water of Jordan, you shall stand still in Jordan. ⁹And Joshua said to the children of Israel, Come here and hear the words of the LORD your God. ¹⁰And Joshua said, By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hī'-vites, and the Pě-rīz'-zītes, and the Gīr'-gā-sites, and the Amorites, and the Jēb'-ū-sītes. ¹¹Behold, the ark of the covenant of the LORD of all the earth passes

over before you into Jordan. ¹²Now therefore take twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, a man out of every tribe. ¹³And as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that carry the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above. And they shall stand all in a heap.

¹⁴And when the people moved from their tents to pass over Jordan, and the priests carrying the ark of the covenant before the people, ¹⁵and as those who carried the ark had come to Jordan, and the feet of the priests that carried the ark were dipped in the edge of the water (for Jordan overflows all its banks, all the time of harvest) — ¹⁶it came to pass that the waters which came down from above stopped and rose up all in a heap, very far from the city Adam that is beside Zār'-ē-tān. And those that came down toward the sea of the plain, the salt sea, failed, and were cut off. And the people passed over right across from Jericho. ¹⁷And the priests who carry the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the middle of Jordan. And all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people had passed completely over Jordan.

CHAPTER 4

¹And when all the people had completely passed over Jordan, the LORD spoke to Joshua saying, ²Take twelve men out of the people, a man out of every tribe, ³and command them saying, Take twelve stones from here, out of the middle of Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firm. And you shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the place where you shall stay tonight. ⁴Then Joshua called the twelve men whom he had prepared from the children of Israel, a man out of every tribe. ⁵And Joshua said to them, Pass over in front of the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of Jordan. And every man take a stone upon his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel — ⁶so that this may be a sign to you when your children ask in time to come, saying, What do you mean by these stones? ⁷Then you shall answer them, The waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off, and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel forever. ⁸And the children of Israel did as Joshua commanded. And *they* took up twelve stones out of the middle of Jordan, as the LORD spoke to Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them to the place where they stayed, and laid them down there. ⁹And Joshua set up twelve stones in the middle of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests who carried the ark of the covenant, stood. And they are there unto this day.

¹⁰For the priests who carried the ark stood in the middle of Jordan until everything was finished, *all* that the LORD commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua. And the people hurried and passed over. ¹¹And when all the people had completely passed over, the ark of the LORD passed over, and the priests *also*, in the presence of the people. ¹²And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh, passed over armed in front of the children of Israel, as Moses spoke unto them. ¹³About forty thousand prepared for war passed over before the LORD to battle, to the plains of Jericho.

¹⁴On that day the LORD made Joshua great in the sight of all Israel. And they feared him, even as they feared Moses, all the days of his life. ¹⁵And the LORD spoke to Joshua, saying, ¹⁶Command the priests who carry the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of Jordan. ¹⁷Joshua therefore commanded the priests saying, Come up out of Jordan. ¹⁸And when the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the LORD had come up out of the midst of Jordan, and the soles of the feet of the priests had been lifted up to the dry land, the waters of Jordan returned to their place and flowed over all its banks, as before.

¹⁹And the people came up out of Jordan on the tenth of the first month, and camped in Gil'-gāl, in the east border of Jericho. ²⁰And those twelve stones which they took out of Jordan, Joshua pitched in Gil'-gāl. ²¹And he spoke to the children of Israel saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What do these stones *mean?* ²²Then you shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. ²³For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you until you had passed over, even as the LORD your God did to the Red Sea which He dried up from before us until we had gone over — ²⁴so that all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty *and* so that you might fear the LORD your God forever.

CHAPTER 5

¹And when all the kings of the Amorites who were on the west side of Jordan, and all the kings of the Canaanites who were by the sea, heard that the LORD had dried up the waters of Jordan in front of the children of Israel until we had passed over, that their hearts melted. Neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

²At that time the LORD said to Joshua, Make sharp knives for yourselves and circumcise the children of Israel again, the second time. ³And Joshua made sharp knives and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. ⁴And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised. All the people that came out of Egypt *who were* males, all the

men of war, died in the wilderness by the wayside, after they came out of Egypt. ⁵Now all the people who came out were circumcised. But all the people who were born in the wilderness by the wayside, as they came forth out of Egypt, had not been circumcised. ⁶For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness — until all the people *who were* men of war, who came out of Egypt, were destroyed — because they did not obey the voice of the LORD. Unto *them* the LORD swore that He would not show them the land which the LORD swore unto their fathers that He would give us, a land that flows with milk and honey. ⁷And Joshua circumcised their children, *whom* He raised up in their place. For they were not circumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the wayside. ⁸And when they had finished circumcising all the people, it came to pass that they stayed in their places in the camp until they were well. ⁹And the LORD said to Joshua, Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you. Therefore the name of the place is called Gil'-gāl unto this day.

¹⁰And the children of Israel camped in Gil'-gāl and kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹And they ate of the old grain of the land on the next day after the Passover, unleavened cakes and parched *kernels* in the same day.

¹²And the manna stopped on the next day after they had eaten the old grain of the land. Neither did the children of Israel have any more manna, but they ate the fruit of the land of Canaan that year. ¹³And when Joshua was beside Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked. And, behold, there stood a Man over against him with His sword drawn in His hand. And Joshua went to Him and said unto Him, Art Thou for us, or for our foes? ¹⁴And He said, No, but I have come as the Captain of the army of the LORD. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth. And he worshipped and said to Him, What does my Lord say unto His servant? ¹⁵And the Captain of the LORD's army said to Joshua, Take your shoe off your foot, for the place on which you stand is holy. And Joshua did so.

CHAPTER 6

¹Now Jericho was completely shut up because of the children of Israel. None went out and none came in. ²And the LORD said to Joshua, See, I have given Jericho into your hand, and the king of it, and the mighty men of war. ³And you shall go around the city, all the men of war. Go around the city once. So you shall do for six days. ⁴And seven priests shall carry seven trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. ⁵And the seventh day you shall go around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the trumpets. And when they make a long *blast* with the ram's horn, *and* when you hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout. And the

wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall go up, each man straight before him.

⁶And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests carry seven trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark of the LORD. ⁷And he said to the people, Pass on, and go around the city. And let him who is armed pass on in front of the ark of the LORD. ⁸And when Joshua had spoken unto the people, the seven priests carrying the seven trumpets of rams' horns passed on before the LORD, and blew with the trumpets. And the ark of the covenant of the LORD followed them. ⁹And the armed men went before the priests who blew with the trumpets. And the gathering army came after the ark, *as* the priests *were* going on and blowing with the trumpets. ¹⁰And Joshua had commanded the people saying, You shall not shout nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall *any* word come out of your mouth until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout. ¹¹So the ark of the LORD went around the city, going around it once. And they came into the camp and stayed in the camp.

¹²And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. ¹³And seven priests carrying seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD went on without stopping and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went in front of them. But the gathering army came after the ark of the LORD *as* the priests *were* going on and blowing with the trumpets. ¹⁴And the second day they went around the city once, and returned to the camp. So they did six days. ¹⁵And on the seventh day they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and went around the city in the same way seven times. Only on that day did they go around the city seven times. ¹⁶And at the seventh time, when the priest blew with the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, Shout! For the LORD has given you the city!

¹⁷And the city shall be devoted to the LORD, it and all that are in it. Only Rā'-hāb the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. ¹⁸And you in every way shall keep *yourselves* from the cursed thing, lest you make *yourselves* cursed when you take of the cursed thing, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. ¹⁹But all the silver and gold, and vessels of brass and iron, are devoted to the LORD. They shall come into the treasury of the LORD. ²⁰So the people shouted when *the* priests blew with the trumpets. And when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, each man straight before him. And they took the city. ²¹And they completely destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, and ox, and sheep, and ass, with the edge of the sword. ²²But Joshua had said unto the two men who had spied out the country, Go

into the harlot's house, and bring the woman out from there, and all that she has, as you swore to her. ²³And the young men who were spies went in and brought Rā'-hāb out, and her father and her mother, and her brothers, and all that she had. And they brought out all her kindred and left them outside the camp of Israel. ²⁴And they burned the city with fire, and all that was in it. Only the silver and the gold, and the vessels of brass and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. ²⁵And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had. And she lives in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

²⁶And Joshua charged them at that time saying, Cursed before the LORD is the man who rises up and builds this city of Jericho. He shall lay the foundation of it in his first-born, and in his youngest son he shall set up the gates of it. ²⁷So the LORD was with Joshua. And his fame was throughout all the country.

CHAPTER 7

¹But the children of Israel committed a sin in the cursed thing. For Ā'-chān the son of Cār'-mī, the son of Zāb'-dī, the son of Zē'-rāh, of the tribe of Judah, took of the thing which was cursed. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel. ²And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ā'-ī, which is beside Bēth-ā'-vēn, on the east side of Bethel. And he spoke to them, saying, Go up and look over the country. And the men went up and looked at Ā'-ī. ³And they returned to Joshua and said to him, Let not all the people go up. But let about two or three thousand men go up and strike Ā'-ī. Do not make all the people labor there, for they are few. ⁴So about three thousand men of the people went up there. And they fled before the men of Ā'-ī. ⁵And the men of Ā'-ī struck about thirty-six men of them, for they chased them from before the gate unto Shēb'-ā'-rīm, and struck them in the *road* going down. Therefore the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

⁶And Joshua tore his clothes and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads. ⁷And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, why hast Thou at all brought this people over Jordan to deliver us into the hands of the Amorites, to destroy us? Would to God we had been content and lived on the other side Jordan! ⁸O Lord, what shall I say when Israel turns their backs before their enemies? ⁹For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land shall hear, and shall surround us, and shall cut off our name from the earth. And what wilt Thou do unto Thy great name? ¹⁰And the LORD said to Joshua, Get up! Why do you lie upon your face this way? ¹¹Israel has sinned, and they have also broken My covenant which I commanded them. For

they have even taken of the cursed thing, and have also stolen and pretended falsely. And they have even put it among their own stuff. ¹²Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, turning their backs before their enemies, because they were cursed. Neither will I be with you any more, unless you destroy the one who is cursed from among you.

¹³Up! Sanctify the people and say, Sanctify yourselves for tomorrow. For thus says the LORD God of Israel, A cursed thing is in the midst of you, O Israel. You cannot stand before your enemies until you take away the cursed thing from among you. ¹⁴Therefore in the morning you shall be brought according to your tribes. And the tribe which the LORD takes shall come, according to the families of it. And the family which the LORD shall take shall come by households. And the household which the LORD shall take shall come man by man. ¹⁵And he who is taken with the cursed thing shall be burned with fire, he and all he has — because he has broken the covenant of the LORD, and because he has done wickedness in Israel.

¹⁶So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel by their tribes. And the tribe of Judah was taken. ¹⁷And he brought the families of Judah. And he took the family of the Zār'-hītes. And he took the family of the Zār'-hītes man by man. And Zāb'-dī was taken. ¹⁸And he brought his household man by man. And Ā'-chān, the son of Cār'-mī, the son of Zāb'-dī, the son of Zē'-rāh, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. ¹⁹And Joshua said to Ā'-chān, My son, I pray you, give glory to the LORD God of Israel, and make confession unto Him. And tell me now what you have done. Do not hide it from me. ²⁰And Ā'-chān answered Joshua and said, Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I have done. ²¹When I saw among the spoils a goodly Bāb-y-lō'-nī-ān garment and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them and took them. And behold, they are hidden in the earth in the middle of my tent, and the silver under it.

²²So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran into the tent. And behold, it was hidden in his tent, and the silver under it. ²³And they took them out of the middle of the tent, and brought them to Joshua, and to all the children of Israel. And *they* laid them out before the LORD. ²⁴And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Ā'-chān the son of Zē'-rāh, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had. And they brought them unto the valley of Ā'-chôr. ²⁵And Joshua said, Why have you troubled us? The LORD shall trouble you this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones. ²⁶And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD

turned from the greatness of His anger. Therefore the name of that valley was called, The valley of Ā'-chôr, unto this day.

CHAPTER 8

¹And the LORD said to Joshua, Do not fear, neither be dismayed. Take all the people of war with you, and arise, go up to Ā'-î. See, I have given into your hand the king of Ā'-î, and his people, and his city, and his land. ²And you shall do to Ā'-î and its king as you did unto Jericho and its king. Only the spoil of it, and the cattle of it, you shall take for a prize for yourselves. Lay an ambush for the city behind it. ³So Joshua and all the people of war arose to go up against Ā'-î.

And Joshua chose out thirty thousand men of war and sent them away by night. ⁴And he commanded them, saying, Behold, you shall lie in wait opposite the city, behind the city. Do not go very far from the city, but all of you be ready. ⁵And I, and all the people that are with me, shall go toward the city. And when they come out against us, as at the first, we will flee before them, ⁶(for they will come out after us,) until we have drawn them out of the city. For they will say, They flee before us, even as at the first. Therefore we will flee before them. ⁷Then you shall rise up from the ambush, and seize upon the city — for the LORD your God will deliver it into your hand. ⁸And when you have taken the city, you shall set the city on fire — according to the commandment of the LORD you shall do. See, I have commanded you.

⁹Therefore Joshua sent them out. And they went to lie in ambush, and stayed between Bethel and Ā'-î, on the west side of Ā'-î. But Joshua stayed that night among the people. ¹⁰And Joshua rose up early in the morning and counted the people. And they went up, he and the elders of Israel, to Ā'-î. ¹¹And all the people of war who were with him went up and drew near. And *they* came before the city, and pitched on the north side of Ā'-î. Now there was a valley between them and Ā'-î. ¹²And he took about five thousand men, and set them to lie in ambush between Bethel and Ā'-î, on the west side of the city. ¹³And when they had set the people, all the army that was on the north of the city, and those of them who lay in wait on the west of the city, Joshua went that night into the middle of the valley.

¹⁴And when the king of Ā'-î saw *it*, they hurried and rose up early. And the men of the city went out to do battle against Israel, he and all his people, at the time appointed, before the plain. But he did not know that there were some lying in ambush against him behind the city. ¹⁵And Joshua and all Israel acted as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. ¹⁶And all the people who were in Ā'-î were called together to run after them. And they ran after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. ¹⁷And there was not a man left in Ai or Bethel, who did not go after Israel. And they left the

city open, and ran after Israel. ¹⁸And the LORD said to Joshua, Stretch out the spear that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand. And Joshua stretched out the spear that he had in his hand toward the city. ¹⁹And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand. And they entered into the city, and took it, and hurried and set the city on fire. ²⁰And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw *it*. And, behold, the smoke of the city went up into the sky, and they had no power to flee this way or that way. And the people who fled to the wilderness turned back upon those who ran after *them*. ²¹And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city went up, then they turned again and killed the men of Ai. ²²And the others came out of the city against them. So they were in the middle of Israel, some on this side, and some on that side. And they struck them so that they let none of them remain or escape. ²³And they took the king of Ai, and brought him to Joshua.

²⁴And when Israel had made an end of killing all those who lived in Ai, in the field *and* in the wilderness where they chased them, and when they had all fallen on the edge of the sword until they were gone, all the Israelites returned to Ai and struck it with the edge of the sword. ²⁵And so all who fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand — all the men of Ai. ²⁶For Joshua did not draw his hand back, with which he stretched out the spear, until he had utterly destroyed all the people of Ai. ²⁷Only Israel took the cattle and the spoil of that city for a prize for themselves, according to the word of the LORD which He commanded Joshua. ²⁸And Joshua burned Ai, and made it a heap forever, a ruin unto this day. ²⁹And he hanged the king of Ai on a tree until evening. And as soon as the sun was down, Joshua commanded that they should take his body down from the tree and throw it down at the entrance to the gate of the city, and raise on it a great heap of stones, *which remains* unto this day.

³⁰Then Joshua built an altar unto the LORD God of Israel in Mount Ē'-bāl, ³¹as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones over which no man has lifted any iron. And they offered on it burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings.

³²And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children of Israel. ³³And all Israel, and their elders and officers, and their judges, stood on this side of the ark, and on that side, before the priests the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, as well the stranger as he that was born among them — half of them over against Mount Gě-rī'-zīm, and half of them over against Mount Ē'-bāl, as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded before that they should bless all the people of Israel. ³⁴And afterward he read all the words of the law, the

blessings and cursings, according to all that is written in the book of the law. ³⁵There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua did not read before all the congregation of Israel, with the women and the little ones, and the strangers that walked among them.

CHAPTER 9

¹And when all the kings which were on this side Jordan, in the hills and in the valleys, and in all the coasts of the great sea over against Lēb'-ā-nōn — the Hittite, and the Ām'-ōr-īte, the Canaanite, the Pē-rīz'-zīte, the Hī'-vīte, and the Jēb'-ū-sīte, heard *about it* — ²they all, with one mind, gathered themselves together to fight with Joshua and with Israel.

³And when those who lived in Gīb'-ē-ōn heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, ⁴they worked slyly. *For* they came and acted as if they were ambassadors. And *they* took old sacks upon their asses, and old and torn and bound up wineskins, ⁵and old and patched sandals upon their feet, and old clothes upon them. And all the bread they had taken was dry *and* moldy. ⁶And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gil'-gāl, and said to him and to the men of Israel, We have come from a far country. Now therefore, make a treaty with us. ⁷And the men of Israel said unto the Hī'-vītes, Perhaps you are living among us — and how shall we make a treaty with you? ⁸And they said to Joshua, We are your servants. And Joshua said to them, Who are you, and where do you come from? ⁹And they said to him, Your servants have come from a very far country, because of the name of the LORD your God. For we have heard of His fame and all that He did in Egypt, ¹⁰and all that He did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond Jordan, to Sī'-hōn king of Hēsh'-bōn, and to Og king of Bā'-shān, who was at Āsh'-tā-rōth. ¹¹Therefore our elders and all those who live in our country spoke to us saying, Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to meet them, and say to them, We are your servants — therefore now make a treaty with us. ¹²We took this bread hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came out to go unto you. But now, see, it is dry, and it is moldy. ¹³And these wineskins which we filled were new. And, see, they are torn. And these clothes and shoes of ours have become old because of the very long journey. ¹⁴And they received the men because of their provisions, and did not ask at the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁵And Joshua made peace with them, and made a treaty with them, to let them live. And the princes of the congregation swore unto them.

¹⁶And at the end of three days after they had made a treaty with them, they heard that they were their neighbors and that they lived among them. ¹⁷And the children of Israel journeyed and came to their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gīb'-ē-ōn, and Chē-phī'-

rāh, and Bēer'-ōth, and Kīr'-jāth-jē'-ā-rīm. ¹⁸And the children of Israel did not strike them, because the princes of the congregation had sworn to them by the LORD God of Israel. And all the congregation murmured against the princes. ¹⁹But all the princes said unto the congregation, We have sworn unto them by the LORD God of Israel. Now therefore we may not touch them. ²⁰This we will do to them. We will even let them live, lest wrath be upon us because of the oath which we swore unto them. ²¹And the princes said unto them, Let them live, but let them be woodcutters and drawers of water unto all the congregation — as the princes had promised them.

²²And Joshua called for them, and he spoke to them, saying, Why have you fooled us saying, We are very far from you, when you dwell among us? ²³Now therefore you are cursed, and there shall none of you be freed from being slaves and woodcutters and drawers of water for the house of my God. ²⁴And they answered Joshua and said, Because it was certainly told your servants how the LORD your God commanded His servant Moses to give you all the land, and to destroy all those who lived in the land from before you, therefore we were very much afraid of our lives because of you, and have done this thing. ²⁵And now, behold, we are in your hand. As it seems good and right unto you to do unto us, do *it*. ²⁶And so he did unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children of Israel, so that they did not kill them. ²⁷And Joshua made them that day woodcutters and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD, even unto this day, in the place which He should choose.

CHAPTER 10

¹Now when Ād-ō-nī-zē'-dēk king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai and had utterly destroyed it (as he had done to Jericho and its king, so he had done to Ai and its king) and how the inhabitants of Gīb'-ē-ōn had made peace with Israel and were among them, ²they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all of its men were mighty. ³Therefore Ād-ō-nī-zē'-dēk king of Jerusalem sent to Hō'-hām king of Hē'-brōn, and to Pī'-rām king of Jār'-muth, and to Jā-phī'-ā king of Lā'-chīsh, and to Dē'-bīr king of Ēg'-lōn, saying, ⁴Come up to me, and help me, so that we may strike Gibeon. For it has made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel. ⁵Therefore the five kings of the Amorites — the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hē'-brōn, the king of Jār'-muth, the king of Lā'-chīsh, the king of Ēg'-lōn — gathered themselves together. And *they* went up, they and all their armies, and camped before Gibeon, and made war against it. ⁶And the men of Gibeon sent to Joshua to the camp to Gil'-gāl, saying, Do not withhold your hand from your servants. Come up to us quickly, and save us, and

help us — for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the mountains have gathered together against us. ⁷So Joshua went up from Gil'-gāl, he and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of war.

⁸And the LORD said to Joshua, Do not fear them, for I have delivered them into your hands. There shall not a man of them stand before you. ⁹Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, coming up from Gil'-gāl all night. ¹⁰And the LORD troubled them before Israel, and killed them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goes up to Bēth-hôr'-ōn, and struck them to Ā-zē'-kāh, and to Māk-kē'-dāh. ¹¹And as they fled from before Israel, *and* were in the going down to Bēth-hôr'-ōn, the LORD cast down great stones from heaven on them to Ā-zē'-kāh, and they died. *The ones* who died from hail-stones were more than *the ones* whom the children of Israel killed with the sword.

¹²Then Joshua spoke to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun! Stand still upon Gibeon! and moon! *stay* in the valley of Āj'-ā-lōn! ¹³And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is this not written in the book of Jāsh'-ēr? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and did not hasten to go down about a whole day. ¹⁴And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD listened to the voice of a man. For the LORD fought for Israel.

¹⁵And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gil'-gāl. ¹⁶But these five kings fled and hid themselves in a cave at Māk-kē'-dāh. ¹⁷And it was told to Joshua, saying, The five kings have been found hidden in a cave at Māk-kē'-dāh. ¹⁸And Joshua said, Roll great stones upon the mouth of the cave, and set men by it in order to keep them. ¹⁹And do not stay, *but* run after your enemies and strike the ones who are behind. Do not allow them to enter into their cities. For the LORD your God has delivered them into your hand. ²⁰And when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of killing them with a very great slaughter until they were gone, the rest of those who remained entered into fenced cities. ²¹And all the people returned in peace to the camp to Joshua at Māk-kē'-dāh. None moved his tongue against any of the children of Israel.

²²Then Joshua said, Open the mouth of the cave, and bring those five kings out of the cave to me. ²³And they did so, and brought those five kings out of the cave to him — the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hē'-brōn, the king of Jār'-mūth, the king of Lā'-chīsh, the king of Eg'-lōn. ²⁴And when they brought out those kings to Joshua, he called for all the men of Israel. And he said to the captains of the men of war who went with him, Come here *and* put your feet upon the necks of these kings. And they came up and put their feet upon their necks.

²⁵And Joshua said to them, Do not fear nor be dismayed. Be strong and of good courage. For so shall the LORD do to all your enemies against whom you fight. ²⁶And afterward Joshua struck them and killed them, and hanged them on five trees. And they were hanging upon the trees until the evening. ²⁷And at the time of the going down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took them down off the trees and threw them into the cave in which they had been hidden, and laid great stones in the cave's mouth, *which remain* until this very day.

²⁸And that day Joshua took Māk-kē'-dāh and struck it with the edge of the sword, and he utterly destroyed the king of it, them, and all the souls that were in it. He let none remain. And he did to the king of Māk-kē'-dāh as he did to the king of Jericho. ²⁹Then Joshua passed from Māk-kē'-dāh, and all Israel with him, to Lib'-nāh, and fought against Lib'-nāh. ³⁰And the LORD delivered it also, and the king of it, into the hand of Israel. And he struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were in it. He let none remain in it, but did to the king of it as he did to the king of Jericho. ³¹And Joshua passed from Lib'-nāh, and all Israel with him, to Lā'-chīsh, and camped against it, and fought against it. ³²And the LORD delivered Lā'-chīsh into the hand of Israel, who took it on the second day, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were in it, according to all that he had done to Lib'-nāh.

³³Then Hôr'-ām king of Gē'-zēr came up to help Lā'-chīsh. And Joshua struck him and his people until he had left him none remaining. ³⁴And from Lā'-chīsh Joshua passed to Ēg'-lōn, and all Israel with him. And they camped against it and fought against it. ³⁵And they took it on that day, and struck it with the edge of the sword; and all the souls that were in it he completely destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lā'-chīsh. ³⁶And Joshua went up from Ēg'-lōn, and all Israel with him, to Hē'-brōn. And they fought against it. ³⁷And they took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and the king of it, and all the cities of it, and all the souls that were in it. He left none remaining, according to all that he had done to Ēg'-lōn, but destroyed it completely, and all the souls that were in it.

³⁸And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to Dē'-bīr, and fought against it. ³⁹And he took it, and the king of it, and all the cities of it. And they struck them with the edge of the sword, and completely destroyed all the souls that were in it. He left none remaining. As he had done to Hē'-brōn, so he did to Dē'-bīr, and to the king of it — as he had done also to Lib'-nāh, and to her king. ⁴⁰So Joshua struck all the country of the hills, and of the south, and of the valley, and of the springs, and all their kings. He left none remaining, but completely destroyed all that breathed, as the LORD God of Israel commanded. ⁴¹And Joshua struck them from Kā'-dēsh-bār'-nē-ā even to Gā'-zā, and all the country of Gō'-shēn, even to Gib'-ē-ōn. ⁴²And Joshua took all

these kings and their land at one time, because the LORD God of Israel fought for Israel. ⁴³And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, to the camp to Gil'gāl.

CHAPTER 11

¹And when Jā'-bīn king of Hā'-zôr had heard, he sent to Jō'-bāb king of Mā'-dōn, and to the king of Shīm'-rōn, and to the king of Āch'-shāph, ²and to the kings that were on the north of the mountains, and of the plains south of Chīn'-nē-rōth, and in the valley, and in the borders of Dor on the west, ³and to the Canaanite on the east and on the west, and the Hit'-tīte, and the Pē-rīz'-zīte, and the Jēb'-ū-sīte in the mountains, and to the Hī'-vīte under Hēr'-mōn in the land of Mīz'-pēh. ⁴And they went out, they and all their armies with them, many people, even as the sand that is upon the seashore in multitude, with very many horses and chariots. ⁵And when all these kings had met together, they came and pitched together at the waters of Mē'-rōm, to fight against Israel.

⁶And the LORD said to Joshua, Do not be afraid because of them, for tomorrow about this time I will deliver them up, all killed before Israel. You shall hamstring their horses and burn their chariots with fire. ⁷So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Mē'-rōm suddenly. And they fell upon them. ⁸And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Israel, who struck them and chased them unto great Sī'-dōn, and to the salt pits, and to the valley of Mīz'-pēh eastward. And they struck them until they left them none remaining. ⁹And Joshua did unto them as the LORD commanded him. He hamstrung their horses and burned their chariots with fire.

¹⁰And Joshua at that time turned back and took Hā'-zôr, and struck the king of it with the sword. For Hā'-zôr beforetime was the head of all those kingdoms. ¹¹And they struck all the souls that were in it with the edge of the sword, completely destroying *them*. There was not any left to breathe. And he burned Hā'-zôr with fire. ¹²And Joshua took all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them. And *he* struck them with the edge of the sword. He completely destroyed them, as Moses the servant of the LORD commanded. ¹³But Israel did not burn any of them, the cities that stood still in their strength, except Hā'-zôr only. Joshua did burn *it*. ¹⁴And all the spoil of these cities and the cattle the children of Israel took for a prize to themselves. But they struck every man with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them — neither did they leave any to breathe.

¹⁵As the LORD commanded Moses His servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so Joshua did. He left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses. ¹⁶So Joshua took all that land, the hills,

and all the south country, and all the land of Gō'-shēn, and the valley, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and the valley of the same — ¹⁷*even* from the mount Hā'-lāk that goes up to Sē'-ir, even to Bā'-āl-gād in the valley of Lēb'-ā-nōn under Mount Hēr'-mōn. And he took all their kings, and struck them and killed them. ¹⁸Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. ¹⁹There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, except the Hī'-vītes, the inhabitants of Gīb'-ē-ōn. All *others* they took in battle. ²⁰For it was of the LORD to harden their hearts so that they should come against Israel in battle, so that He might destroy them completely, so that they might have no favor, but that He might destroy them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

²¹At that time Joshua came and cut off the Ān'-ā-kīms from the mountains, from Hē'-brōn, from Dē'-bīr, from Ān'-āb, and from all the mountains of Judah, and from all the mountains of Israel. Joshua completely destroyed them with their cities. ²²There were none of the Ān'-ā-kīms left in the land of the children of Israel — only in Gā'-zā, in Gath, and in Āsh'-dōd there remained *some*. ²³So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD commanded Moses. And Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

CHAPTER 12

¹Now these are the kings of the land, whom the children of Israel struck and *whose* land they possessed on the other side Jordan toward the rising of the sun, from the river Ār'-nōn to Mount Hēr'-mōn, and all the plain on the east — ²Sī'-hōn king of the Amorites, who lived in Hēsh'-bōn and ruled from Ā-rō'-ēr, which is upon the bank of the river Ār'-nōn, and from the middle of the river, and from half Gilead, even to the river Jāb'-bōk, *which is* the border of the children of Ammon — ³and from the plain to the sea of Chīn'-nē-rōth on the east, and to the sea of the plain, the salt sea on the east, the way to Bēth-jēsh'-ī-mōth, and from the south, under Āsh'-dōth-pīs-gāh. ⁴And *they struck* the coast of Og king of Bā'-shān, *who was* of the last of the giants, who lived at Āsh'-tā-rōth and at Ēd'-rē-ī ⁵and reigned in Mount Hermon and in Sāl'-cāh, and in all Bā'-shān, to the border of the Gē-shū'-rites and the Mā'-āch'-ā-thītes, and half Gilead, the border of Sī'-hōn king of Hēsh'-bōn. ⁶Moses the servant of the LORD and the children of Israel struck them. And Moses the servant of the LORD gave it for a possession to the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Mā'-nās'-sēh.

⁷And these are the kings of the country which Joshua and the children of Israel struck on this side Jordan, on the west, from Bā'-āl-gād in the valley of Lēb'-ā-nōn even unto the mount Hā'-lāk that goes up

to Sē'-īr — which Joshua gave unto the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions — ⁸in the mountains, and in the valleys, and in the plains, and in the springs, and in the wilderness, and in the south country — the Hittites, the Amorites, and the Canaanites, the Pē-rīz'-zītes, the Hī'-vītes, and the Jēb'-ū-sītes.

⁹The king of Jericho, one; the king of Ai, which is beside Bethel, one; ¹⁰the king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; ¹¹the king of Jār'-mūth, one; the king of Lā'-chīsh, one; ¹²the king of Ēg'-lōn, one; the king of Gē'-zēr, one; ¹³the king of Dē'-bīr, one; the king of Gē'-dēr, one; ¹⁴the king of Hōr'-māh, one; the king of Ār'-ād, one; ¹⁵the king of Lib'-nāh, one; the king of Ā-dūl'-lām, one; ¹⁶the king of Māk-kē'-dāh, one; the king of Bethel, one; ¹⁷the king of Tāp'-pū-āh, one; the king of Hē'-phēr, one; ¹⁸the king of Ā'-phēk, one; the king of Lā-shār'-ōn, one; ¹⁹the king of Mā'-dōn, one; the king of Hā'-zōr, one; ²⁰the king of Shīm'-rōn-mē'-rōn, one; the king of Āch'-shāph, one; ²¹the king of Tā'-ā-nāch, one; the king of Mē-gīd'-dō, one; ²²the king of Kē'-dēsh, one; the king of Jōk'-nē-ām of Carmel, one; ²³the king of Dor in the coast of Dor, one; the king of the nations of Gil'-gāl, one; ²⁴the king of Tīr'-zāh, one. All the kings were thirty-one.

CHAPTER 13

¹Now Joshua was old and far gone in years. And the LORD said to him, You are old and far gone in years, and there remains yet very much land to be possessed. ²This is the land that still remains — all the borders of the Phī-līs'-tīnes, and all Gē-shū'-rī, ³from Sī'-hōr, which is before Egypt, even unto the borders of Ēk'-rōn northward, *which* is counted to the Canaanite — five lords of the Phī-līs'-tīnes; the Gā'-zā-thītes, and the Āsh'-dō-thītes, the Ēsh'-kā-lōn-ītes, the Gīt'-tītes, and the Ēk'-rōn-ītes; also the Ā'-vītes. ⁴From the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Mē-ār'-āh that is beside the Sī-dō'-nī-āns, unto Ā'-phēk, to the borders of the Amorites. ⁵And the land of the Gīb'-lītes, and all Lēb'-ā-non, toward the sunrise, from Bā'-āl-gād under Mount Hermon to the border of Hā'-māth. ⁶I will drive out all those who live in the hill country from Lēb'-ā-nōn to Mīs'-rē-phōth-mā'-īm, *and* all the Sī-dō'-nī-āns, from before the children of Israel. Only you divide it by lot to the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded you.

⁷Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes and the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh, ⁸with whom the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance which Moses gave them beyond Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the LORD gave them — ⁹from Ā-rō'-ēr, that is upon the bank of the river Ār-nōn, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain of Mē'-dē-bā, unto Dī'-bōn, ¹⁰and all the cities of Sī'-hōn king of the Amorites, who reigned in Hēsh'-bōn, unto the border of the children of Ammon, ¹¹and Gilead,

and the border of the Gě-shū'-rites and Mā-āch'-ā-thītes, and all Mount Hermon, and all Bā'-shān unto Sāl'-cāh, ¹²all the kingdom of Og in Bā'-shān (who reigned in Āsh'-tā-rōth and in Ēd'-rē-ī, who remained of the rest of the giants) — for these did Moses strike, and cast them out. ¹³Nevertheless the children of Israel did not put out the Gě-shū'-rites nor the Mā-āch'-ā-thītes, but the Gě-shū'-rites and the Mā-āch'-ā-thītes dwell among the Israelites until this day. ¹⁴Only he gave no inheritance to the tribe of Levi. The sacrifices of the LORD God of Israel made by fire are their inheritance, as He said to them.

¹⁵And Moses gave to the tribe of the children of Reuben *inheritance* according to their families. ¹⁶And their coast was from Ā-rō'-ēr that is on the bank of the river Ār'-nōn, and the city that is in the midst of the river, and all the plain by Mē'-dē-bā. ¹⁷*He gave them* Hēsh'-bōn and all its cities that are in the plain, Dī'-bōn, and Bā'-mōth-bā'-āl, and Bēth-bā'-āl-mē'-on, ¹⁸and Jā'-hā'-zāh, and Kē'-dē-mōth, and Mēph'-ā-āth, ¹⁹and Kīr-jā-thā'-īm, and Sib'-māh, and Zār'-ēth-shā'-hār in the mountain of the valley, ²⁰and Bēth-pē'-ōr, and Āsh'-dōth-pis'-gāh, and Bēth-jēsh'-ī-mōth, ²¹and all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sī'-hōn king of the Amorites, who reigned in Hēsh'-bōn (whom Moses struck with the princes of Mīd'-ī-ān, Ē'-vī, and Rē'-kēm, and Zur, and Hur, and Rē'-bā, princes of Sī'-hōn living in the country).

²²The children of Israel also killed Balaam the son of Bē'-ōr, the soothsayer, with the sword — among the ones that were killed by them. ²³And the border of the children of Reuben was Jordan, and the border of it. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben according to their families, and the cities and the villages of it. ²⁴And Moses gave *inheritance* unto the tribe of Gad, to the children of Gad according to their families. ²⁵And their coast was Jā'-zēr, and all the cities of Gilead, and half the land of the children of Ammon, unto Ā-rō'-ēr that is before Rāb'-bāh, ²⁶and from Hēsh'-bōn unto Rā'-māth-miz'-pēh, and Bēt'-ō-nīm, and from Mā'-hā-nā'-īm unto the border of Dē'-bīr. ²⁷And in the valley he gave them Bēth-ār'-ām, and Bēth-nīm'-rāh, and Sūc'-cōth, and Zā'-phōn, the rest of the kingdom of Sī'-hōn king of Hēsh'-bōn, Jordan and its border, *even* to the edge of the Sea of Chīn'-nē-rēth on the east side Jordan eastward. ²⁸This is the inheritance of the children of Gad according to their families, the cities, and their villages.

²⁹And Moses gave *inheritance* to the half tribe of Mā'-nās'-sēh, and *this* was of the half tribe of the children of Mā'-nās'-sēh by their families. ³⁰And their border was from Mā'-hā-nā'-īm, all Bā'-shān, all the kingdom of Og king of Bā'-shān, and all the towns of Jā'-īr, which are in Bā'-shān, sixty cities. ³¹And half Gilead, and Āsh'-tā-rōth, and Ēd'-rē-ī, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bā'-shān, *were given* to the children of Mā'-chīr the son of Mā'-nās'-sēh, *even* to the half of the children

of Mā'-chir by the families. ³²These are *the countries* which Moses gave out for inheritance in the plains of Moab, on the other side Jordan by Jericho, eastward. ³³But to the tribe of Levi Moses gave no inheritance. The LORD God of Israel was their inheritance, as He said unto them.

CHAPTER 14

¹And these are *the countries* which the children of Israel inherited in the land of Canaan, which Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, gave out for inheritance to them. ²Their inheritance was by lot, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the half tribe. ³For Moses had given the inheritance of two tribes and a half tribe on the other side Jordan. But unto the Levites he gave no inheritance among them. ⁴For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Mā-nās'-sēh and E'-phrā-im. Therefore they gave no part to the Levites in the land, except cities to live in, with their suburbs for their cattle and for their substance. ⁵As the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel did, and they divided the land.

⁶Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gīl'-gāl. And Caleb, the son of Jē-phūn'-nēh the Kē'-nēz-īte, said to him, You know the thing that the LORD said to Moses the man of God in Kā'-dēsh-bār'-nē-ā regarding you and me. ⁷I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kā'-dēsh-bār'-nē-ā to spy out the land. And I brought him word again as it was in my heart. ⁸Nevertheless my brothers that went up with me made the heart of the people melt. But I fully followed the LORD my God. ⁹And Moses swore on that day, saying, Surely the land on which your feet have trodden shall be your inheritance, and your children's forever, because you have fully followed the LORD my God. ¹⁰And now, behold, the LORD has kept me alive these forty-five years as He said, even since the LORD spoke this word to Moses, while Israel wandered in the wilderness. And now, lo, I am eighty-five years old today. ¹¹As yet I am as strong today as *I was* in the day that Moses sent me. As my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, both to go out and to come in. ¹²Now therefore give me this mountain of which the LORD spoke on that day. For you heard in that day how the Ān'-ā-kīms were there, and that the cities were great and fenced. If the LORD will be with me, then I will be able to drive them out, as the LORD said. ¹³And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jē-phūn'-nēh for an inheritance. ¹⁴Therefore Hebron became the inheritance of Caleb, the son of Jē-phūn'-nēh the Kē'-nēz-īte, unto this day, because he fully followed the LORD God of Israel. ¹⁵And the name of Hebron before was Kīr'-jāth-ār'-bā. Ār'-bā was a great man among the Ān'-ā-kīms. And the land had rest from war.

CHAPTER 15

¹This then was the lot of the tribe of the children of Judah by their families — to the border of Edom the wilderness of Zin southward was the outermost part of the south border. ²And their south border was from the shore of the salt sea, from the bay that looks southward. ³And it went out to the south side to Mā'-ā-lēh—āc-rāb'-bīm, and passed along to Zin, and went up on the south side to Kā'-dēsh-bār'-nē-ā, and passed along to Hēz'-rōn, and went up to Ā'-dār, and turned around to Kār'-kā-ā. ⁴From there it passed toward Āz'-mōn and went out to the river of Egypt. And the outer limits of that border were at the sea. This shall be your south border.

⁵And the east border was the salt sea unto the end of Jordan. ⁶And their border in the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the uttermost part of Jordan. And the border went up to Bēth-hōg'-lā, and passed along by the north of Bēth-ār'-ā-bāh. And the border went up to the stone of Bō'-hān the son of Reū'-bēn. ⁷And the border went up toward Dē'-bīr from the valley of Ā'-chōr, and so northward, looking toward Gil'-gāl, that is before the going up to Ā'-dūm'-mīm, which is on the south side of the river. And the border passed toward the waters of En-shē'-mēsh, and the outer limits of it were at Ēn-rō'-gēl. ⁸And the border went up by the valley of the son of Hīn'-nōm to the south side of the Jēb'-ū-site. The same is Jerusalem. And the border went up to the top of the mountain that lies before the valley of Hīn'-nom westward, which is at the end of the valley of the giants northward. ⁹And the border was drawn from the top of the hill to the fountain of the water of Nēph-tō'-āh, and went out to the cities of Mount Ē'-phrōn. And the border was drawn to Bā'-ā-lāh, which is Kīr'-jāth-jē'-ā-rīm. ¹⁰And the border went around from Bā'-ā-lāh westward unto Mount Sē'-īr, and passed along to the side of Mount Jē'-ā-rīm, which is Chēs'-ā-lōn, on the north side, and went down to Bēth-shē'-mēsh, and passed on to Tīm'-nāh. ¹¹And the border went to the side of Ēk'-rōn northward, and the border was drawn to Shīc'-rōn, and passed along to Mount Bā'-ā-lāh, and went out to Jāb'-nēel. And the outer limits of the border were at the sea. ¹²And the west border was to the great sea, and the coast. This is the border of the children of Judah all around according to their families.

¹³And he gave a part among the children of Judah to Caleb the son of Jē-phūn'-nēh, according to the commandment of the LORD to Joshua — even the city of Ār'-bā the father of Ān'-āk, which is Hebron. ¹⁴And Caleb drove the three sons of Anak, Shē'-shāi, and Ā-hī'-mān, and Tāl'-maī, the children of Anak, from there. ¹⁵And he went up from there to those who lived in Dē'-bīr. And the name of Dē'-bīr before was Kīr'-jāth-sē'-phēr. ¹⁶And Caleb said, He who smites Kīr'-jāth-sē'-phēr,

and takes it, I will give my daughter Āch'-sāh to him for a wife. ¹⁷And Ōth'-nī-ēl the son of Kē'-nāz, the brother of Caleb, took it. And he gave him Āch'-sāh his daughter for a wife. ¹⁸And as she came, she moved him to ask a field from her father. And she dismounted from *her* ass. And Caleb said to her, What do you desire? ¹⁹She answered, Give me a blessing, for you have given me a south land. Give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs and the lower springs. ²⁰This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

²¹And the furthest cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the coast of Edom southward were Kāb'-zēel, and Ē'-dēr, and Jā'-gūr, ²²and Kī'-nāh, and Dī-mō'-nāh, and Ā-dā'-dāh, ²³and Kē'-dēsh, and Hā'-zôr, and Īth'-nān, ²⁴Ziph, and Tē'-lēm, and Bē-ā'-lōth, ²⁵and Hā'-zôr, Hā-dāt'-tāh, and Kēr'-ī-ōth, and Hēz'-rōn, which is Hā'-zôr, ²⁶Ā'-mām, and Shē'-mā, and Mō-lā'-dāh, ²⁷and Hā'-zār-gād'-dāh, and Hēsh'-mōn, and Bēth-pā'-lēt, ²⁸and Hā'-zār-shu'-āl, and Bēer-shē'-bā, and Bīz-jōth'-jāh, ²⁹Bā-ā-lāh, and Ī'-im, and Ā'-zēm, ³⁰and Ēl-tō'-lād, and Chēs'-il, and Hōr'-māh, ³¹and Zik'-lāg, and Mād-mān'-nāh and Sān-sān'-nāh, ³²and Lē-bā'-ōth, and Shil'-hīm, and Ā'-in, and Rimmon. All the cities are twenty-nine, with their villages.

³³In the valley, Ēsh'-tā-ōl, and Zōr'-ē-āh, and Āsh'-nāh, ³⁴and Zā-nō'-āh, and Ēn-gān'-nim, Tāp'-pū-āh, and Ē'-nām, ³⁵Jār'-mūth, and Ā-dūl'-lām, Sō'-cōh, and Ā-zē'-kāh, ³⁶and Shā-rā'-im, and Ād-ī-thā'-im, and Gē-dē'-rāh, and Gē-dē-rō-thā'-im — fourteen cities with their villages — ³⁷Zē'-nān, and Hā-dāsh'-āh, and Mīg'-dāl-gād, ³⁸and Dī'-lē-ān, and Mīz'-pēh, and Jōk'-thēel, ³⁹Lā'-chīsh, and Bōz'-kāth, and Ēg'-lōn, ⁴⁰and Cāb'-bōn, and Lāh'-mām, and Kīth'-lish, ⁴¹and Gē-dē'-rōth, Bēth-dā'-gōn, and Nā'-ā-māh, and Māk-kē-dāh — sixteen cities with their villages — ⁴²Lib'-nāh, and Ē'-thēr, and Āsh'-ān, ⁴³and Jīph'-tāh, and Āsh'-nāh, and Nē'-zīb, ⁴⁴and Kē-ī'-lāh, and Āch'-zīb, and Mā-rē'-shāh — nine cities with their villages — ⁴⁵Ēk'-rōn, with its town and its villages — ⁴⁶from Ēk'-rōn even to the sea, all that were near Āsh'-dōd, with their villages — ⁴⁷Āsh'-dōd with its towns and its villages — Gā'-zā with its towns and its villages, to the river of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border of it.

⁴⁸And in the mountains, Shā'-mīr, and Jāt'-tīr, and Sō'-cōh, ⁴⁹and Dān'-nāh, and Kīr'-jāth-sān'-nāh (which is Dē'-bir), ⁵⁰and Anab, and Ēsh'-tē-mōh, and Ā'-nim, ⁵¹and Gō'-shēn, and Hō'-lōn, and Gī'-lōh — eleven cities with their villages — ⁵²Arab, and Dū'-māh, and Ēsh'-ē-ān, ⁵³and Jān'-ūm, and Bēth-tāp'-pū-āh, and Ā-phē'-kāh, ⁵⁴and Hūm'-tāh, and Kīr'-jāth-ār'-bā (which is Hebron), and Zī'-ōr — nine cities with their villages — ⁵⁵Mā'-ōn, Carmel, and Ziph, and Jūt'-tāh, ⁵⁶and Jēz'-rēel, and Jōk'-dē-ām, and Zā-nō'-āh, ⁵⁷Cain, Gīb'-ē-āh, and Tim'-nāh — ten cities with their villages — ⁵⁸Hāl'-hūl, Bēth'-zūr, and Gē-dōr, ⁵⁹and Mā'-ā-rāth, and Bēth'-ā-nōth, and Ēl'-tē-kōn — six cities with their vil-

lages — ⁶⁰Kīr'-jāth-bā'-āl, which is Kīr'-jāth-jē'-ā-rīm, and Rāb'-bāh — two cities with their villages.

⁶¹In the wilderness, Bēth-ār'-ā-bāh, Mīd'-dīn, and Sē-cā'-cāh, ⁶²and Nīb'-shān, and the city of salt, and Ēn-gē'-dī — six cities with their villages.

⁶³As for the Jēb'-ū-sītes, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out. But the Jēb'-ū-sītes live with the children of Judah at Jerusalem to this day.

CHAPTER 16

¹And the lot of the children of Joseph fell from Jordan by Jericho, to the water of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goes up from Jericho through Mount Bethel, ²and goes out from Bethel to Luz, and passes along to the borders of Ār'-chī to Āt'-ā-rōth ³and goes down westward to the border of Jāph'-lē-tī to the border of Bēth-hōr'-ōn the lower, and to Gē'-zēr. And the outer limits of it are at the sea. ⁴So the children of Joseph, Mā-nās'-sēh and Ē'-phrā-īm, took their inheritance.

⁵And the border of the children of Ē'-phrā-īm, according to their families, was *this* — even the border of their inheritance on the east side was Āt'-ā-rōth-ād'-dār, unto Bēth-hōr'-ōn the upper. ⁶And the border went out toward the sea to Mīch-mē'-thāh on the north side. And the border went about eastward to Tā'-ā-nāth-shī'-lōh, and passed by it on the east to Jā-nō'-hāh. ⁷And it went down from Jā-nō'-hāh to Āt'-ā-rōth, and to Nā'-ā-rāth, and came again to Jericho, and went out at Jordan. ⁸The border went out from Tāp'-pū-āh westward to the river Kā'-nāh. And the outer limits of it were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ē'-phrā-īm by their families. ⁹And the separate cities for the children of Ē'-phrā-īm were among the inheritance of the children of Mā-nās'-sēh, all the cities with their villages. ¹⁰And they did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gē'-zēr. But the Canaanites live among the Ē'-phrā-īm-ites until this day, and serve under tribute.

CHAPTER 17

¹There was also a lot for the tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh (for he was the first-born of Joseph) — for Mā'-chīr the first-born of Mā-nās'-sēh, the father of Gilead. Because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bā'-shān. ²There was also *a lot* for the rest of the children of Mā-nās'-sēh by their families — for the children of Ā-bī-ē'-zēr, and for the children of Hē'-lēk, and for the children of Ās'-rī-ēl, and for the children of Shē'-chēm, and for the children of Hē'-phēr, and for the children of Shē-mī'-dā. These were the male children of Mā-nās'-sēh the son of Joseph by their families. ³But Zē-lōph'-ē-hād the son of Hē'-phēr, the

son of Gilead, the son of Mā'-chīr, the son of Mā-nās'-sēh, had no sons, but daughters. And these are the names of his daughters: Mäh'-lāh, and Noah, Hōg'-lāh, Mīl'-cāh, and Tīr'-zāh. ⁴And they came near before Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saying, The LORD commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brothers. Therefore according to the commandment of the LORD he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father. ⁵And there fell ten portions to Mā-nās'-sēh, besides the land of Gilead and Bā'-shān, which were on the other side Jordan — ⁶because the daughters of Mā-nās'-sēh had an inheritance among his sons. And the rest of Mā-nās'-sēh's sons had the land of Gilead.

⁷And the border of Mā-nās'-sēh was from Asher to Mīch-mē'-thāh before Shē'-chēm. And the border went along on the right hand to the inhabitants of Ēn-tāp'-pū-āh. ⁸Mā-nās'-sēh had the land of Tāp'-pū-āh, but Tāp'-pū-āh on the border of Mā-nās'-sēh *belonged* to the children of Ē'-phrā-īm. ⁹And the border went down to the river Kā'-nāh, southward of the river. These cities of Ē'-phrā-īm are among the cities of Mā-nās'-sēh. The coast of Mā-nās'-sēh also was on the north side of the river, and the outer limits of it were at the sea. ¹⁰Southward it was Ē'-phrā-īm's, and northward it was Mā-nās'-sēh's. And the sea is its border. And they met together in Asher on the north, and in Īs'-sā-chār on the east. ¹¹And Mā-nās'-sēh had in Īs'-sā-chār and in Asher Bēth-shē'-ān and its towns, and Īb'-lē-ām and its towns, and those who lived in Dor and its towns, and those who lived in Endor and its towns, and those who lived in Tā'-ā-nāch and its towns, and those who lived in Mē-gīd'-dō and its towns, *even* three countries. ¹²Yet the children of Mā-nās'-sēh could not drive out *those who lived* in those cities, but the Canaanites wanted to live in that land. ¹³Yet when the children of Israel had become strong, they put the Canaanites to tribute. But they did not completely drive them out.

¹⁴The children of Joseph spoke to Joshua saying, Why have you given me one lot and one portion to inherit, since I am a great people, because the LORD has blessed me until now? ¹⁵And Joshua answered them, If you are a great people, and if Mount Ē'-phrā-īm is too narrow for you, get up to the wood *country* and cut down more for yourself there in the land of the Pē-rīz'-zītes and of the giants. ¹⁶And the children of Joseph said, The hill is not enough for us. And all the Canaanites who live in the land of the valley have chariots of iron, *those* who are of Bēth-shē'-ān and its towns, and those who are of the valley of Jēz'-rēel. ¹⁷And Joshua spoke to the house of Joseph, *even* to Ē'-phrā-īm and to Mā-nās'-sēh, saying, You are a great people and have great power. You shall not have one lot. ¹⁸But the mountain shall be yours, for it is a forest, and you shall cut it down. And the outer limits of it shall be yours. For you shall drive out the Canaanites, even though they have iron chariots and though they are strong.

CHAPTER 18

¹And the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered together at Shi'-löh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there. And the land was subdued before them. ²And there remained among the children of Israel seven tribes which had not yet received their inheritance. ³And Joshua said to the children of Israel, How long will you be weak in going to possess the land which the LORD God of your fathers has given you? ⁴Give from among you three men for *each* tribe. And I will send them, and they shall rise and go through the land and map it according to the inheritance of them. And they shall come to me. ⁵And they shall divide it into seven parts. Judah shall stay within their border on the south, and the house of Joseph shall stay within their borders on the north. ⁶You shall therefore map the land into seven parts and bring *it* here to me, so that I may cast lots here for you before the LORD our God. ⁷But the Levites have no part among you. For the priesthood of the LORD is their inheritance. And Gad and Reuben and half the tribe of Mä-näs'-sêh have received their inheritance beyond Jordan on the east, which Moses the servant of the LORD gave them.

⁸And the men arose and went away. And Joshua charged those who went to map the land, saying, Go and walk through the land, and map it, and come again to me so that I may here cast lots for you before the LORD in Shi'-löh. ⁹And the men went and passed through the land, and mapped it into seven parts in a book, and *they* came to Joshua, to the host at Shi'-löh. ¹⁰And Joshua cast lots for them in Shi'-löh before the LORD. And Joshua divided the land unto the children of Israel there, according to their divisions.

¹¹And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families. And the border of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. ¹²And their border on the north side was from Jordan. And the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north side, and went up through the mountains westward. And the outer limits of it were at the wilderness of Bêth-â'-vên. ¹³And the border went over from there toward Luz, to the side of Luz, which is Bethel, southward. And the border went down to Āt'-ä-rôth-ä'-där, near the hill that lies on the south side of the lower Bêth-hôr'-ôn. ¹⁴And the border was drawn *from there*, and went around the corner of the sea southward, from the hill that is in front of Bêth-hôr'-ôn southward. And the outer limits of it were at Kîr'-jâth-bâ'-äl, which is Kîr'-jâth-jê'-ä-rîm, a city of the children of Judah. This was the west quarter. ¹⁵And the south quarter was from the end of Kîr'-jâth-jê'-ä-rîm, and the border went out on the west, and went out to the well of waters of Nêph-tô'-ä. ¹⁶And the border came down to the end of the mountain which is before the valley of the son of Hîn'-nôm, which is in

the valley of the giants on the north, and went down to the valley of Hīn'-nōm, to the side of Jēb'-ū-sī on the south, and went down to Ēn-rō'-gēl. ¹⁷And it was drawn from the north and went forth to Ēn-shē'-mēsh, and went forth toward Gē-lī'-lōth, which is over against the going up of Ā-dūm'-mīm, and went down to the stone of Bō'-hān the son of Reuben, ¹⁸and passed along toward the side over against Ār'-ā-bāh northward, and went down to Ār'-ā-bā. ¹⁹And the border passed along to the side of Bēth-hōg'-lāh northward. And the outer limits of the border were at the north tongue of the salt sea, at the south end of Jordan. This was the south border. ²⁰And Jordan was the border of it on the east side.

This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by the borders of it, round about, according to their families. ²¹Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Bēth-hōg'-lāh, and the valley of Kē'-ziz, ²²and Bēth-ār'-ā-bāh, and Zēm-ā-rā'-īm, and Bethel, ²³and Ā'-vīm, and Pār'-āh, and Ōph'-rāh, ²⁴and Chē'-phār-hā-ām'-mō-naī, and Ōph'-nī, and Gā-bā — twelve cities with their villages — ²⁵Gibeon, and Rā'-māh, and Bēer'-ōth, ²⁶and Mīz'-pēh, and Chē'-phī'-rāh, and Mō'-zāh, ²⁷and Rē'-kēm, and Īr'-pēel, and Tār'-ā-lāh, ²⁸and Zē'-lāh, Ē'-lēph, and Jēb'-ū-sī, which is Jerusalem, Gīb'-ē-āth, and Kīr'-jāth — fourteen cities with their villages. This is the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according to their families.

CHAPTER 19

¹And the second lot came forth to Simeon, for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. And their inheritance was inside the inheritance of the children of Judah. ²And they had in their inheritance Bēer-shē'-bā, or Shē'-bā, and Mō-lā'-dāh, ³and Hā'-zār-shū'-āl, and Bā'-lāh, and Ā'-zēm, ⁴and Ēl-tō'-lād, and Bēth'-ul, and Hōr'-māh, ⁵and Zik'-lāg, and Bēth-mār'-cā-bōth, and Hā'-zār-sū'-sāh, ⁶and Bēth-lē-bā'-ōth, and Shā-rū'-hēn — thirteen cities and their villages — ⁷Ā'-īn, Rēm'-mōn, and Ē'-thēr, and Āsh'-ān — four cities and their villages — ⁸and all the villages that were round about these cities to Bā'-ā-lāth-bēer, Rā'-māth of the south. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. ⁹The inheritance of the children of Simeon was out of the portion of the children of Judah. For the part of the children of Judah was too much for them; therefore the children of Simeon had their inheritance within their inheritance.

¹⁰And the third lot came up for the children of Zē-bū'-lūn according to their families. And the border of their inheritance was to Sār'-īd. ¹¹And their border went up toward the sea, and Mār'-ā-lāh, and reached to Dāb'-bā-shēth, and reached to the river that is before Jōk'-nē-ām, ¹²and turned from Sār'-īd eastward toward the sunrise unto the border of Chīs'-lōth-tā'-bōr, and then goes out to Dāb'-ē-rāth, and goes

up to Jā-phī'-ā, ¹³and from there it passes on along on the east to Gīt'-tāh-hē'-phēr, to Ī'-tāh-kā'-zīn, and goes out to Rēm'-mōn-mē-thō'-ār to Nē'-āh. ¹⁴And the border compasses it on the north side to Hān'-nā-thōn. And the outer limits of it are in the valley of Jīph'-thāh-ēl, ¹⁵and Kāt'-tāth, and Nā-hāl'-lāl, and Shīm'-rōn, and Ī'-dā-lāh, and Bethlehem — twelve cities with their villages. ¹⁶This is the inheritance of the children of Zē-bū'-lūn according to their families, these cities with their villages.

¹⁷And the fourth lot came out to Īs'-sā-chār, for the children of Īs'-sā-chār according to their families. ¹⁸And their border was toward Jēz'-rēel, and Chē-sūl'-lōth, and Shū'-nēm, ¹⁹and Hāph'-ā-rā-īm, and Shī'-ōn, and Ā-nā'-hā-rāth, ²⁰and Rāb'-bith, and Kish'-iōn, and Ā'-bēz, ²¹and Rē'-mēth, and Ēn-gān'-nim, and Ēn-hād'-dāh, and Bēth-pāz'-zēz. ²²And the border reaches to Tā'-bōr, and Shā-hā-zī'-māh, and Beth-shē'-mēsh. And the outer limits of their border were at Jordan — sixteen cities with their villages. ²³This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Īs'-sā-chār according to their families, the cities and their villages.

²⁴And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families. ²⁵And their border was Hēl'-kāth, and Hā'-lī, and Bē'-tēn, and Āch'-shāph, ²⁶and Ā-lām'-mē-lēch, and Ā'-mād, and Mī'-shē-āl, and reaches to Carmel westward, and to Shī'-hōr-līb'-nāth. ²⁷And it turns toward the sunrise to Bēth-dā'-gōn, and reaches to Zē-bū'-lūn, and to the valley of Jīph'-thāh-ēl toward the north side of Bēth-ē'-mēk, and Neī'-ēl, and goes out to Cā'-būl on the left hand, ²⁸and Hē'-brōn, and Rē'-hōb, and Hām'-mōn, and Kā'-nāh unto great Sī'-dōn. ²⁹And then the border turns to Rā'-māh, and to the strong city Tyre. And the border turns to Hō'-sāh, and the outer limits of it are at the sea from the coast to Āch'-zīb, ³⁰Ūm'-māh also, and Ā'-phēk, and Rē'-hōb — twenty-two cities with their villages. ³¹This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

³²The sixth lot came out to the children of Nāph'-tā-lī, for the children of Nāph'-tā-lī according to their families. ³³And their border was from Hē'-lēph, from Āl'-lōn to Zā-ā-nān'-nim, and Ād'-ā-mī, Nē'-kēb, and Jāb'-nēel, unto Lakum. And the outer limits of it were at Jordan. ³⁴And then the border turns westward to Āz'-nōth-tā'-bōr, and goes out from there to Hūk'-kōk, and reaches to Zē-bū'-lūn on the south side, and reaches to Asher on the west side, and to Judah upon Jordan toward the sunrise. ³⁵And the fenced cities are Zīd'-dīm, Zer, and Hām'-māth, Rāk'-kāth, and Chīn'-nē-rēth, ³⁶and Ād'-ā-māh, and Rā'-māh, ³⁷and Hā'-zōr, and Kē'-dēsh, and Ēd'-rē-ī, and Ēn-hā'-zōr, ³⁸and Iron, and Mīg'-dāl-ēl, Hōr'-ēm, and Bēth'-ā-nāth, and Bēth-shē'-mēsh — nineteen cities with their villages. ³⁹This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Nāph'-tā-lī according to their families, the cities and their villages.

⁴⁰The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families. ⁴¹And the border of their inheritance was Zôr'-äh, and Esh'-tä-öl, and Īr-shē'-mēsh, ⁴²and Shā-ä-läb'-bin, and Āj'-ä-lön, and Jēth'-läh, ⁴³and Ē'-lön, and Thīm'-nä-thäh, and Ēk'-rön, ⁴⁴and El'-tē-kēh, and Gib'-bē-thön, and Bā'-ä-läth, ⁴⁵and Jē'-hüd, and Bēn-ē-bē'-rāk, and Gāth-rīm'-mön, ⁴⁶and Mē-jär'-kön, and Rāk'-kön, with the border before Jā'-phō. ⁴⁷And the border of the children of Dan came out *too little* for them. Therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Lē'-shēm, and took it, and struck it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and lived in it. And *they* called Lē'-shēm Dan, after the name of Dan their father. ⁴⁸This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

⁴⁹When they had made an end of dividing the land for inheritance by their borders, the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them. ⁵⁰According to the word of the LORD they gave him the city which he asked, Tīm'-näth-sē'-räh in Mount Ē'-phrā-īm. And he built the city and lived in it. ⁵¹These are the inheritances which Ēl-ē-ä'-zär the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided for an inheritance by lot in Shī'-löh before the LORD, at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So they made an end of dividing the country.

CHAPTER 20

¹The LORD also spoke to Joshua saying, ²Speak to the children of Israel saying, Choose out cities of refuge for you, of which I spoke unto you by the hand of Moses — ³so that the slayer who kills *any* person through error, in ignorance, may flee there. And they shall be your refuge from the avenger of blood. ⁴And when he that flees into one of those cities shall stand at the entrance to the gate of the city, and shall declare his cause to the elders of the city, they shall take him unto themselves into the city, and give him a place so that he may live among them. ⁵And if the avenger of blood comes after him, then they shall not deliver the slayer up into his hands — because he struck his neighbor in ignorance, and did not hate him before. ⁶And he shall dwell in that city until he stands before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days. Then shall the slayer return and come to his own city, and to his own house, unto the city from where he fled.

⁷And they chose Kē'-dēsh in Galilee in Mount Nāph'-tä-li, and Shē'-chēm in Mount Ē'-phrā-īm, and Kīr'-jäth-är'-bā, which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah. ⁸And on the other side Jordan by Jericho eastward, they chose Bē'-zēr in the wilderness upon the plain out of the tribe of

Reuben, and Rā'-mōth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad, and Gō'-lān in Bā'-shān out of the tribe of Mā'-nās'-sēh. ⁹These were the cities chosen for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that lives among them, so that whoever kills a person through error might flee there, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood until he could stand before the congregation.

CHAPTER 21

¹Then the heads of the fathers of the Levites came near to Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers of the tribes of the children of Israel. ²And they spoke to them at Shī'-lōh in the land of Canaan, saying, The LORD commanded by the hand of Moses to give us cities to live in, with the suburbs of them for our cattle. ³And the children of Israel gave to the Levites out of their inheritance, at the commandment of the LORD, these cities and their suburbs. ⁴And the lot came out for the families of the Kō'-hāth-ites. And the children of Aaron the priest, *who were* of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of Simeon, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities. ⁵And the rest of the children of Kō'-hāth had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ē'-phrā-īm and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half tribe of Mā'-nās'-sēh, in Bā'-shān, ten cities. ⁶And the children of Gershon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Is'-sā-chār, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Nāph'-tā-lī, and out of the half tribe of Mā'-nās'-sēh, in Bā'-shān, thirteen cities. ⁷The children of Mē-rār'-ī by their families had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zē-bū'-lūn, twelve cities. ⁸And the children of Israel gave by lot to the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

⁹And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are called by name, ¹⁰which the children of Aaron had, being of the families of the Kō'-hāth-ites, who were of the children of Levi. For theirs was the first lot. ¹¹And they gave them the city of Ār'-bā the father of Anak, which is Hebron, in the hill of Judah, with the suburbs of it round about it. ¹²But the fields of the city, and the villages of it, they gave to Caleb the son of Jē-phūn'-nēh for his own.

¹³So they gave Hebron with its suburbs to the children of Aaron, as a city of refuge for the slayer, and Lib'-nāh with its suburbs, ¹⁴and Jāt'-tūr with its suburbs, and Ēsh-tē-mō'-ā with its suburbs, ¹⁵and Hō'-lōn with its suburbs, and Dē'-bīr with its suburbs, ¹⁶and Ā'-īn with its suburbs, and Bēth-shē'-mēsh with its suburbs — nine cities out of those two tribes. ¹⁷And out of the tribe of Benjamin *they gave them* Gibeon with its suburbs, Gē'-bā with its suburbs, ¹⁸Ān'-ā-thōth with its suburbs, and

Āl'-mōn with its suburbs — four cities. ¹⁹And all the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

²⁰And the families of the children of Kō'-hāth, the Levites who were left of the children of Kō'-hāth, even they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ē'-phrā-īm. ²¹For they gave them Shē'-chēm with its suburbs in Mount Ē'-phrā-īm as a city of refuge for the slayer, and Gē'-zēr with its suburbs, ²²and Kīb'-zā-īm with its suburbs, and Bēth-hōr'-ōn with its suburbs — four cities. ²³And out of the tribe of Dan, Ēl'-tē-kēh with its suburbs, Gīb'-bē-thōn with its suburbs, ²⁴Aī'-jā-lōn with its suburbs, Gāth-rīm'-mōn with its suburbs — four cities. ²⁵And out of the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh, Tā'-nāch with its suburbs, and Gāth-rīm'-mōn with its suburbs — two cities. ²⁶All the cities were ten cities with their suburbs for the families of the children of Kō'-hāth that were left.

²⁷And to the children of Gēr'-shōn, of the families of the Levites, out of the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh *they gave* Gō'-lān in Bā'-shān with its suburbs as a city of refuge for the slayer, and Bē-ēsh'-tē-rāh with its suburbs — two cities. ²⁸And out of the tribe of Īs'-sā-chār *they gave* Kī'-shōn with its suburbs, Dāb'-ā-rēh with its suburbs, ²⁹Jār'-mūth with its suburbs, Ēn-gān'-nīm with its suburbs — four cities. ³⁰And out of the tribe of Asher, Mī'-shāl with its suburbs, Abdon with its suburbs, ³¹Hēl'-kāth with its suburbs, Rē'-hōb with its suburbs — four cities. ³²And out of the tribe of Nāph'-tā-lī, Kē'-dēsh in Galilee with its suburbs as a city of refuge for the slayer, and Hām'-mōth-dōr with its suburbs, and Kār'-tān with its suburbs — three cities. ³³All the cities of the Gēr'-shōn-ites according to their families were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

³⁴And to the families of the children of Mē-rār'-ī, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zē-bū'-lūn *they gave* Jōk'-nē-ām with its suburbs, and Kār'-tāh with its suburbs, ³⁵Dim'-nāh with its suburbs, Nā'-hā-lāl with its suburbs — four cities. ³⁶And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bē'-zēr with its suburbs, and Jā'-hā'-zāh with its suburbs, ³⁷Kē'-dē-mōth with its suburbs, and Mēph'-ā-āth with its suburbs — four cities. ³⁸And out of the tribe of Gad, Rā'-mōth in Gilead with its suburbs, as a city of refuge for the slayer, and Mā-hā-nā'-īm with its suburbs, ³⁹Hēsh'-bōn with its suburbs, Jā'-zēr with its suburbs — four cities in all. ⁴⁰So all the cities for the children of Mē-rār'-ī by their families, *those* who were left of the families of the Levites, were by their lot twelve cities. ⁴¹All the cities of the Levites within the possession of the children of Israel were forty-eight cities with their suburbs. ⁴²These cities were every one with their suburbs around them. So were all these cities.

⁴³And the LORD gave to Israel all the land which He swore to give to their fathers. And they possessed it and lived in it. ⁴⁴And the LORD gave them rest round about, according to all that He swore unto their fathers, and not a man of all their enemies stood before them. The LORD delivered all their enemies into their hand. ⁴⁵There did not fail

any good thing which the LORD had spoken to the house of Israel. All came to pass.

CHAPTER 22

¹Then Joshua called the Reubenites and the Gadites and the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh, ²and said to them, You have done all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded you, and have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you. ³You have not left your brothers these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of the LORD your God. ⁴And now the LORD your God has given rest unto your brothers, as He promised them. Therefore now you return and go to your tents, unto the land of your possession which Moses the servant of the LORD gave you on the other side Jordan. ⁵But be careful to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and to cleave unto Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁶So Joshua blessed them and sent them away. And they went to their tents.

⁷Now to the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh Moses had given *land* in Bā'-shān. But Joshua gave the *other* half *land* among their brothers on this side Jordan westward. And when Joshua sent them away also to their tents, then he blessed them. ⁸And he spoke to them, saying, Return with much riches to your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with brass, and with iron, and with very much clothing. Divide the spoil of your enemies with your brothers.

⁹And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh returned. And they departed from the children of Israel out of Shī'-lōh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go to the country of Gilead, to the land of their possession, of which they were possessed, according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses. ¹⁰And when they came to the borders of Jordan that are in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh built an altar there by Jordan, a great altar to look at. ¹¹And the children of Israel heard, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh have built an altar over against the land of Canaan, in the borders of Jordan, at the passage of the children of Israel. ¹²And when the children of Israel heard, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shī'-lōh to go to war against them. ¹³And the children of Israel sent Phīn'-ē-hās the son of Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh, into the land of Gilead. ¹⁴And with him went ten princes, a prince from each of the chief houses throughout all the tribes of Israel. And each one was a head of the house of their fathers among the thousands of Israel.

¹⁵And they came to the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh, to the land of Gilead, and they spoke with them saying, ¹⁶Thus says the whole congregation of the LORD: What trespass is this that you have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following the LORD, in that you have built an altar for you so that you might rebel this day against the LORD? ¹⁷Is the iniquity of Pē'-ôr too little for us, from which we have not been made clean until this day, although there was a plague in the congregation of the LORD — ¹⁸but must you turn away this day from following the LORD? You rebel today against the LORD, and tomorrow He will be angry with the whole congregation of Israel. ¹⁹Notwithstanding, if the land of your possession is unclean, pass over unto the land of the possession of the LORD in which the LORD's tabernacle dwells, and take possession among us. But do not rebel against the LORD nor rebel against us in building an altar for yourselves besides the altar of the LORD our God. ²⁰Did not Ā'-chān the son of Zē'-rāh commit a sin in the cursed thing, and did *not* wrath fall on all the congregation of Israel? And that man did not perish alone in his iniquity.

²¹Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh answered and said to the heads of the thousands of Israel, ²²The LORD God of gods, the LORD God of gods knows, and Israel shall know if it is in rebellion or in transgression against the LORD (do not save us this day), ²³that we have built us an altar to turn from following the LORD. Or if *we have built an altar* to offer on it burnt offering or meal offering, or if to offer peace offerings on it, let the LORD Himself require *it*. ²⁴And if we have not done it for fear of *this* thing, saying, In time to come your children might speak to our children, saying, What have you to do with the LORD God of Israel? ²⁵For the LORD has made Jordan a border between us and you, you children of Reuben and children of Gad. You have no part in the LORD. So your children shall make our children stop fearing the LORD. ²⁶Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt offering, nor for sacrifice, ²⁷but *that* it may be a witness between us and you, and our generations after us, so that we might do the service of the LORD before Him with our burnt offerings and with our sacrifices and with our peace offerings — so that your children may not say to our children in time to come, You have no part in the LORD. ²⁸Therefore we said that when they should say so to us or to our generations in time to come, that we may say, Behold the pattern of the altar of the LORD which our fathers made, not for burnt offerings nor for sacrifices — but it is a witness between us and you. ²⁹God forbid that we should rebel against the LORD and turn this day from following the LORD, to build an altar for burnt offerings, for meal offerings, or for sacrifices, besides the altar of the LORD our God that is before His tabernacle.

³⁰And when Phīn'-ē-hās the priest, and the princes of the congregation and heads of the thousands of Israel who were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Mā-nās'-sēh spoke, it pleased them. ³¹And Phīn'-ē-hās the son of Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest said unto the children of Reuben and to the children of Gad and to the half tribe of Manasseh, This day we see that the LORD is among us, because you have not committed this sin against the LORD. Now you have delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the LORD. ³²And Phīn'-ē-hās the son of Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, to the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. ³³And the thing pleased the children of Israel. And the children of Israel blessed God and did not intend to go up against them in battle, to destroy the land in which the children of Reuben and Gad lived. ³⁴And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the altar *Ed* — for it shall be a witness between us that the LORD is God.

CHAPTER 23

¹After the LORD had given rest to Israel from all their enemies round about, it came to pass that Joshua became old *and* far gone in age. ²And Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and said to them, I am old *and* far gone in age. ³And you have seen all that the LORD your God has done to all these nations because of you. For the LORD your God is He who has fought for you. ⁴Behold, I have divided to you by lot these nations that are left to be an inheritance for your tribes, from Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, even to the great sea westward. ⁵And the LORD your God shall put them out from before you, and drive them out of your sight. And you shall possess their land, as the LORD your God has promised to you. ⁶Therefore be very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so that you do not turn aside from it to the right hand or to the left — ⁷so that you do not come among these nations, these that remain among you — neither make mention of the name of their gods, nor cause to swear *by them*, neither serve them, nor bow yourselves unto them. ⁸But cleave unto the LORD your God, as you have done unto this day. ⁹For the LORD has driven out from before you great and strong nations. But *as for* you, no man has been able to stand before you unto this day. ¹⁰One man of you shall chase a thousand. For the LORD your God is He who fights for you, as He has promised you. ¹¹Therefore take good heed to yourselves that you love the LORD your God. ¹²Otherwise if you go back in any way, and hold to those left of these nations, these that remain among you, and shall marry them and go in to them and they to you, ¹³know for a certainty that

the LORD your God will no more drive out these nations from before you. But they shall be snares and traps to you, and whips in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you.

¹⁴And behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth. And you know in all your hearts and in all your souls that not one thing has failed of all the good things which the LORD your God spoke concerning you. All have come to pass unto you. Not one thing of it has failed. ¹⁵Therefore it shall come to pass, as all things which the LORD your God promised you have come upon you – so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things until He has destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God has given you. ¹⁶When you have broken the covenant of the LORD your God, which He commanded you, and have gone and served other gods, and bowed yourselves to them – then shall the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and you shall perish quickly from off the good land which He has given to you.

CHAPTER 24

¹And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shē'-chēm, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers. And they presented themselves before God. ²And Joshua said to all the people, Thus says the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers lived on the other side of the flood in old times, Tē'-rāh the father of Abraham, and the father of Nā'-hôr, and they served other gods. ³And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed and gave him Isaac. ⁴And I gave to Isaac Jacob and Esau. And I gave Esau Mount Sē'-ir for his own, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. ⁵I sent Moses also, and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that which I did among them. And afterward I brought you out. ⁶And I brought your fathers out of Egypt. And you came to the sea, and the Egyptians followed after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red Sea. ⁷And when they cried to the LORD, He put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them and covered them. And your eyes have seen what I have done in Egypt. And you lived in the wilderness a long time. ⁸And I brought you into the land of the Amorites who lived on the other side Jordan. And they fought with you, and I gave them into your hand so that you might possess their land. And I destroyed them from before you.

⁹Then Bā'-lāk the son of Zīp'-pôr, king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel, and sent and called Balaam the son of Bē'-ôr to curse you. ¹⁰But I would not listen to Balaam. Therefore he still blessed you.

So I delivered you out of his hand. ¹¹And you went over Jordan and came to Jericho. And the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorites, and the Pě-rîz'-zîtes, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Gîr'-gā-shîtes, the Hî'-vîtes, and the Jēb'-û-sîtes. And I delivered them into your hand. ¹²And I sent the hornet before you, which drove them out from before you, the two kings of the Amorites — not with your sword, nor with your bow. ¹³And I have given you a land for which you did not labor, and cities which you did not build, and you live in them — and you *now* eat of the vineyards and olive-yards which you did not plant.

¹⁴Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve Him in sincerity and truth. And put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. ¹⁵And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve — whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD. ¹⁶And the people answered and said, God forbid that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods. ¹⁷For the LORD our God is He who brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. And *He* did those great wonders in our sight, and kept us in all our way in which we went and among all the people through whom we passed. ¹⁸And the LORD drove out from before us all the people, even the Amorites who lived in the land. *Therefore* we will also serve the LORD, for He is our God. ¹⁹And Joshua said to the people, You cannot serve the LORD, for He is a holy God. He is a jealous God. He will not forgive your transgressions nor your sins. ²⁰If you forsake the LORD and serve strange gods, then He will turn and do you harm, and destroy you after He has done you good. ²¹And the people said to Joshua, No, but we will serve the LORD. ²²And Joshua said to the people, You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve Him. And they said, *We* are witnesses. ²³Now therefore put away the strange gods which are among you, and incline your heart to the LORD God of Israel. ²⁴And the people said to Joshua, We will serve the LORD our God, and His voice we will obey. ²⁵So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shē'-chēm.

²⁶And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone and set it up there under an oak which was by the sanctuary of the LORD. ²⁷And Joshua said to all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness to us, for it has heard all the words of the LORD which He spoke to us. It shall therefore be a witness to you, lest you deny your God. ²⁸So Joshua let the people depart, every man to his inheritance.

²⁹And after these things Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being a hundred and ten years old. ³⁰And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Tīm'-nāth-sē'-rāh, which is in Mount Ē'-phrā-īm, on the north side of the hill of Gā'-āsh. ³¹And Israel served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, and who had known all the works of the LORD that He had done for Israel.

³²And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, they buried in Shē'-chēm, in a piece of ground which Jacob bought from the sons of Hā'-môr the father of Shē'-chēm for a hundred pieces of silver. And it became the inheritance of the children of Joseph. ³³And Ĕl-ē-ā'-zār the son of Aaron died. And they buried him in a hill *belonging to* Phīn'-ě-hās his son, which was given him in Mount Ē'-phrā-īm.

The Book of JUDGES

CHAPTER 1

¹Now after the death of Joshua the children of Israel asked the LORD, saying, Who shall go up first for us against the Canaanites to fight against them? ²And the LORD said, Judah shall go up. Behold, I have delivered the land into his hand. ³And Judah said to Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot so that we may fight against the Canaanites. And I likewise will go with you into your lot. So Simeon went with him. ⁴And Judah went up. And the LORD delivered the Canaanites and the Pě-riz'-zites into their hand. And they killed ten thousand men of them in Bě'-zěk. ⁵And they found Ād'-ō-nī-bě'-zěk in Bě'-zěk. And they fought against him, and they killed the Canaanites and the Pě-riz'-zites. ⁶But Ād'-ō-nī-bě'-zěk fled. And they ran after him and caught him, and cut off his thumbs and his big toes. ⁷And Ād'-ō-nī-bě'-zěk said, Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off have gathered under my table. As I have done, so God has requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

⁸Now the children of Judah had fought against Jerusalem, and had taken it, and had struck it with the edge of the sword, and had set the city on fire. ⁹And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Cā'-nāan-ites who lived in the mountain, and in the south, and in the valley. ¹⁰And Judah went against the Canaanites who lived in Hebron. (Now the name of Hebron before was Kīr'-jāth-ār'-bā.) And they killed Shē'-shaī, and Ā-hī'-mān, and Tāl'-māi. ¹¹And from there he went against those who lived in Dē'-bīr. And the name of Dē'-bīr before was Kīr'-jāth-sē'-phēr. ¹²And Caleb said, He who strikes Kīr'-jāth-sē'-phēr and takes it, I will give Āch'-sāh my daughter to him for a wife. ¹³And Ōth'-nī-ēl, the son of Caleb's younger brother Kē'-nāz, took it. And he gave him Āch'-sāh his daughter for a wife. ¹⁴And when she came, she moved him to ask for a field from her father. And she dismounted from *her* ass. And Caleb said to her, What do you desire? ¹⁵And she said to him, Give me a blessing. For you have given me a south land. Give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the lower springs.

¹⁶And the children of the Kē'-nīte, Moses' father-in-law, went up out of the city of palm trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which is in the south of Ār'-ād. And they went and lived among the people. ¹⁷And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they killed the Canaanites who lived in Zē'-phāth, and completely destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hōr'-māh. ¹⁸Also Judah took Gā'-zā with its border, and Ās'-kē-lon with its border, and Ēk'-rōn with its border. ¹⁹And the LORD was with Judah. And he drove out *those who lived in* the mountain. But he could not drive out

those who lived in the valley, because they had chariots of iron. ²⁰And they gave Hebron to Caleb, as Moses said. And he put out the three sons of Anak from there. ²¹And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jēb'-ū-sītes who lived in Jerusalem. But the Jēb'-ū-sītes live with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

²²And the house of Joseph also went up against Bethel, and the LORD was with them. ²³And the house of Joseph sent to spy out Bethel. Now the name of the city before was Luz. ²⁴And the spies saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said to him, We pray you, show us the gate into the city, and we will show you mercy. ²⁵And when he showed them the gate into the city, they struck the city with the edge of the sword. But they let the man and all his family go. ²⁶And the man went into the land of the Hittites and built a city, and called the name of it Luz, which is the name of it until this day.

²⁷Neither did Mā-nās'-sēh drive out *those who lived in* Bēth-shē'-ān and its towns, nor Tā'-ā-nāch and its towns, nor those who lived in Dor and its towns, nor those who lived in Īb'-lē-ām and its towns, nor those who lived in Mē-gīd'-dō and its towns. But the Canaanites desired to stay in that land. ²⁸And it came to pass, when Israel was strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute, and did not completely drive them out. ²⁹Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gē'-zēr, but the Canaanites lived in Gē'-zēr among them. ³⁰Neither did Zē-bū'-lūn drive out those who lived in Kīt'-rōn, nor those who lived in Nā'-hā-lōl. But the Canaanites lived among them and came to pay taxes *to them*. ³¹Neither did Asher drive out those who lived in Āc'-chō, nor Zī'-dōn, nor of Āh'-lāb, nor of Ach'-zīb, nor of Hēl'-bāh, nor of Ā'-phīk, nor of Rē'-hōb – ³²but the Asherites lived among the Canaanites, those who lived in the land, for they did not drive them out.

³³Neither did Nāph'-tā-lī drive out those who lived in Bēth-shē'-mēsh, nor those who lived in Bēth'-ā-nāth. But lived among the Canaanites, those who lived in the land. Nevertheless those who lived in Bēth-shē'-mēsh and Bēth'-ā-nāth came to pay taxes to them.

³⁴And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain. For they would not allow them to come down to the valley. ³⁵But the Amorites desired to stay in Mount Hē'-rēs in Aī'-jā-lōn, and in Shā-āl'-bīm. Yet the hand of the house of Joseph won out so that they came to pay taxes. ³⁶And the border of the Amorites was from the going up to Āk-rāb'-bīm, from the rock and upward.

CHAPTER 2

¹And an Angel of the LORD came up from Gīl'-gāl to Bō'-chīm, and said, I made you go up out of Egypt, and have brought you into the land which I swore unto your fathers. And I said, I will never break

My covenant with you. ²And you shall make no treaty with those who live in this land. You shall throw down their altars. But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? ³Therefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you, but they shall be *thorns* in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare to you. ⁴And when the Angel of the LORD spoke these words to all the children of Israel, the people lifted up their voices and wept. ⁵And they called the name of that place Bō'-chīm. And they sacrificed there unto the LORD.

⁶And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel left, each man to his inheritance, to possess the land. ⁷And the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD that He did for Israel. ⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the LORD, died, being a hundred and ten years old. ⁹And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Tīm'-nāth-hē'-rēs, in the mount of Ē'-phrā-īm, on the north side of the hill Gā'-āsh. ¹⁰And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers. And there arose another generation after them who did not know the LORD, nor even the works which He had done for Israel.

¹¹And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served Bā'-ā-lim. ¹²And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt. And they followed other gods of the gods of the people who were around them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger. ¹³And they forsook the LORD and served Baal and Āsh'-tā-rōth. ¹⁴And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and He delivered them into the hands of spoilers who spoiled them. And He sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. ¹⁵Wherever they went out, the hand of the LORD was against them for evil, as the LORD had said, and as the LORD had sworn to them. And they were greatly troubled.

¹⁶Nevertheless the LORD raised up judges who delivered them out of the hand of those who spoiled them. ¹⁷And yet they would not listen to their judges, but they went lusting after other gods, and bowed themselves to them. They turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, *for they had* obeyed the commandments of the LORD — these did not do so. ¹⁸And when the LORD raised judges up for them, then the LORD was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge. For it grieved the LORD because of their groanings caused by the ones who ill-treated them and troubled them. ¹⁹And when the judge was dead, they returned and made *themselves* more rotten than their fathers in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down to them. They did not cease from their own doings nor from their stubborn way.

²⁰And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel. And He said, Because this people has broken My covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not listened to My voice, ²¹I also will not from now on drive out from before them any of the nations which Joshua left when he died, ²²so that through them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of the LORD to walk in it, as their fathers kept it, or not. ²³Therefore the LORD left those nations, without driving them out quickly. Neither did He deliver them into the hand of Joshua.

CHAPTER 3

¹Now these are the nations which the LORD left, to prove Israel by them, as many as had not known all the wars of Canaan — ²only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least those who before knew nothing of it — ³five lords of the Phī-līs'-tines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sī-dō'-nī-āns, and the Hī'-vites that lived in Mount Lēb'-ā-nōn, from Mount Bā'-āl-hēr'-mon to the border of Hā'-māth. ⁴And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would listen to the commandments of the LORD, which He commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. ⁵And the children of Israel lived among the Canaanites, Hīt'-tites, and Amorites, and Pē-rīz'-zītes, and Hī'-vites, and Jēb'-ū-sites. ⁶And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods. ⁷And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD and forgot the LORD their God, and served Bā'-ā-līm and the groves. ⁸Therefore the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and He sold them into the hands of Chū'-shān-rīsh-ā-thā'-īm, king of Mēs-ō-pō-tā'-mī-ā. And the children of Israel served Chū'-shān-rīsh-ā-thā'-īm eight years. ⁹And when the children of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, Ōth'-nī-ēl, the son of Galeb's younger brother Kē'-nāz. ¹⁰And the spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he judged Israel and went out to war. And the LORD delivered Chū'-shān-rīsh-ā-thā'-īm, king of Mēs-ō-pō-tā'-mī-ā, into his hand. And his hand prevailed against Chū'-shān-rīsh-ā-thā'-īm. ¹¹And the land had rest forty years. And Ōth'-nī-ēl the son of Kē'-nāz died.

¹²And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD. And the LORD made Ēg'-lōn the king of Moab strong against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the LORD. ¹³And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Ām'-ā-lēk. And he went forth and struck Israel, and took the city of palm trees. ¹⁴So the children of Israel served Ēg'-lōn the king of Moab eighteen years. ¹⁵But when the children of Israel cried to the LORD, the LORD raised them up a deliverer, Ē'-hūd the son of Gē'-rā, a Benjamite, a left-handed man. And the children of Israel sent a present to Ēg'-lōn the king of

Moab by him. ¹⁶But Ē'-hūd made himself a dagger which had two edges, a cubit long. And he tied it under his clothing upon his right thigh. ¹⁷And he brought the present to Ēg'-lōn king of Moab. And Ēg'-lōn was a very fat man. ¹⁸And when he had finished offering the present, he sent away the people who carried the present. ¹⁹But he himself turned again from the graven images that were by Gīl'-gāl, and said, I have a secret message for you, O king. *And he* said, Keep silence. And all that stood by him went out from him. ²⁰And Ē'-hūd came to him. And he was sitting in a summer room which he had for himself alone. And Ē'-hūd said, I have a message from God to you. And he rose out of *his* seat. ²¹And Ē'-hūd put forth his left hand and took the dagger from his right thigh, and thrust it into his belly. ²²And the haft also went in after the blade. And the fat closed upon the blade, so that he could not draw the dagger out of his belly. And the dung came out. ²³Then Ehud went forth through the porch, and shut the doors of the room upon him, and locked them. ²⁴When he had gone out, his servants came. And when they saw that, behold, the doors of the parlor were locked, they said, Surely he eases himself in his summer room. ²⁵And they stayed until they were ashamed. And, behold, he did not open the doors of the room. Therefore they took a key and opened *them*. And behold, their lord had fallen down dead on the earth.

²⁶And Ehud escaped while they waited, and passed beyond the graven images, and escaped to Sē-ī'-rāth. ²⁷And when he had come, he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ē'-phrā-īm, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mountain, and he before them. ²⁸And he said to them, Follow after me. For the LORD has delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and did not allow a man to pass over. ²⁹And they killed about ten thousand of the men of Moab at that time, all lusty, and all men of might. And there did not escape a man. ³⁰So Moab was put under the hand of Israel that day. And the land had rest eighty years.

³¹And after him was Shām'-gār the son of Ā'-nāth, who killed six hundred men of the Phī-līs'-tīnes with an ox goad. And he also delivered Israel.

CHAPTER 4

¹And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD when Ehud was dead. ²And the LORD sold them into the hand of Jā'-bīn king of Canaan, who ruled in Hā'-zōr. The captain of *his* host was Sis'-ē-rā, who lived in Hā-rō'-shēth of the Gentiles. ³And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron. And he strongly pressed down the children of Israel twenty years.

⁴And Dēb'-ō-rāh, a prophetess, the wife of Lāp'-ī-dōth, judged Israel at that time. ⁵And she lived under the palm tree of Dēb'-ō-rāh between Rā'-māh and Bethel in Mount Ē'-phrā-īm. And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. ⁶And she sent and called Bār'-āk the son of Ā-bīn'-ō-ām out of Kē'-dēsh in Nāph'-tā-lī, and said to him, Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, *saying*, Go and draw toward Mount Tā'-bōr, and take with you ten thousand men of the children of Nāph'-tā-lī and of the children of Zē-bū'-lūn? ⁷And I will draw Sīs'-ē-rā to you, the captain of Jā'-bīn's army, at the river Kī'-shōn, *together* with his chariots and his multitude. And I will deliver him into your hands. ⁸And Bār'-āk said to her, If you will go with me, then I will go. But if you will not go with me, I will not go. ⁹And she said, I will surely go with you. But the journey that you take shall not be for your honor, for the LORD shall sell Sīs'-ē-rā into the hand of a woman. And Dēb'-ō-rāh arose, and went with Bār'-āk to Kē'-dēsh.

¹⁰And Bār'-āk called Zē-bū'-lūn and Nāph'-tā-lī to Kē'-dēsh. And he went up with ten thousand men at his feet. And Dēb'-ō-rāh went up with him. ¹¹Now Hē'-bēr the Kē'-nīte, of the children of Hō'-bāb the father-in-law of Moses, had separated himself from the Kē'-nītes and pitched his tent toward the plain of Zā-ā-nā'-īm, which is by Kē'-dēsh. ¹²And they showed Sīs'-ē-rā that Bār'-āk the son of Ā-bīn'-ō-ām had gone up to Mount Tā'-bōr. ¹³And Sīs'-ē-rā gathered together all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Hā-rō'-shēth of the Gentiles to the river of Kī'-shōn. ¹⁴And Deborah said to Bār'-āk, Up! For this is the day in which the LORD has delivered Sīs'-ē-rā into your hand. Has not the LORD gone out before you? So Bār'-āk went down from Mount Tā'-bōr, and ten thousand men after him. ¹⁵And the LORD struck Sīs'-ē-rā, and all his army, with the edge of the sword in front of Bār'-āk, so that Sīs'-ē-rā got down from his chariot and ran away on his feet. ¹⁶But Bār'-āk pursued after the chariots and after the army, to Hā-rō'-shēth of the Gentiles. And all the army of Sīs'-ē-rā fell by the edge of the sword. There was not a man left. ¹⁷However, Sīs'-ē-rā ran away on his feet to the tent of Jā'-ēl, the wife of Hē'-bēr the Kē'-nīte. For *there was* peace between Jā'-bīn the king of Hā'-zōr and the house of Hē'-bēr the Kē'-nīte.

¹⁸And Jā'-ēl went out to meet Sīs'-ē-rā, and said to him, Turn in my lord, turn in to me. Do not fear. When he had turned in unto her into the tent, she covered him with a rug. ¹⁹And he said to her, I pray you, give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk and gave him a drink, and covered him. ²⁰Again he said to her, Stand in the door of the tent, and when any man comes asking of you, saying, Is there any man here? You shall say, No. ²¹Then Jā'-ēl, Hē'-bēr's wife, took a nail of the tent and put a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him, and struck the nail into his temples, and fas-

tened it into the ground. For he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. ²²And behold, as Bâr'-āk followed Sīs'-ē-rā, Jā'-ēl came out to meet him and said to him, Come and I will show you the man whom you seek. And when he came into her *tent*, behold, Sīs'-ē-rā lay dead, and the nail was in his temples. ²³So on that day God subdued Jā'-bin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. ²⁴And the hand of the children of Israel prospered, and prevailed against Jā'-bin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jā'-bin king of Canaan.

CHAPTER 5

¹Then Dēb'-ō-rāh and Bâr'-āk the son of Ā-bīn'-ō-ām sang on that day, saying, ²Praise the LORD for the avenging of Israel, when the people willingly offered themselves. ³Hear, O kings. Give ear, O princes. I, *even* I, will sing unto the LORD I will sing to the LORD God of Israel. ⁴LORD, when Thou didst go out of Sē'-ir, when Thou didst march out of the field of Edōm, the earth trembled and the heavens dropped, the clouds also dropped water. ⁵The mountains melted from before the LORD, *even* that Sinai from before the LORD God of Israel. ⁶In the days of Shām'-gār the son of Ā'-nāth, in the days of Jā'-ēl, the highways were empty, and the travelers walked through crooked ways. ⁷*Those who lived in* the villages disappeared, they disappeared in Israel, until I Deborah arose, *until* I arose, a mother in Israel. ⁸They chose new gods; then war was in the gates. Was there a shield or spear seen among forty thousand in Israel? ⁹My heart is toward the governors of Israel who offered themselves willingly among the people. Bless the LORD. ¹⁰Speak, you who ride on asses, you who sit in judgment and walk by the way. ¹¹*They that are delivered* from the noise of archers in the places of drawing water, there shall they tell again the righteous acts of the LORD, the righteous acts *toward those who live in* His villages in Israel. Then shall the people of the LORD go down to the gates. ¹²Awake, awake, Deborah. Awake, awake, sing a song. Arise, Barak, lead your captivity captive, you son of Ā-bīn'-ō-ām. ¹³Then He made him who remains to have dominion over the nobles among the people. The LORD made me have dominion over the mighty. ¹⁴Out of Ē'-phrā-īm there was a root of them against Ām'-ā-lēk — after you, Benjamin, among your people. Out of Mā'-chir came down governors, and out of Zē-bū'-lūn *came* they who handle the pen of the writer.

¹⁵And the princes of Īs'-sā-chār were with Deborah — *even* Īs'-sā-chār, and also Barak. He was sent on foot into the valley. *There were* great thoughts of heart for the divisions of Reuben. ¹⁶Why did you stay among the sheep-folds to hear the bleating of the flocks? For in the divisions of Reuben *there were* great searchings of heart. ¹⁷Gilead stayed beyond Jordan. And why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the sea-shore and remained in his creeks. ¹⁸Zē-bū'-lūn and

Nāph'-tā-li were a people who put their lives in danger of death in the high places of the field. ¹⁹The kings came and fought. Then the kings of Canaan fought in Tā'-ā-nāch by the waters of Mē-gīd'-dō. They took no gain of money. ²⁰They fought from heaven; the stars in their courses fought against Sis'-ē-rā. ²¹The river of Kī'-shōn swept them away, that ancient river, the river Kī'-shōn. O my soul, go marching on with strength. ²²Then were the horse-hoofs broken by means of the gallopings, the gallopings of their mighty ones. ²³Curse Mē'-rōz, said the Angel of the LORD; curse the people of it bitterly, because they did not come to the help of the LORD, to the help of the LORD against the mighty. ²⁴Blessed among women shall Jā'-ēl the wife of Hē'-bēr the Kē'-nīte be. She shall be blessed above women in the tent. ²⁵He asked water, *and* she gave *him* milk. She brought forth butter in a lordly dish. ²⁶She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workman's hammer. With the hammer she struck Sis'-ē-rā. She struck off his head, when she had pierced and struck through his temples. ²⁷He bowed between her feet, he fell, he lay down. Where he bowed, there he fell down dead. ²⁸The mother of Sis'-ē-rā looked out a window, and cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why do the wheels of his chariot wait? ²⁹Her wise ladies answered her, yea, she returned answer to herself, ³⁰Have they not found success? Have they not divided the spoil? To every man a girl or two, to Sis'-ē-rā a prize of many colors, a prize of many colors of needle-work, of many colors of needle-work on both sides, *fit* for the necks of *those that take* the spoil. ³¹So let all Thy enemies perish, O LORD. But let them that love Him be like the sun when He goes forth in His might.

And the land had rest forty years.

CHAPTER 6

¹And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD. And the LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. ²And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the hand of the Midianites, the children of Israel made themselves the dens which are in the mountains, and caves and strong-holds. ³And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Ā-māl'-ēk-ītes, and the children of the east, even they came up against them. ⁴And they camped against them and destroyed the increase of the earth, until you come to Gā'-zā. And they left no food for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor ass. ⁵For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude — both they and their camels were without number. And they entered into the land to destroy it. ⁶And Israel was made very poor because of the Mīd'-i-ā-nītes. And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD.

⁷And when the children of Israel cried unto the LORD because of the Mīd'-i-ā-nītes, ⁸the LORD sent a prophet unto the children of

Israel, who said unto them, Thus says the LORD God of Israel: I brought you up from Egypt and brought you forth out of the house of bondage. ⁹And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out from before you and gave you their land. ¹⁰And I said unto you, I am the LORD your God — do not fear the gods of the Amorites in whose land you live. But you have not obeyed My voice.

¹¹And there came an Angel of the LORD and sat under an oak which was in Oph'-rah, which *belonged* to Jō'-āsh the Ā'-bī-ēz'-rite. And his son Gīd'-ē-ōn threshed wheat by the wine-press, to hide it from the Midianites. ¹²And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, The LORD is with you, you mighty man of power. ¹³And Gīd'-ē-ōn said to Him, O my Lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt? But now the LORD has forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Mīd'-ī-ā-nītes. ¹⁴And the LORD looked upon him and said, Go in your might, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Mīd'-ī-ā-nītes. Have I not sent you? ¹⁵And he said to him, O my Lord, with what shall I save Israel? Behold, my family is poor in Mā-nās'-sēh, and I am the least in my father's house. ¹⁶And the LORD said to him, Surely I will be with you, and you shall strike the Mīd'-ī-ā-nītes as one man. ¹⁷And he said to Him, If now I have found grace in Thy sight, then show me a sign that Thou dost talk with me. ¹⁸Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come unto Thee, and bring forth my meal offering and set it before Thee. And He said, I will stay until you come again.

¹⁹And Gideon went in and made ready a kid and unleavened cakes of an ē'-phāh of flour. He put the flesh in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out to Him unto the oak, and presented it. ²⁰And the Angel of God said to him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes and lay them on this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. ²¹Then the Angel of the LORD put forth the end of the staff that was in His hand and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes. And there rose up fire out of the rock and burned up the flesh and the unleavened cakes. Then the Angel of the LORD went away out of his sight. ²²And when Gideon saw that he was an Angel of the LORD, Gideon said, Alas, O Lord GOD! Because I have seen an Angel of the LORD face to face. ²³And the LORD said to him, Peace be unto you. Do not fear. You shall not die. ²⁴Then Gideon built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovah-shalom. It is yet in Oph'-rah of the Ā'-bī-ēz'-rites unto this day.

²⁵And the same night the LORD said to him, Take your father's young bull, even the second bull of seven years, and throw down the altar of Bā'-āl which your father has, and cut down the grove that is

by it. ²⁶And build an altar unto the LORD your God upon the top of this rock, in an orderly manner, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which you shall cut down. ²⁷Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as the LORD had said unto him. And so it was, because he feared his father's household and the men of the city, that he could not do it by day. So he did *it* by night. ²⁸And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was cast down, and the grove which was by it was cut down, and the second bull had been offered upon the altar that was built. ²⁹And they said to one another, Who has done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Jō-āsh has done this thing. ³⁰Then the men of the city said to Joash, Bring out your son so that he may die, because he has cast down the altar of Baal, and because he had cut down the grove which was by it. ³¹And Joash said to all that stood against him, Will you plead for Baal? Will you save him? He that will plead for him, let him be put to death while *it is still* morning. If he is a god, let him plead for himself, because one has cast down his altar. ³²Therefore on that day he called him Jēr-üb-bā'-āl, saying, Let Baal plead against him because he has thrown down his altar.

³³Then all the Mid'-i-ā-nītes and the Ā-māl'-ēk-ītes and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over and pitched in the valley of Jēz'-rēel. ³⁴But the spirit of the LORD came unto Gideon, and he blew a trumpet. And Ā'-bī-ē'-zēr was gathered after him. ³⁵And he sent messengers throughout all Mā-nās'-sēh, who also were gathered after him. And he sent messengers to Asher, and to Zē-bū'-lūn, and to Nāph'-tā-lī. And they came up to meet them.

³⁶And Gideon said to God, If Thou wilt save Israel by my hand, as Thou hast said, ³⁷Behold, I will put a fleece of wool in the floor. And if the dew is on the fleece only, and dry upon all the earth, then I shall know that Thou wilt save Israel by my hand, as Thou hast said. ³⁸And it was so. For he rose up early in the morning and gathered the fleece together, and wrung the dew out of the fleece, a bowl full of water. ³⁹And Gideon said to God, Let not Thy anger be hot against me, and I will speak but this once. I pray Thee, let me test but this once with the fleece. Let it now be dry only upon the fleece, and upon all the ground let there be dew. ⁴⁰And God did so that night. For it was dry upon the fleece only, and there was dew on all the ground.

CHAPTER 7

¹Then Jēr-üb-bā'-āl, who is Gideon, and all the people that were with him, rose up early and pitched beside the well of Hār'-ōd — so that the army of the Midianites was on the north side of them, by the hill of Mō'-rēh, in the valley. ²And the LORD said to Gideon, The people

who are with you are too many for Me to give the Mīd'-ī-ā-nītes into their hands, lest Israel boast themselves against Me, saying, My own hand has saved me. ³Now therefore, speak in the ears of the people, saying, Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and go away early from Mount Gilead. And twenty-two thousand of the people returned. And there remained ten thousand. ⁴And the LORD said to Gideon, The people are still too many. Bring them down to the water, and I will separate them for you there. It shall be that of whom I say to you, This shall go with you, the same shall go with you. And of whomever I say to you, This shall not go with you, the same shall not go. ⁵So he brought down the people to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, Everyone who laps the water with his tongue, like a dog laps, you shall set him by himself. Likewise everyone who bows down upon his knees to drink. ⁶And the number of them who lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men. But all the rest of the people bowed down upon their knees to drink water. ⁷And the LORD said unto Gideon, I will save you by the three hundred men who lapped, and will deliver the Mīd'-ī-ā-nītes into your hand. And let all the *other* people go, each man to his place. ⁸So the people took provisions in their hand, and their trumpets. And he sent away all *the rest of* Israel, each man to his tent, and kept those three hundred men. And the army of Midian was below him in the valley.

⁹And the same night the LORD said to him, Arise, go down to the army, for I have delivered it into your hand. ¹⁰But if you fear to go down, go with Phū'-rāh your servant down to the army. ¹¹And you shall hear what they shall say. And afterward your hands shall be strengthened to go down to the army. Then he went down with Phū'-rāh his servant to the outside of the armed men who were in the army. ¹²And the Midianites and the Ā-māl'-ēk-ites, and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude. And their camels were without number, like the sand by the seaside for multitude. ¹³And when Gideon had come, behold, there was a man who told a dream to his fellow, and said, Behold, I dreamed a dream, and lo, a cake of barley bread tumbled into the host of Midian, and came to a tent, and struck it so that it fell, and overturned it, so that the tent lay along. ¹⁴And his fellow answered and said, This is nothing else except the sword of Gideon the son of Jō'-āsh, a man of Israel. *For* into his hand God has delivered Midian and all the army.

¹⁵And when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and the meaning of it, he worshipped. And he returned to the army of Israel, and said, Arise! For the LORD has delivered the host of Midian into your hand. ¹⁶And he divided the three hundred men into three companies. And he put a trumpet in every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers. ¹⁷And he said to them, Look on me, and do likewise. And, behold, when I come to the outside of the camp, as I do, so

you shall do. ¹⁸When I blow with a trumpet, I and all who are with me, then you blow the trumpets also on every side of all the camp, say, *The sword of the LORD and of Gideon.*

¹⁹So Gideon and the hundred men that were with him came to the outside of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch. And they had but newly set the watch. And they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that were in their hands. ²⁰And the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers and held the torches in their left hands and the trumpets in their right hands to blow. And they cried, *The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!* ²¹And they stood, each man in his place, all around the camp. And all the army ran, and cried, and fled. ²²And the three hundred blew the trumpets. And the LORD set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the army. And the army fled to Bēth-shīt-tāh in Zēr'-ē-rāth, to the border of Ā'-bēl-mē-hō'-lāh, unto Tāb'-bāth. ²³And the men of Israel gathered themselves together out of Nāph'-tā-li, and out of Asher, and out of all Mā-nās'-sēh, and ran after the Midianites. ²⁴And Gideon sent messengers throughout all Mount Ē'-phrā-īm, saying, Come down against the Midianites, and take the waters to Bēth-bār'-āh and Jordan before them. Then all the men of Ē'-phrā-īm gathered themselves together and took the waters to Bēth-bār'-āh and Jordan. ²⁵Then they took two princes of the Midianites, Ōr'-ēb and Zēeb. And they killed Ōr'-ēb upon the rock Ōr'-ēb, and they killed Zēeb at the wine-press of Zēeb. And they pursued Midian and brought the heads of Ōr'-ēb and Zēeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.

CHAPTER 8

¹And the men of Ē'-phrā-īm said unto him, Why have you served us this way, that you did not call us when you went to fight with the Midianites? And they rebuked him sharply. ²And he said to them, What have I done now in comparison to you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ē'-phrā-īm better than the vintage of Ā'-bī-ē'-zēr? ³God has delivered into your hands the princes of Midian, Ōr'-ēb and Zēeb. And what was I able to do in comparison to you? Then their anger toward him went away when he had said that.

⁴And Gideon came to Jordan *and* passed over, he and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing *them*. ⁵And he said to the men of Succoth, I pray you, give loaves of bread to the people who follow me. For they are faint, and I am running after Zē'-bāh and Zāl-mūn'-nā, kings of Midian. ⁶And the princes of Succoth said, Are the hands of Zē'-bāh and Zāl-mūn'-nā now in your hand, so that we should give bread to your army? ⁷And Gideon said, Therefore when the LORD has delivered Zē'-bāh and Zāl-mūn'-nā into my hand, then I will tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briars.

⁸And he went up from there to Pēn'-ū-ēl, and spoke to them likewise. And the men of Pēn'-ū-ēl answered him like the men of Succoth had answered *him*. ⁹And he spoke also to the men of Pēn'-ū-ēl, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

¹⁰Now Zē'-bāh and Zāl-mūn'-nā were in Kār'-kôr, and their armies with them, about fifteen thousand, all who were left of all the armies of the children of the east. For a hundred and twenty thousand men that drew sword fell. ¹¹And Gideon went up by the way of those who lived in tents on the east of Nō'-bāh and Jōg'-bē-hāh, and struck the army. For the army was secure. ¹²And when Zē'-bāh and Zāl-mūn'-nā fled, he ran after them and took the two kings of Midian, Zē'-bāh and Zāl-mūn'-nā, and destroyed all the army.

¹³And Gideon the son of Joash returned from battle before the sun *was up*. ¹⁴And *he* caught a young man of the men of Succoth and asked of him. And he described to him the princes of Succoth, and the elders of it, seventy-seven men. ¹⁵And he came to the men of Succoth and said, Behold, Zē'-bāh and Zāl-mūn'-nā, with whom you rebuked me, saying, Are the hands of Zē'-bāh and Zāl-mūn'-nā now in your hand so that we should give bread unto your men who are weary? ¹⁶And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught the men of Succoth. ¹⁷And he beat down the tower of Pēn'-ū-ēl, and killed the men of the city.

¹⁸Then he said to Zē'-bāh and Zāl-mūn'-nā, What kind of men were they who you slew at Tā'-bôr? And they answered, As you are, so they were. Each one resembled the children of a king. ¹⁹And he said, They were my brothers, the sons of my mother. As the LORD lives, if you had saved them alive, I would not kill you. ²⁰And he said to Jē'-thēr his first-born, Up! Kill them! But the youth did not draw his sword, for he feared, because he was still a youth. ²¹Then said Zē'-bāh and Zāl-mūn'-nā, Rise and fall upon us. For as the man is, so is his strength. And Gideon arose and slew Zē'-bāh and Zāl-mūn'-nā, and took away the ornaments which were on their camels' necks.

²²Then the men of Israel said to Gideon, Rule over us, both you and your son, and your son's son also. For you have delivered us from the hand of Midian. ²³And Gideon said to them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you. The LORD shall rule over you.

²⁴And Gideon said to them, I would desire a favor of you, that each man of you would give me the earrings of his prey. (For they had golden earrings, because they were Ish'-mā-ē-lites.) ²⁵And they answered, We will gladly give. And they spread a cloth, and each man threw the earrings of his prey in it. ²⁶And the weight of the golden earrings which he asked for was seventeen hundred *shekels* of gold, besides ornaments, and collars, and purple clothing that was on the kings of Midian, and besides the chains that were around their camels'

necks. ²⁷And Gideon made an ē'-phōd of it, and put it in his city, in Ōph'-rāh. And all Israel went there lusting after it, which thing became a snare to Gideon and to his house.

²⁸So Midian was put down before the children of Israel, so that they lifted up their heads no more. And the country was in quietness forty years in the days of Gideon.

²⁹And Jēr-üb-bā'-āl the son of Jō'-āsh went and lived in his own house. ³⁰And Gideon had seventy sons, begotten of his body. For he had many wives. ³¹And his concubine, who was in Shechem, also bore him a son whose name he called Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch. ³²And Gideon the son of Jō'-āsh died in a good old age, and was buried in the tomb of Jō'-āsh his father, in Ōph'-rāh of the Ā'-bī-ēz'-rites. ³³And as soon as Gideon was dead, the children of Israel turned again and went lusting after Bā'-ā-līm, and made Bā'-āl-bē'-rīth their god. ³⁴And the children of Israel did not remember the LORD their God, who had delivered them out of the hands of all their enemies on every side. ³⁵Neither did they show kindness to the house of Jēr-üb-bā'-āl, Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shown to Israel.

CHAPTER 9

¹And Ā-bīm'-ē-lech the son of Jēr-üb-bā'-āl went to Shechem unto his mother's brothers. And he talked with them and with all the family of the house of his mother's father, saying, ²I pray you, speak in the ears of all the men of Shechem — which is better for you, either that all the sons of Jēr-üb-bā'-āl, seventy persons, reign over you, or that one reign over you? Remember also that I am your bone and your flesh. ³And his mother's brothers spoke of him in the ears of all the men of Shechem *with* all these words. And their hearts were bent toward Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch, for they said, He is our brother. ⁴And they gave him seventy *pieces* of silver out of the house of Bā'-āl-bē'-rīth, with which Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch hired vain and light persons who followed him. ⁵And he went to his father's house at Ōph'rāh, and killed his brothers the sons of Jēr-üb-bā'-āl, seventy persons, upon one stone. But Jō'-thām, the youngest son of Jēr-üb-bā'-āl, was still left—for he hid himself. And all the men of Shechem gathered together, and all the house of Mil'-lō. And they went forth and made Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch king beside the plain of the pillar that was in Shechem.

⁷And when they told it to Jō'-thām, he went and stood in the top of mount Gē-rī'-zīm. And he lifted up his voice and cried, and said to them, Listen to me, men of Shechem, so that God may listen to you. ⁸The trees went forth to anoint a king over them. And they said to the olive tree, Reign over us. ⁹But the olive tree said to them, Should I leave my fatness with which they honor God and man by me, and go to be promoted over the trees? ¹⁰And the trees said to the fig tree, You

come and reign over us. ¹¹But the fig tree said to them, Should I forsake my sweetness and my good fruit, and go to be promoted over the trees? ¹²Then the trees said to the vine, You come and reign over us. ¹³And the vine said to them, Should I leave my wine, which cheers God and man, and go to be promoted over the trees? ¹⁴Then all the trees said to the bramble-bush, You come and reign over us. ¹⁵And the bramble-bush said to the trees, If you truly anoint me king over you, come put your trust in my shadow. And if not, let fire come out of the bramble and burn up the cedars of Lēb'-ā-nōn.

¹⁶Now then, if you have done truly and sincerely in that you have made Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch king, and if you have dealt well with Jēr-üb-bā'-āl and his house, and have done to him according to what his hands deserve — ¹⁷for my father fought for you and much endangered his life, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian. ¹⁸And you have risen up against my father's house today, and have killed his sons, seventy persons, upon one stone, and have made Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch, the son of his maid-servant, king over the men of Shē'-chēm, because he is your brother — ¹⁹if you then have dealt truly and sincerely with Jēr-üb-bā'-āl and with his house this day, *then* rejoice in Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch, and let him also rejoice in you. ²⁰But if not, let fire come out from Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch and burn up the men of Shechem and the house of Mīl'-lō. And let fire come out from the men of Shechem, and from the house of Mīl'-lō, and burn up Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch. ²¹And Jō'-thām ran away and fled, and went to Bēer, and lived there for fear of Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch his brother.

²²When Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch had reigned three years over Israel, ²³then God sent an evil spirit between Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch and the men of Shechem. And the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch — ²⁴so that the cruelty done to the seventy sons of Jēr-üb-bā'-āl might come, and their blood be laid upon Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch their brother, who killed them, and upon the men of Shechem who helped him in the killing of his brothers. ²⁵And the men of Shechem set men lying in wait for him in the top of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them. And it was told to Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch. ²⁶And Gā'-āl the son of Ē'-bēd came with his brothers, and went over to Shechem. And the men of Shechem put their confidence in him. ²⁷And they went out into the fields and gathered their vineyards and trod *the grapes*, and made merry, and went into the house of their god, and ate and drank, and cursed Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch. ²⁸And Gā'-āl the son of Ebed said, Who is Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? *Is not he* the son of Jēr-üb-bā'-āl? And *is not* Zē'būl his officer? Serve the men of Hā'-môr the father of Shechem: for why should we serve him? ²⁹And I wish this people were under my hand! Then I would remove Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch. And he said to Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch, Increase your army, and come out!

³⁰And when Zē'-būl the ruler of the city heard the words of Gā'-āl the son of Ebed, his anger was kindled. ³¹And he sent messengers to Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch secretly, saying, Behold, Gā'-āl the son of Ebed and his brothers have come to Shechem. And behold, they fortify the city against you. ³²Now therefore come up by night, you and the people who are with you, and lie in wait in the field. ³³And in the morning, as soon as the sun is up, it shall be that you shall rise early and set upon the city. And behold, when he and the people who are with him come out against you, you may do to them as you desire. ³⁴And Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch rose up, and all the people who were with him, by night, and they lay in wait against Shechem in four companies.

³⁵And Gā'-āl the son of Ebed went out and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city. And Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch rose up, and the people who were with him, from lying in wait. ³⁶And when Gā'-āl saw the people, he said to Zē'-būl, behold, there are people coming 'down from the top of the mountains. And Zē'-būl said to him, You are seeing the shadow of the mountains as *if they were* men. ³⁷And Gā'-āl spoke again and said, See, there are people coming down by the middle of the land, and another company coming along by the plain of Mē-ō'-nē-nīm. ³⁸Then Zē'-būl said to him, Where is your mouth now, with which you said, Who is Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch, that we should serve him? Is not this the people whom you have despised? I pray you, go out now and fight with them. ³⁹And Gā'-āl went out before the men of Shechem, and fought with Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch. ⁴⁰And Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch chased him, and he fled before him, and many were overthrown and wounded, unto the entrance of the gate. ⁴¹And Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch lived at Ā-rú'-māh. And Zē'-būl put Gā'-āl and his brothers out, so that they should not live in Shechem. ⁴²And on the next day the people went out into the field. And they told Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch. ⁴³And he took the people and divided them into three companies, and lay in wait in the field. And they looked, and behold, the people came forth out of the city. And he rose up against them, and struck them. ⁴⁴And Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch and the company who were with him rushed forward and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city. And the two companies ran upon all *the people* who were in the field, and killed them. ⁴⁵And Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch fought against the city all that day. And he took the city and killed the people who were in it. And he beat down the city and sowed it with salt.

⁴⁶And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard, they entered into a stronghold of the house of the god Bē'-rith. ⁴⁷And it was told Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together. ⁴⁸And Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch went up to Mount Zāl'-mōn, he and all the people that were with him. And Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch took an axe in his hand, and cut down a limb from the trees, and took it and laid it on his shoulder, and said to the people who were with him, What you have seen me do, hurry and do as I *have done*. ⁴⁹And all the people

likewise cut down a limb for themselves, and followed Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch. And they put *them* to the stronghold, and set the hold on fire upon them — so that all the men of the tower of Shechem died also, about a thousand men and women.

⁵⁰Then Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch went to Thē'-bēz, and camped against Thē'-bēz, and took it. ⁵¹But there was a strong tower inside the city, and all the men and women, and all those of the city fled there, and shut it up to themselves, and got up to the top of the tower. ⁵²And Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch came to the tower and fought against it, and went hard to the door of the tower to burn it with fire. ⁵³And a certain woman threw a piece of a millstone upon Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch's head, and completely broke his skull. ⁵⁴Then he called hastily to the young man *who was* his armor-bearer, and said to him, Draw your sword and kill me, so that men may not say of me, A woman killed him! And his young man thrust him through, and he died. ⁵⁵And when the men of Israel saw that Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch was dead, each one of them left to go to his place.

⁵⁶So God repaid the wickedness of Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch which he did to his father in killing his seventy brothers. ⁵⁷And all the evil of the men of Shechem God sent back upon their heads. And upon them came the curse of Jō'-thām the son of Jēr-üb-bā'-āl.

CHAPTER 10

¹And after Ā-bīm'-ē-lēch there arose to defend Israel Tō'-lā the son of Pū'-āh, the son of Dō'-dō, a man of Is'-sā-chär. And he lived in Shā'-mīr in Mount E'-phrā-īm. ²And he judged Israel twenty-three years, and died, and was buried in Shā'-mīr.

³And after him arose Jā'-īr, a Gileadite, and judged Israel twenty-two years. ⁴And he had thirty sons who rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities which are called Hā'-vōth-jā'-īr unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead. ⁵And Jā'-īr died and was buried in Cā'-mōn.

⁶And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD, and served Bā'-āl-īm and Āsh'-tä-rōth, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Sī'-dōn, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Am'-mōn, and the gods of the Phī-lis'-tines. And *they* left the LORD, and did not serve Him. ⁷And the anger of the LORD was hot against Israel, and He sold them into the hands of the Phī-lis'-tines and into the hands of the children of Ammon. ⁸And that year they troubled and oppressed the children of Israel — all the children of Israel who were on the other side Jordan, in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead — *for* eighteen years. ⁹Moreover the children of Ammon passed over Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ē'-phrā-īm, so that Israel was very much troubled.

¹⁰And the children of Israel cried unto the LORD, saying, We have sinned against Thee, both because we have forsaken our God and also have served Bā'-āl-īm. ¹¹And the LORD said to the children of Israel, *Did not I deliver you* from the Egyptians, and from the Amorites, from the children of Ammon, and from the Phī-lis'-tines? ¹²Also the Sī-dō'-nī-āns and the Ā-māl'-ĕk-ites and the Mā'-ōn-ites oppressed you — and you cried to Me, and I delivered you out of their hand. ¹³Yet you have forsaken Me and served other gods; therefore I will deliver you no more. ¹⁴Go and cry to the gods which you have chosen. Let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation. ¹⁵And the children of Israel said to the LORD, We have sinned. Do Thou unto us whatever seems good unto Thee — only deliver us, we pray Thee, this day. ¹⁶And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD. And His soul was moved by the misery of Israel. ¹⁷Then the children of Ammon were gathered together and camped in Gilead. And the children of Israel assembled themselves together and camped in Miz'-pēh. ¹⁸And the people and princes of Gilead said to one another, What man is *there* who will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? He shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

CHAPTER 11

¹Now Jēph'-thāh, the man from Gilead, was a mighty man of war. And he was the son of a harlot. And Gilead fathered Jēph'-thāh. ²And Gilead's wife bore him sons. And his wife's sons grew up, and they threw Jēph'-thāh out and said to him, You shall not inherit in our father's house. For you are the son of a strange woman. ³Then Jēph'-thāh fled from his brothers and lived in the land of Tōb. And vain men were gathered to Jēph'-thāh, and went out with him.

⁴And in time the children of Ammon made war against Israel. ⁵And when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to bring Jēph'-thāh out of the land of Tōb. ⁶And they said to Jēph'-thāh, Come and be our captain, so that we may fight with the children of Ammon. ⁷And Jēph'-thāh said to the elders of Gilead, Did you not hate me and throw me out of my father's house? Why have you come to me now when you are in trouble? ⁸And the elders of Gilead said to Jēph'-thāh, Therefore we turn again to you now, so that you may go with us and fight against the children of Ammon, and be our head over all the ones who live in Gilead. ⁹And Jēph'-thāh said to the elders of Gilead, If you bring me home again to fight against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivers them before me, shall I be your head? ¹⁰And the elders of Gilead said to Jēph'-thāh, The LORD is witness between us if we do not do so according to your words. ¹¹Then Jēph'-thāh went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and captain over them. And Jēph'-thāh uttered all his words before the LORD in Miz'-pēh.

¹²And Jēph'-thāh sent messengers to the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What have you to do with me, that you have come against me to fight in my land? ¹³And the king of the children of Ammon answered to the messengers of Jēph'-thāh, Because Israel took away my land when they came up out of Egypt, from Ār'-nōn even to Jāb'-bōk, and to Jordan. Now therefore restore those *lands* again peaceably. ¹⁴And Jēph'-thāh sent messengers again to the king of the children of Ammon. ¹⁵And he said to him, Thus says Jēph'-thāh, Israel did not take away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon. ¹⁶But when Israel came up from Egypt and walked through the wilderness to the Red Sea, and came to Kā'-dēsh, ¹⁷then Israel sent messengers to the king of Edom, saying, I pray you, let me pass through your land. But the king of Edom would not listen. And in the same way they sent to the king of Moab, but he would not. And Israel stayed in Kā'-dēsh. ¹⁸Then they went along through the wilderness, and went around the land of Ē'-dom and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab and pitched on the other side of Ār'-nōn, but they did not come within the border of Moab — for Ār'-nōn was the border of Moab.

¹⁹And Israel sent messengers to Sī'-hōn king of the Ām'-ōr-ites, the king of Hēsh'-bōn. And Israel said to him, We pray you, let us pass through your land to my place. ²⁰But Sī'-hōn did not trust Israel to pass through his border. But Sī'-hōn gathered all his people together and pitched in Jā'-hāz, and fought against Israel. ²¹And the LORD God of Israel delivered Sī'-hōn and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they struck them. So Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, who lived in that country. ²²And they possessed all the borders of the Ām'-ōr-ites, from Ār'-nōn even to Jāb'-bōk, and from the wilderness even to Jordan. ²³So now the LORD God of Israel has put out the Amorites before His people Israel, and should you possess it? ²⁴Will you not possess that which Chē'-mōsh your god gives you to possess? So whomever the LORD our God shall drive out from before us, we will possess them.

²⁵And now are you any better than Bā'-lāk the son of Zīp'-pōr, king of Moab? Did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight against them ²⁶while Israel lived in Hēsh'-bōn and its towns, and Ā-rō'-ēr and its towns, and in all the cities which are along by the borders of Ār'-nōn, for three hundred years? Why then did you not recover *them* in that time? ²⁷Therefore I have not sinned against you, but you do me wrong to war against me. May the LORD, the Judge, be judge this day between the children of Israel and the children of Ammon. ²⁸However, the king of the children of Ammon did not listen to the words of Jēph'-thāh which he sent to him.

²⁹Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jēph'-thāh, and he passed over Gilead and Mā-nās'-sēh, and passed over Miz'-pēh of Gilead, and

from Mīz'-pēh of Gilead passed over to the children of Ammon. ³⁰And Jēph'-thāh vowed a vow to the LORD, and said, If Thou shalt without fail deliver the children of Ammon into my hands, ³¹then it shall come to pass that whatever comes forth out of the doors of my house to meet me when I return in peace from the children of Ammon, surely it shall belong to the LORD, or I will offer it up for a burnt offering.

³²So Jēph'-thāh passed over to the children of Ammon to fight against them. And the LORD delivered them into his hands. ³³And he struck them from Ā-rō'-ēr even until you come to Mīn'-nīth, twenty cities, and to the plain of the vineyards, with a very great slaughter. So were the children of Ammon subdued before the children of Israel.

³⁴And Jēph'-thāh came to Mīz'-pēh unto his house, and, behold, his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances. And she was *his* only child. Besides her he had neither son nor daughter. ³⁵And when he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low, and you are one of those who trouble me. For I have opened my mouth to the LORD, and I cannot go back. ³⁶And she said to him, My father, if you have opened your mouth to the Lord, do to me according to that which has come out of your mouth, because the LORD has taken vengeance for you upon your enemies, *even* of the children of Ammon. ³⁷And she said to her father, Let this thing be done for me. Let me alone two months, so that I may go up and down upon the mountains and weep for my virginity, I and my companions. ³⁸And he said, Go. And he sent her away for two months. And she went with her companions and wept for her virginity upon the mountains. ³⁹And at the end of two months she returned to her father, who did to her according to his vow which he had vowed. And she knew no man. And it was a custom in Israel ⁴⁰*that* the daughters of Israel went yearly to tell again of the daughter of Jēph'-thāh the Gileadite, four days in a year.

CHAPTER 12

¹And the men of Ē'-phrā-īm gathered themselves together and went northward, and said to Jēph'-thāh, Why did you go over to fight against the children of Ammon, and did not call us to go with you? We will burn your house upon you with fire. ²And Jēph'-thāh said to them, My people and I were at great strife with the children of Ammon. And when I called you, you did not deliver me out of their hands. ³When I saw that you did not deliver *me*, I took my life in my hands and passed over against the children of Ammon, and the LORD delivered them into my hand. Why then have you come up against me, to fight against me today? ⁴Then Jēph'-thāh gathered together all the men of Gilead, and fought with Ē'-phrā-īm. And the men of Gilead struck Ephraim, because they said, You Gileadites are fugitives of

Ē'-phrā-īm among the Ē'-phrā-īm-ītes and among the Mā-nās'-sītes. ⁵And the Gileadites took the passages of Jordan before the Ē'-phrā-īm-ītes. And it happened that when one of those Ē'-phrā-īm-ītes who had escaped said, Let me go over, the men of Gilead said to him, Are you an Ē'-phrā-īm-īte? If he said, No, ⁶they said to him, Now say Šīb'-bō-lēth. And he said, Šīb'-bō-lēth, for he could not manage to pronounce it right. Then they took him and killed him at the passages of Jordan. And there fell at that time forty-two thousand of the Ē'-phrā-īm-ītes. ⁷And Jēph'-thāh judged Israel six years. Then Jēph'-thāh the Gileadite died, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

⁸And after him Ib'-zān of Bēth'-lē-hēm judged Israel. ⁹And he had thirty sons and thirty daughters whom he sent abroad, and took in thirty daughters from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. ¹⁰Then Ib'-zān died, and was buried at Bethlehem.

¹¹And after him Ē'-lōn, a Zē-bū'-lon-īte, judged Israel. And he judged Israel ten years. ¹²And Ē'-lōn the Zē-bū'-lon-īte died, and was buried in Aī'-jā-lōn in the country of Zē-bū'-lūn. ¹³And after him Āb'-dōn the son of Hīl'-lēl, a Pī-rā'-thōn-īte, judged Israel. ¹⁴And he had forty sons and thirty grandsons, who rode on seventy ass colts. And he judged Israel eight years. ¹⁵And Āb'-dōn the son of Hīl'-lēl the Pī-rā'-thōn-īte died, and was buried in Pī-rā'-thōn in the land of Ē'-phrā-īm, in the mount of the Ā-māl'-ēk-ītes.

CHAPTER 13

¹And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD. And the LORD delivered them into the hands of the Phī-lis'-tīnes forty years. ²And there was a certain man of Zōr'-āh, of the family of the Dān'-ītes, whose name was Mā-nō'-āh. And his wife was barren and did not bear. ³And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, Behold now, you are barren and do not bear. But you shall conceive and bear a son. ⁴Now therefore be careful, I pray you, and do not drink wine nor strong drink, and do not eat any unclean *thing*. ⁵For lo, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head. For the child shall be a Nāz'-ā-rite unto God from the womb. And he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Phī-lis'-tīnes.

⁶Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came to me, and His face was like the face of an Angel of God, very terrifying. But I did not ask Him where He came from, neither did He tell me His name. ⁷But He said to me, Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And now drink no wine nor strong drink, neither eat any unclean *thing*, for the child shall be a Nāz'-ā-rite to God from the womb to the day of his death. ⁸Then Mā-nō'-āh prayed to the LORD and said, O my Lord, let the Man of God, whom Thou didst send,

come again to us and teach us what we shall do to the child that shall be born. ⁹And God listened to the voice of Mā-nō'-āh, and the Angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field. But Mā-nō'-āh her husband was not with her. ¹⁰And the woman hurried and ran, and showed her husband, and said to him, Behold, the Man has appeared to Me, *the one* who came to me the *other* day.

¹¹And Mā-nō'-āh arose and went after his wife, and came to the Man, and said to Him, Art Thou the Man who spoke to the woman? And He said, I am. ¹²And Mā-nō'-āh said, Now let Thy words come to pass. How shall we order the child, and what shall we do to him? ¹³And the Angel of the LORD turned to Mā-nō'-āh, Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. ¹⁴She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine nor strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing. Let her do all that I commanded her. ¹⁵And Mā-nō'-āh said to the Angel of the LORD, I pray Thee, let us keep Thee until we have made a kid ready for Thee. ¹⁶And the Angel of the LORD said to Mā-nō'-āh, Though you keep Me, I will not eat of your bread. And if you will offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD. For Mā-nō'-āh did not know that He was the Angel of the LORD. ¹⁷And Mā-nō'-āh said unto the Angel of the LORD, What is Thy name, so that when Thy sayings come to pass we may do Thee honor? ¹⁸And the Angel of the LORD said to him, Why do you ask after My name in this way, since it is Wonderful? ¹⁹So Mā-nō'-āh took a kid with a meal offering, and offered it upon a rock unto the LORD. And *the Angel* did wonderfully. And Mā-nō'-āh and his wife looked on. ²⁰For when the flame went up toward heaven from off the altar, the Angel of the LORD went up in the flame of the altar. And Mā-nō'-āh and his wife looked on it and fell on their faces to the ground. ²¹But the Angel of the LORD did not appear any more to Mā-nō'-āh and to his wife. Then Mā-nō'-āh knew that He was an Angel of the LORD. ²²And Mā-nō'-āh said unto his wife, We shall surely die because we have seen God. ²³But his wife said unto him, If the LORD were pleased to kill us, He would not have received a burnt offering and a meal offering at our hands, neither would He have showed us all these *things*, nor have told us *such things* as these at this time.

²⁴And the woman bore a son and called his name Sām'-sōn. And the child grew, and the LORD blessed him. ²⁵And the Spirit of the LORD began to move him at times in the camp of Dan between Zôr'-āh and Ēsh'-tā-ōl.

CHAPTER 14

¹And Samson went down to Tīm'-nāth, and saw a woman in Tīm'-nāth of the daughters of the Phī-līs'-tīnes. ²And he came up and told

his father and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in Tim'-nāth of the daughters of the Philistines. Now therefore get her for me for a wife. ³Then his father and his mother said to him, Is there no woman among the daughters of your brothers, or among all my people, that you go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said to his father, Get her for me, for she pleases me very much. ⁴But his father and his mother did not know that it was from the LORD, that he was looking for an occasion against the Philistines. For at that time the Philistines had the rule over Israel.

⁵Then Samson and his father and his mother went down to Tim'-nāth. And they came to the vineyards of Tim'-nāth. And behold, a young lion roared against him. ⁶And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and he tore it as he would have torn a kid; *he had* nothing in his hand. But he did not tell his father or his mother what he had done. ⁷And he went down and talked with the woman. And she pleased Samson very much.

⁸And after a time he returned to take her, and he turned aside to see the dead body of the lion. And behold! A swarm of bees and honey was in the dead body of the lion. ⁹And he took *some* of it in his hands, and went on eating, and came to his father and mother. And he gave to them, and they ate. But he did not tell them that he had taken the honey out of the dead body of the lion.

¹⁰So his father went down to the woman. And Samson made a feast there, for so the young men used to do. ¹¹And when they saw him, they brought thirty companions to be with him. ¹²And Samson said to them, I will now put forth a riddle to you. If you can certainly tell it to me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty shirts and thirty changes of garments. ¹³But if you cannot tell it to me, then you shall give me thirty shirts and thirty changes of garments. And they said to him, Put forth your riddle so that we may hear it. ¹⁴And he said to them, Out of the eater came forth food, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. And in three days they could not tell what the riddle meant. ¹⁵And on the seventh day they said to Samson's wife, lure your husband so that he may tell the riddle to us, lest we burn you and your father's house with fire. Have you called us to take what we have? *Is it not so?*

¹⁶And Samson's wife wept before him, and said, You only hate me, and do not love me. You have put forth a riddle to the children of my people, and have not told it to me. And he said to her, Behold, I have not told it to my father nor to my mother, and shall I tell it to you? ¹⁷And she wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted. And on the seventh day, he told her, because she pressed hard upon him. And she told the riddle to the children of her people. ¹⁸And the men of the city said to him on the seventh day before the sun went down,

What is sweeter than honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said to them, If you had not plowed with my heifer, you would not have found out my riddle.

¹⁹And the Spirit of the LORD came upon him, and he went down to Āsh'-kē-lon and killed thirty men of them, and took their spoil, and gave changes of garments to them who told what the riddle meant. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father's house. ²⁰But Samson's wife was given to his companion, who had served as his friend.

CHAPTER 15

¹But it came to pass within a little while, in the time of wheat harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid. And he said, I will go in to my wife into the room. But her father would not allow him to go in. ²And her father said, I truly thought that you utterly hated her, therefore I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister fairer than she is? I pray you, take her instead of her. ³And Samson said concerning them, Now I shall be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do what is not pleasing to them. ⁴And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes and took fire brands, and turned tail to tail, and put a fire brand in the middle between two tails. ⁵And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burned up both the shocks and also the standing grain, with the vineyards and olives. ⁶Then the Philistines said, Who has done this? And they answered, Samson, the son-in-law of the Tim'-nīte, because he had taken his wife and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up and burned her and her father with fire.

⁷And Samson said to them, Though you have done this, yet I will be avenged of you, and after that I will stop. ⁸And he struck them hip and thigh with a great slaughter. And he went down and lived in the top of the rock Ē'-tām.

⁹Then the Philistines went up and pitched in Judah, and spread themselves in Le'-hī. ¹⁰And the men of Judah said, Why have you come up against us? And they answered, We have come up to bind Samson, to do to him as he has done to us. ¹¹Then three thousand men of Judah went to the top of the rock Ē'-tām, and said to Samson, Do you not know that the Philistines are rulers over us? What is this that you have done to us? And he said to them, As they have done to me, so I have done to them. ¹²And they said to him, We have come to bind you so that we may deliver you into the hands of the Philistines. And Samson said to them, Swear unto me that you will not fall upon me yourselves. ¹³And they spoke to him, saying, No, but we will tie you

up and deliver you into their hand. But surely we will not kill you. And they bound him with two new cords and brought him up from the rock. ¹⁴And when he came to Lē'-hī, the Philistines shouted against him. And the Spirit of the LORD came mightily upon him, and the cords that were upon his arms became as flax that has been burned with fire, and his bands loosed from off his hands. ¹⁵And he found a new jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand and took it, and killed a thousand men with it. ¹⁶And Samson said, With the jawbone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the jaw of an ass I have killed a thousand men. ¹⁷And when he had made an end of speaking, he threw away the jawbone out of his hand, and called that place Rā'-māth-lē'-hī.

¹⁸And he was very thirsty and called upon the LORD and said, Thou hast given this great deliverance into the hand of Thy servant. And now shall I die forever, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised? ¹⁹But God cut open a hollow place that was in the jaw, and water came out there. And when he had drunk, his spirit came again, and he revived. Therefore he called the name of it Ēn-hāk-kôr'-ē, which is in Lē'-hī unto this day. ²⁰And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

CHAPTER 16

¹Then Samson went to Gā'-zā. And he saw a harlot there, and went in to her. ²And it was told the Gā'-zītes saying, Samson has come here. And they surrounded him and laid wait for him all night in the gate of the city, and were quiet all the night, saying, In the morning when it is day, we shall kill him. ³And Samson lay till midnight, and arose at midnight, and took the doors of the gate of the city and the two posts, and went away with them, with the bar, and put them on his shoulders and carried them up to the top of a hill that is before Hebron.

⁴And afterwards he loved a woman in the valley of Sôr'-ēk, whose name was Dē-lī'-lāh. ⁵And the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and said to her, Lure him and see where his great strength *lies*, and by what *means* we may prevail against him, so that we may tie him to afflict him. And each one of us will give you eleven hundred *pieces* of silver.

⁶And Dē-lī'-lāh said to Samson, I pray you, tell me where your great strength *lies*, and with what you may be bound to afflict you. ⁷And Samson said to her, If they bind me with seven green cords that were never dried, then I shall be weak and be as another man. ⁸Then the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven green cords which had not been dried, and she bound him with them. ⁹Now there were men lying in wait, staying with her in the room. And she said to him, The Philistines are upon you, Samson! And he broke the cords like a

thread of tow is broken when it touches the fire. So his strength was not known. ¹⁰And Dē-lī'-lāh said to Samson, Behold, you have mocked me and told me lies. Now tell me, I pray you, with what you may be bound. ¹¹And he said to her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that have never been used, then I shall be weak and be as another man. ¹²Dē-lī'-lāh therefore took new ropes and bound him with them, and said to him, The Philistines are upon you, Samson! And there were men lying in wait, staying in the room. And he broke them from off his arms like a thread. ¹³And Delilah said to Samson, You have mocked me until now, and told me lies. Tell me with what you may be bound. And he said to her, If you weave the seven locks of my head with the web. ¹⁴And she fastened it with the pin, and said to him, The Philistines are upon you, Samson! And he woke out of his sleep and went away with the pin of the beam, and with the web.

¹⁵And she said to him, How can you say, I love you, when your heart is not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength *lies*. ¹⁶And when she pressed him daily with her words and urged him, it came to pass that his soul was vexed unto death, ¹⁷so that he told her all his heart, and said to her, There has not come a razor upon my head, for I have been a Nāz'-ā-rīte unto God from my mother's womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will go from me, and I will become weak and be like any *other* man. ¹⁸And when Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, Come this once, for he has showed me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up to her, and brought money in their hand. ¹⁹And she made him sleep upon her knees. And she called for a man, and she caused him to shave off the seven locks of his head. And she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. ²⁰And she said, The Philistines are upon you, Samson! And he awoke out of his sleep and said, I will go out as at other times before, and shake myself. And he did not know that the LORD had departed from him.

²¹But the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gā'-zā, and bound him with fetters of brass. And he ground in the prison house. ²²However the hair of his head began to grow again after he had been shaven. ²³Then the lords of the Philistines gathered themselves together in order to offer a great sacrifice unto Dā'-gōn their god, and to rejoice. For they said, Our god has delivered Samson our enemy into our hand. ²⁴And when the people saw him, they praised their god. For they said, Our god has delivered our enemy into our hands, and the destroyer of our country, who killed many of us. ²⁵And when their hearts were merry, it came to pass that they said, Call for Samson so that he may make sport for us. And they called for Samson out of the prison house. And he made sport for them, and they set him between the pillars. ²⁶And Samson said to the lad who held him by

the hand, Allow me to feel the pillars upon which the house stands, so that I may lean upon them. ²⁷Now the house was full of men and women. And all the lords of the Philistines were there. And there were upon the roof about three thousand men and women who watched while Samson made sport.

²⁸And Samson called unto the LORD and said, O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray Thee, and strengthen me, I pray Thee, only this once, O God, so that I may be at once avenged of the Philistines for my two eyes. ²⁹And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars upon which the house stood, and on which it was held up, of the one with his right hand, and of the other with his left. ³⁰And Samson said, Let me die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might, and the house fell upon the lords and upon all the people that were in it. So the dead whom he killed at his death were more than they whom he killed in his life. ³¹Then his brothers and all the house of his father came down, and took him, and brought him up and buried him between Zôr'-âh and Êsh'-tâ-ôl in the burying-place of Mâ-nô'-âh his father. And he judged Israel twenty years.

CHAPTER 17

¹And there was a man of Mount Ê'-phrâ-îm, whose name was Mî'-câh, ²And he said to his mother, The eleven hundred *shekels* of silver which were taken from you, about which you cursed, and spoke of also in my ears, behold, the silver is with me. Behold, I took it. And his mother said, Be blessed of the LORD, my son. ³And when he had given back the eleven hundred *shekels* of silver to his mother, his mother said, I had wholly given the silver to the LORD from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image. Now therefore I will give it to you. ⁴Yet he gave the money back to his mother. And his mother took two hundred *shekels* of silver and gave them to the founder, who made of it an engraved image and a melted image. And they were in the house of Micah. ⁵And the man Micah had a house of gods, and made an ephod and tēr'-â-phîm, and anointed one of his sons, who became his priest.

⁶In those days there was no king in Israel, *but* every man did that which was right in his own eyes. ⁷And there was a young man out of Bethlehem-judah of the family of Judah, who was a Levite. And he stayed there. ⁸And the man went out of the city from Bethlehem-judah to live where he could find a *place*. And he came to Mount Ê'-phrâ-îm to the house of Micah, as he journeyed. ⁹And Micah said to him, Where do you come from? And he said to him, I am a Levite of Bethlehem-judah, and I go to live where I may find a *place*. ¹⁰And Micah said to him, Live with me and be a father and a priest to me, and I will give you ten *shekels* of silver by the year, and a suit of clothes, and your food. So

the Levite went in. ¹¹And the Levite was content with the man, and the young man was to him as one of his sons. ¹²And Micah consecrated the Levite. And the young man became his priest, and was in the house of Micah. ¹³Then Micah said, Now I know that the LORD will do me good, since I have a Levite as my priest.

CHAPTER 18

¹In those days there was no king in Israel. And in those days the tribe of the Dān'-ites looked for an inheritance for them to live in, for unto that day *all their* inheritance had not fallen to them among the tribes of Israel. ²And the children of Dan sent from their family five men from their borders, men of war, from Zôr'-āh and from Ēsh'-tā-ōl, to spy out the land and to search it. And they said to them, Go, search the land. *And* when they came to Mount Ē'-phrā-īm to the house of Micah, they stayed there. ³When they were at the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite. And they turned in there, and said to him, Who brought you here? And what are you doing in this place? And what have you here? ⁴And he said to them, This is how Micah deals with me, and has hired me, and I am his priest. ⁵And they said to him, We pray you, Ask counsel of God so that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous. ⁶And the priest said to them, Go in peace. Your way in which you go is before the LORD. ⁷Then the five men departed and came to Lā'-ish, and saw the people that were in it, how they lived carelessly, as the Sī-dō'-nī-āns do, quiet and secure. And there was no judge, in the land who might put them to shame in anything. And they were far from the Sī-dō'-nī-āns, and had no business with any man.

⁸And they came to their brothers, to Zôr'-āh and Ēsh'-tā-ōl. And their brothers said to them, What do you say? ⁹And they said, Arise, so that we may go up against them. For we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good. And will you sit quietly? Do not be too lazy to go and enter to possess the land. ¹⁰When you go, you shall come to a people feeling safe, and to a large land. For God has given it into your hands, a place where there is no lack of anything that is in the earth.

¹¹And there went from there six hundred men of the family of the Danites, with weapons of war, out of Zôr'-āh and out of Ēsh'-tā-ōl. ¹²And they went up and pitched in Kīr'-jāth-jē'-ā-rīm, in Judah. Therefore they called that place Mā'-hā-nēh-dān unto this day. Behold, it is behind Kīr'-jāth-jē'-ā-rīm. ¹³And they passed from there to Mount Ē'-phrā-īm, and came to the house of Micah. ¹⁴Then the five men who went to spy out the country of Lā'-ish answered and said to their brothers, You know that there is in these houses an ephod, and tēr'-ā-

phim, and an engraved image and a melted image? Now therefore consider what you have to do. ¹⁵And they turned in that way, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, unto the house of Micah, and greeted him. ¹⁶And the six hundred men, with their weapons of war, who were of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate. ¹⁷And the five men who went up to spy out the land went up, and came in there, and took the engraved image and the ephod and the tēr'-ā-phīm and the melted image. And the priest stood in the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men who were dressed with weapons of war. ¹⁸And these went into Micah's house and brought out the carved image, the ephod, and the tēr'-ā-phīm, and the melted image. Then the priest said to them, What are you doing? ¹⁹And they said to him, Hold your peace, lay your hand upon your mouth and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest. Is it better for you to be a priest to the house of one man, or that you be a priest to a tribe and a family in Israel? ²⁰And the priest's heart was glad, and he took the ephod and the tēr'-ā-phīm and the carved image, and went in the midst of the people. ²¹So they turned and departed, and put the little ones and the cattle and the baggage before them.

²²And when they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the houses near Micah's house had gathered together and had overtaken the children of Dan. ²³And they cried to the children of Dan. And they turned their faces and said to Micah, What ails you, that you come with such a company? ²⁴And he said, You have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and you have gone away. And what more do I have? And what is this that you say to me, What ails you? ²⁵And the children of Dan said to him, Do not let your voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows run upon you and you lose your life with the lives of your household. ²⁶And the children of Dan went their way. And when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back to his house. ²⁷And they took *the things* which Micah had made, and the priest whom he had, and came to Lā'-ish, to a people that were quiet and feeling safe. And they struck them with the edge of the sword and burned the city with fire. ²⁸And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Sī'-dōn, and they had no business with any man. And it was in the valley that lies by Bēth-rē'-hōb. And they built a city and lived in it. ²⁹And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born to Israel. However the name of the city was Lā'-ish at the first.

³⁰And the children of Dan set up the carved image. And Jonathan, the son of Gēr'-shōm, the son of Mā-nās'-sēh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of Dan until the day of the captivity of the land. ³¹And they set up Micah's carved image for themselves, *the image* which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shī'-lōh.

CHAPTER 19

¹And in those days when there was no king in Israel, it came to pass that there was a certain Levite living on the side of Mount Ē'-phrā-im, who took to him a cōn'-cū-bīne out of Bethlehem-judah. ²And his concubine played the harlot against him, and went away from him to her father's house to Bethlehem-judah, and was there four whole months. ³And her husband arose and went after her, to speak friendly to her and to bring her again—having his servant with him and a couple of asses. And she brought him into her father's house. And when the father of the girl saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. ⁴And his father-in-law, the girl's father, kept him. And he stayed with him three days. So they ate and drank and stayed there.

⁵And on the fourth day when they arose early in the morning, he rose up to leave. And the girl's father said to his son-in-law, Comfort your heart with a piece of bread, and afterward go your way. ⁶And they sat down and ate and drank, both of them together, for the girl's father had said to the man, Be content, I pray you, and stay all night, and let your heart be merry. ⁷And when the man rose up to leave, his father-in-law urged him. Therefore he stayed there again. ⁸And he rose early in the morning on the fifth day to leave. And the girl's father said, I pray you, comfort your heart. And they stayed till afternoon, and both of them ate. ⁹And when the man rose up to leave, he and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the girl's father said to him, Behold, now the day draws toward evening. I pray you, stay all night. Behold, the day grows to an end — stay here so that your heart may be merry. And tomorrow go early on your way, so that you may go home. ¹⁰But the man would not stay that night, but he rose up and left, and came over against Jē'-būs, which is Jerusalem. And there were with him two saddled asses. His concubine also was with him. ¹¹And when they were beside Jē'-būs, the day was far gone. And the servant said to his master, Come, I pray you, and let us turn in unto this city of the Jēb'-ū-sites and stay in it. ¹²And his master said to him, We will not turn aside here into the city of a stranger who is not of the children of Israel. We will pass over to Gīb'-ē-āh. ¹³And he said to his servant, Come and let us draw near one of these places to stay all night, in Gīb'-ē-āh or in Rā'-māh. ¹⁴And they passed on and went their way. And the sun went down upon them *when they were* by Gīb'-ē-āh, which is of Benjamin. ¹⁵And they turned aside there, to go in and to lodge in Gīb'-ē-āh. And when he went in, he sat down in a street of the city. For there was no man who took them into his house to stay the night.

¹⁶And behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field at evening, who was also from Mount Ephraim. And he lived in Gīb'-

ě-āh, but the men of the place were of Benjamin. ¹⁷And when he had lifted up his eyes, he saw a traveler in the streets of the city. And the old man said, Where do you go, and where do you come from? ¹⁸And he said to him, We are passing from Bethlehem-judah to the side of Mount Ephraim. I am from there, and I went to Bethlehem-judah, but I am now going to the house of the LORD. And there is no man who receives me into his house. ¹⁹Yet here is both straw and food for our asses. And there is bread and wine also for me, and for your handmaid, and for the young man who is with your servants. There is no lack of anything. ²⁰And the old man said, Peace be with you. However, let all that is lacking lie upon me. Only do not stay in the street. ²¹So he brought him into his house and gave food to their asses. And they washed their feet, and ate and drank.

²²Now as they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain sons of Bě'-lī-āl, set upon the house all around and beat at the door and spoke to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring out the man that came to your house so that we may know him. ²³And the man, the master of the house, went out to them and said to them, No, my brothers, I pray you, do not do wickedly, since this man has come into my house. Do not do this folly. ²⁴Behold, here is my daughter, a maiden, and his concubine. I will bring them out now, and you humble them and do with them what seems good to you. But do not do so vile a thing to this man. ²⁵But the men would not listen to him. So the man took his concubine, and brought her out to them. And they knew her and abused her all night until the morning. And when the day began to spring, they let her go. ²⁶Then the woman came, in the dawning of the day, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, until it was light. ²⁷And her lord rose up in the morning and opened the doors of the house and went out to go his way. And behold, the woman, his concubine, had fallen down at the door of the house, and her hands were upon the threshold. ²⁸And he said to her, Up, and let us be going. But there was no answer. Then the man took her upon an ass, and the man rose up and went to his place.

²⁹And when he had come into his house, he took a knife and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, with her bones, into twelve pieces and sent her into all the borders of Israel. ³⁰And it was so that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day. Think of it, take advice and speak.

CHAPTER 20

¹Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was gathered together as one man, from Dan even to Bēer-shē'-bā, with

the land of Gilead, to the LORD in Mīz'-pēh. ²And the chief of all the people, of all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword. ³Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel had gone up to Mīz'-pēh. Then said the children of Israel, Tell us, how was this wickedness done? ⁴And the Levite, the husband of the woman who was slain, answered and said, I came into Gīb'-ē-āh of Benjamin to stay the night, my concubine and I. ⁵And the men of Gīb'-ē-āh rose against me and set upon the house all around me by night, and thought to have killed me. And they have forced my concubine, so that she is dead. ⁶And I took my concubine and cut her in pieces, and sent her throughout all the country of the inheritance of Israel. For they have committed lewdness and folly in Israel.

⁷Behold, you are all children of Israel. Give here your advice and counsel. ⁸And all people rose as one man saying, We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn to his house. ⁹But now this shall be the thing which we will do to Gīb'-ē-āh. *We will go up* by lot against it, ¹⁰and we will take ten men of a hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred of a thousand, and a thousand out of ten thousand, to bring food for the people, so that when they come to Gīb'-ē-āh of Benjamin, they may do according to all the folly which they have done in Israel. ¹¹So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, all together as one man.

¹²And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin saying, What wickedness is this that is done among you? ¹³Now therefore deliver us the men, the children of Bē'-lī-āl, who are in Gīb'-ē-āh, so that we may put them to death and put away evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not listen to the voice of their brothers the children of Israel. ¹⁴But the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities to Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel. ¹⁵And the children of Benjamin were numbered at that time out of the cities twenty-six thousand men who drew sword, besides the inhabitants of Gīb'-ē-āh, who were numbered seven hundred chosen men. ¹⁶Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men, left-handed. Every one could sling stones at a hair's *breadth*, and not miss. ¹⁷And the men of Israel, besides Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men who drew sword. All these were men of war.

¹⁸And the children of Israel rose and went up to the house of God and asked counsel of God, and said, Which of us shall go up first to the battle against the children of Benjamin? And the LORD said, Judah *shall go up* first. ¹⁹And the children of Israel rose up early in the morning, and camped against Gīb'-ē-āh. ²⁰And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin. And the men of Israel put them-

selves in order, *ready* to fight against them at Gĭb'-ĕ-āh. ²¹And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gĭb'-ĕ-āh and struck down to the ground twenty-two thousand men of the Israelites that day. ²²And the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves and set their battle in order again in the place where they put themselves in order the first day. ²³(And the children of Israel went up and wept before the LORD until evening, and asked counsel from the LORD saying, Shall I go up again to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And the LORD said, Go up against him.) ²⁴And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day. ²⁵And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gĭb'-ĕ-āh the second day and struck down to the ground again eighteen thousand men of the children of Israel. All these drew the sword.

²⁶Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up and came into the house of God, and wept, and sat there before the LORD and fasted that day until evening, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. ²⁷And the children of Israel inquired of the LORD (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days, ²⁸and Phĭn'-ĕ-hās the son of Ēl-ĕ-ā'-zār the son of Aaron stood before it in those days,) saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I stop? And the LORD said, Go up, for tomorrow I will deliver them into your hand. ²⁹And Israel set men lying in wait all around Gĭb'-ĕ-āh. ³⁰And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in order against Gĭb'-ĕ-āh, as at other times. ³¹And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city. And they began to strike *some* of the people and to kill, as at other times, in the highways — one of which goes up to the house of God, and the other to Gĭb'-ĕ-āh in the fie'd — about thirty men of Israel. ³²And the children of Benjamin said, They are stricken down before us as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee and draw them from the city to the highways.

³³And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place and put themselves in order at Bā'-āl-tā'-mār. And the men lying in wait from Israel came forth out of their places, out of the meadows of Gĭb'-ĕ-āh. ³⁴And there came against Gĭb'-ĕ-āh ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and the battle was heavy. But they did not know that evil was near them. ³⁵And the LORD struck Benjamin before Israel. And the children of Israel destroyed twenty-five thousand and a hundred men of the Benjamites that day. All these drew the sword. ³⁶So the children of Benjamin saw that they were stricken. For the men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites because they trusted to the men lying in wait which they had set beside Gĭb'-ĕ-āh. ³⁷And the liers in wait hurried and rushed upon Gĭb'-ĕ-āh. And the men lying in wait marched along and struck all the city with the edge of the sword.

³⁸Now there was a set sign between the men of Israel and the men lying in wait, that they should make a great flame with smoke rise up out of the city. ³⁹And when the men of Israel retired in the battle, Benjamin began to strike and kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons. For they said, Surely they are stricken down before us as in the first battle. ⁴⁰But when the flame began to rise up out of the city with a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them, and behold, the flame of the city went up toward heaven. ⁴¹And when the men of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were amazed. For they saw that evil had come upon them. ⁴²Therefore they turned before the men of Israel, to the way of the wilderness. But the battle overtook them. And those who came out of the cities they destroyed in the midst of them. ⁴³So they enclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trod them down with ease over against Gĭb'-ĕ-āh toward the sunrise. ⁴⁴And there fell from Benjamin eighteen thousand. All these were men of war. ⁴⁵And they turned and fled toward the wilderness to the rock of Rimmon. And they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men, and pursued hard after them to Gĭ-dōm and killed two thousand men of them. ⁴⁶So that all who fell that day of Benjamin were twenty-five thousand men who drew the sword. All of these were men of war. ⁴⁷But six hundred men turned and fled to the wilderness, to the rock Rimmon, and they stayed in the rock Rimmon four months. ⁴⁸And the children of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin and struck them with the edge of the sword — the men of every city as well as the beast, and all that came to hand. Also they set all the cities that they came to on fire.

CHAPTER 21

¹Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mĭz'-pĕh, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter to Benjamin for a wife. ²And the people came to the house of God and stayed there until evening before God, and lifted up their voice and wept grievously, ³and said, O LORD God of Israel, Why has this come to pass in Israel, that there should be today one tribe lacking in Israel? ⁴And on the next day the people rose early and built there an altar, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. ⁵And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that did not come up with the congregation unto the LORD? For they had made a great oath concerning him who did not come up to the LORD to Mĭz'-pĕh, saying, He shall surely be put to death. ⁶And the children of Israel repented themselves for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day. ⁷What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since we have sworn by the LORD that we will not give them of our daughters for wives?

⁸And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel that did not come up to Mĭz'-pĕh to the LORD? And, behold, there came none

to the camp from Jā'-bēsh-gīl'-ē-ād to the assembly. ⁹For the people were numbered, and behold, none of the inhabitants of Jā'-bēsh-gīl'-ē-ād were there. ¹⁰And the congregation sent there twelve thousand men of the most valiant, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jā'-bēsh-gīl'-ē-ād with the sword, with the women and the children. ¹¹And this is the thing that you shall do. You shall utterly destroy every male and every woman who has lain with man. ¹²And they found among the inhabitants of Jā'-bēsh-gīl'-ē-ād four hundred young virgins who had known no man by lying with any male. And they brought them to the camp to Shī'-lōh, which is in the land of Canaan. ¹³And the whole congregation sent to speak to the children of Benjamin who were in the rock Rimmon, and to call peaceably to them. ¹⁴And Benjamin came again at that time. And they gave them wives whom they had saved alive of the women of Jā'-bēsh-gīl'-ē-ād. And yet so they were not enough for them. ¹⁵And the people repented themselves for Benjamin, because the LORD had made a break in the tribes of Israel.

¹⁶When the elders of the congregation said, What shall we do for wives for those who are left, since the women are destroyed out of Benjamin? ¹⁷And they said, *There must be* an inheritance for those of Benjamin who have escaped, so that a tribe may not be destroyed out of Israel. ¹⁸However, we may not give them wives of our daughters. For the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed is he who gives a wife to Benjamin. ¹⁹Then they said, Behold, there is a feast of the LORD in Shī'-lōh early on the north side of Bethel, on the east side of the highway that goes up from Bethel to Shechem, and on the south of Lē-bō'-nāh. ²⁰Therefore they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards, ²¹and see, and behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in dances, then you come out of the vineyards and catch you a wife for every man from the daughters of Shī'-lōh, and go to the land of Benjamin. ²²And it shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to us to complain, that we will say to them, Be favorable to them for our sakes, because we did not reserve each man a wife in the war — for if you did not give to them at this time, you should be guilty. ²³And the children of Benjamin did so, and took wives according to their number, from those that danced, whom they caught. And they went and returned to their inheritance, and repaired the cities and lived in them. ²⁴And the children of Israel departed from there at that time, each man to his tribe and to his family. And they went out from there every man to his inheritance. ²⁵In those days there was no king in Israel. Every man did right in his own eyes.

The Book of RUTH

CHAPTER 1

¹Now in the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Bethlehem-judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²And the name of the man was Ē-līm'-ē-lēch, and the name of his wife Nā'-ō-mī, and the name of his two sons Māh'-lōn and Chī'-lī-ōn, Ēph'-rā-thītes of Bethlehem-judah. And they came to the country of Moab and stayed there. ³And Ē-līm'-ē-lēch, Naomi's husband, died. And she was left, and her two sons. ⁴And they took wives for themselves from the women of Moab. The name of the one was Ōr'-pāh, and the name of the other Ruth. And they lived there about ten years. ⁵And Māh'-lōn and Chī'-lī-ōn also died, both of them. And the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law so that she might return from the country of Moab. For she had heard in the country of Moab how the LORD had visited His people in giving them bread. ⁷Therefore she went forth out of the place where she was, and her two daughters-in-law with her, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸And Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, Go, return each one to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹May the LORD grant you that you may find rest, each in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice and wept.

¹⁰And they said to her, Surely we will return with you to your people. ¹¹And Naomi said, Turn again, my daughters. Why will you go with me? Are there still any more sons in my womb, that they may be your husbands? ¹²Turn again, my daughters, go. For I am too old to have a husband. If I should say, I have hope, if I should have a husband also tonight, and should also bear sons, would you wait for them until they were grown? ¹³Would you wait for them from having husbands? No, my daughters, for it makes me very sad for your sakes that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me. ¹⁴And they lifted up their voice and wept again. And Ōr'-pāh kissed her mother-in-law. But Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵And she said, Behold, Your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods. Return after your sister-in-law. ¹⁶And Ruth said, Do not beg me to leave you or to return from following after you. For where you go, I will go. Where you stay, I will stay. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die, I will die, and there I will be buried. *May* the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if anything* but death parts you and me. ¹⁸When she saw that she was determined to go with her, then she quit speaking to her.

¹⁹So the two of them went until they came to Bethlehem. And when they had come to Bethlehem, all the city was moved about them, and they said, Is this Naomi? ²⁰And she said to them, Do not call me Naomi, call me Mara. For the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. ²¹I went out full, and the LORD has brought me home again empty. Why then do you call me Naomi, since the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has afflicted me? ²²So Naomi returned; and Ruth, who was of Moab, her daughter-in-law, was with her — returning out of the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest.

CHAPTER 2

¹And Naomi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty man of wealth, of the family of Ē-līm'-ē-lēch. And his name was Bō'-āz. ²And Ruth of Moab said to Naomi, Let me now go to the field and glean ears of grain after *him* in whose sight I shall find grace. And she said to her, Go, my daughter. ³And she went. And she came and gleaned in the field after the reapers. And she happened to come upon a part of the field of Boaz, who was of the kindred of Ē-līm'-ē-lēch.

⁴And behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem and said to the reapers, The LORD be with you. And they answered him, The LORD bless you. ⁵Then Boaz said to his servant who was set over the reapers, Whose girl is this? ⁶And the servant who was set over the reapers answered and said, It is the girl from Moab who came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab. ⁷And she said, I pray you, let me glean and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. So she came, and has kept on even from the morning until now, but that she stayed a little in the house. ⁸Then Boaz said to Ruth, Do you not hear, my daughter? Do not go to glean in another field, neither go away from here, but stay here close by my maidens. ⁹Let your eyes be on the field that they reap, and go after them. Have I not commanded the young men that they shall not touch you? And when you are thirsty, go to the vessels and drink of that which the young men have drawn. ¹⁰Then she fell on her face and bowed herself to the ground, and said to him, Why have I found grace in your eyes, that you should take notice of me, since I am a stranger? ¹¹And Boaz answered and said to her, It has been fully shown to me all that you have done to your mother-in-law since the death of your husband, and how you have left your father and your mother and the land of your birth, and have come to a people whom you did not know before now. ¹²May the LORD repay your work, and may a full reward be given you from the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to trust.

¹³Then she said, Let me find favor in your sight, my lord, for you have comforted me; for you have spoken kindly to your handmaid, though I am not like one of your handmaidens. ¹⁴And Boaz said to her,

At mealtime come here and eat of the bread and dip your bit in the vinegar. And she sat beside the reapers. And he handed her parched grain, and she ate and was satisfied, and left. ¹⁵And when she had risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and do not rebuke her. ¹⁶And also let *some* of the handfuls fall on purpose for her, and leave *them* so that she may glean *them*, and do not rebuke her. ¹⁷So she gleaned in the field until the evening, and beat out what she had gleaned. And it was about an ephah of barley.

¹⁸And she took it up and went into the city. And her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned. And she brought it forth, and gave to her what she had kept after she was satisfied. ¹⁹And her mother-in-law said to her, Where have you gleaned today? And where did you work? Blessed is he who took notice of you. And she told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked, and said, The man's name with whom I worked today is Boaz. ²⁰And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, Blessed is he of the LORD, who has not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said to her, The man is near of kin to us, one of our near kinsman. ²¹And Ruth of Moab said, He said to me also, You shall keep close by my young men until they have ended all my harvest. ²²And Naomi said to her daughter-in-law Ruth, Good, my daughter. You go out with his maidens so that they do not fall upon you in any other field. ²³So she kept close by the maidens of Boaz to glean until the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest. And she lived with her mother-in-law.

CHAPTER 3

¹Then her mother-in-law Naomi said to her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for you so that it may be well with you? ²And now is not Boaz of our kindred, *he* with whose maidens you were? Behold, he winnows barley tonight in the threshing-floor. ³Therefore wash yourself, and anoint yourself, and put your clothing upon you, and go down to the floor. Do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴And when he lies down, you mark the place where he lies, and you shall go in and uncover his feet and lie down. And he will tell you what you shall do. ⁵And she said to her, All that you say to me I will do.

⁶And she went down to the floor and did according to all that her mother-in-law had told her. ⁷And when Boaz had eaten and had drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the heap of grain. And she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down. ⁸And at midnight the man was afraid and turned himself. And behold, a woman lay at his feet. And he said, Who are you? ⁹And she answered, I am Ruth your handmaid. Therefore spread your skirt over your handmaid, for

you are a near kinsman. ¹⁰And he said, Blessed are you of the LORD, my daughter, for you have shown more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, in that you did not follow young men, whether poor or rich. ¹¹And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do to you all that you ask. For all the city of my people knows that you are a woman of virtue. ¹²And now it is true that I am your near kinsman. However, there is a kinsman nearer than I am. ¹³Stay tonight, and in the morning if he will perform to you the part of a kinsman, it shall be good. Let him do the kinsman's part. But if he will not do the part of a kinsman to you, then I will do the part of a kinsman to you, as the LORD lives. Lie down until the morning.

¹⁴And she lay at his feet until the morning. And she rose up before one could know another. And he said, Do not let it be known that a woman came to the floor. ¹⁵Also he said, Bring the veil that you have upon you, and hold it. And when she held it, he measured six *measures* of barley and laid it on her. And she went to the city. ¹⁶And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, Who are you, my daughter? And she told her all that the man had done to her. ¹⁷And she said, These six *measures* of barley he gave to me. For he said to me, Do not go empty to your mother-in-law. ¹⁸Then she said, Sit still, my daughter, until you know how the matter will fall. For the man will not rest until he has finished the thing this day.

CHAPTER 4

¹Then Boaz went up to the gate and sat down there. And behold, the kinsman of whom Boaz spoke came by — *and* unto *him* he said, Ho, such a one! Turn aside, sit down here. And he turned aside and sat down. ²And he took ten men of the elders of the city and said, Come sit down here. And they sat down. ³And he said to the kinsman, Naomi, who has come again out of the country of Moab, sells a parcel of land which was our brother Ē-lim'-ĕ-lĕch's. ⁴And I said I will tell it in your ear, saying, Buy it before those who live here, and before the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, redeem it. But if you will not redeem it, then tell me so that I may know. For there is none to redeem it besides you. And I am after you. And he said, I will redeem it. ⁵Then Boaz said, That day you buy the field from the hand of Naomi, you must buy it also from the hand of Ruth of Moab, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. ⁶And the kinsman said, I cannot redeem it for myself, lest I mar my own inheritance. You redeem my right to yourself, for I cannot redeem it. ⁷Now this was *the custom* in former times in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning changing, in order to make all things sure. A man plucked off his shoe and gave it to his neighbor. And this was a testimony in Israel. ⁸Therefore the kinsman said to Boaz, Buy it for yourself. So he drew off his shoe.

⁹And Boaz said to the elders and to all the people, You are witnesses this day that I have bought all that was Ē-līm'-ě-lěch's and all that was Chī'-lī-ōn's and Mäh'-lōn's, from the hand of Naomi. ¹⁰Moreover Ruth of Moab, the wife of Mäh'-lōn, I have purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, so that the name of the dead may not be cut off from among his brothers and from the gate of his place. You are witnesses this day. ¹¹And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, *We are* witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who has come into your house like Rachel and like Leah, *for these* two built the house of Israel. And may you be blessed in Ēph'-rā-tāh, and be famous in Bethlehem. ¹²And let your house be like the house of Phār'-ěz, whom Tā'-mār bore to Judah, of the seed which the LORD shall give you of this young woman.

¹³So Boaz took Ruth, and she was his wife. And when he went in to her, the LORD made her conceive. And she bore a son. ¹⁴And the women said to Naomi, Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without a redeemer, so that his name may be famous in Israel. ¹⁵And he shall be to you as one who gives *you* back your life, and one who cheers your old age. For your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is better to you than seven sons, has borne him. ¹⁶And Naomi took the child and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse to it. ¹⁷And the women, her neighbors, gave it a name, saying, There is a son born to Naomi. And they called his name Ō'-bēd. He is the father of Jesse, the father of David.

¹⁸Now these are the generations of Phār'-ěz. Phār'-ěz fathered Hěz'-rōn, ¹⁹and Hěz'-rōn fathered Ram, and Ram fathered Ām-mīn'-ā-dāb, ²⁰and Ām-mīn'-ā-dāb fathered Nāh'-shōn, and Nāh'-shōn fathered Sāl'-mōn, ²¹and Sāl'-mōn fathered Bō'-āz, and Boaz fathered Ō'-bēd, ²²and Ō'-bēd fathered Jesse, and Jesse fathered David.

The FIRST Book of SAMUEL

CHAPTER 1

¹Now there was a certain man of Rā-mā-thā'-im-zō'-phīm, of Mount Ē'-phrā-im, and his name was Ēl-kā'-nāh, the son of Jē-rō'-hām, the son of Ē-lī'-hū, the son of Tō'-hū, the son of Zuph, an Ēph'-rā-thīte. ²And he had two wives. The name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other was Pē-nīn'-nāh. And Pē-nīn'-nāh had children, but Hannah had no children. ³And this man went up out of his city from year to year, to worship and to sacrifice to the LORD of hosts in Shī'-lōh. And the two sons of Eli, Hōph'-nī and Phīn'-ē-hās, the priests of the LORD, were there.

⁴And when the time came that Ēl-kā'-nāh offered, he gave portions to Pē-nīn'-nāh his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters. ⁵But to Hannah he gave a worthy portion, for he loved Hannah. But the LORD had shut up her womb. ⁶And her foe also provoked her grievously, in order to make her fret, because the LORD had shut up her womb. ⁷And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of the LORD, so she provoked her. Therefore she wept, and did not eat. ⁸Then Ēl-kā'-nāh her husband said to her, Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart grieved? Am I not better to you than ten sons?

⁹So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shī'-lōh and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest sat upon a seat by a post of the temple of the LORD. ¹⁰And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed to the LORD, and wept sorely. ¹¹And she vowed a vow and said, O Lord of hosts, if Thou wilt indeed look upon the affliction of Thy handmaid and remember me, and not forget Thy handmaid, but will give unto Thy handmaid a man-child, then I will give him to the LORD all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

¹²And as she continued praying before the LORD, Eli noticed her mouth. ¹³Now Hannah spoke in her heart — only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard. Therefore Eli thought she had become drunk. ¹⁴And Eli said to her, How long will you be drunken? Put away your wine from you! ¹⁵And Hannah answered, No, my lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit. I have neither drunk wine nor strong drink, but have poured out my soul before the LORD. ¹⁶Do not count your handmaid for a daughter of Bē'-lī-āl, for out of the abundance of my meditation and grief I have spoken until now. ¹⁷Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace, and the God of Israel grant to you your petition that you have asked of Him. ¹⁸And she said, Let your handmaid find grace in your sight. So the woman went her way and ate, and her face was no longer sad.

¹⁹And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Rā'-māh. And Ēl-kā'-nāh knew Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her. ²⁰Therefore when the time had come after Hannah had conceived, she bore a son and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the LORD. ²¹And the man Ēl-kā'-nāh and all his house went up to offer to the LORD the yearly sacrifice and his vow. ²²But Hannah did not go up. For she said to her husband, *I will not go up* until the child is weaned, and then I will bring him so that he may appear before the LORD and stay there forever. ²³And Ēl-kā'-nāh her husband said to her, Do what seems good to you. Stay until you have weaned him. Only the LORD establish His word. So the woman stayed and gave her son suck until she weaned him.

²⁴And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bulls and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and brought him to the house of the LORD in Shiloh. And the child was young. ²⁵And they killed a bull, and brought the child to Eli. ²⁶And she said, O my lord, as your soul lives, my lord, I am the woman who stood by you here, praying to the LORD. ²⁷For this child I was praying, and the LORD has given me my petition which I asked of Him. ²⁸Therefore I have returned him to the LORD. As long as he lives he shall be given to the LORD. And he worshipped the LORD there.

CHAPTER 2

¹And Hannah prayed and said, My heart rejoices in the LORD, my horn is exalted in the LORD. My mouth is enlarged over my enemies, because I rejoice in Thy salvation. ²*There is none* holy as the LORD, for *there is none* beside Thee. Neither *is there* any rock like our God. ³Talk no more so very proudly. Remove arrogancy out of your mouth, for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by Him actions are weighed. ⁴The bows of the mighty men are broken, and they that stumbled are girded with strength. ⁵*They that were* full have hired themselves out for bread, and *they that were* hungry ceased — so that the barren has borne seven, and she that has many children has become feeble. ⁶The LORD kills and makes alive. He brings down to the grave, and brings up. ⁷The LORD makes poor, and makes rich. He brings low, and lifts up. ⁸He raises up the poor out of the dust, and lifts up the beggar from the dunghill to set *them* among princes and to make them inherit the throne of glory — for the pillars of the earth are the LORD's, and He has set the world upon them. ⁹He will keep the feet of his saints, and the wicked shall be silent in darkness, for by strength shall no man prevail. ¹⁰The foes of the LORD shall be broken to pieces. Out of heaven He shall thunder upon them. The LORD shall judge the ends

of the earth. And he shall give strength to the horn of His king, and exalt the horn of His anointed.

¹¹And Ēl-kā'-nāh went to Rā'-māh to his house. And the child served the LORD before Eli the priest.

¹²Now the sons of Eli were sons of Bē'-lī-āl. They did not know the LORD. ¹³And the priests' custom with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came while the flesh was boiling, with a flesh-hook of three teeth in his hand. ¹⁴And he stuck it into the pan or kettle or caldron or pot. All that the flesh-hook brought up the priest took for himself. So they did in Shī'-lōh unto all the Israelites that came there. ¹⁵Also before they burned the fat, the priest's servant came and said to the man who sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest. For he will not have boiled flesh from you, but raw! ¹⁶And if any man said to him, Let them not fail to burn the fat at once, and *then* take as your soul desires – then he would answer him, *No!* But you shall give it to me now! And if not, I will take *it* by force. ¹⁷Therefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD. For men hated the offering of the LORD.

¹⁸But Samuel served before the LORD, a child girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁹Moreover his mother made him a little coat, and brought it to him from year to year when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. ²⁰And Eli blessed Ēl-kā'-nāh and his wife, and said, *May* the LORD give you seed of this woman for the loan which is loaned to the LORD. And they went to their own home. ²¹And the LORD visited Hannah so that she conceived, and she bore three sons and two daughters. And the child Samuel grew before the LORD.

²²Now Eli was very old, and heard all that his sons did to all Israel, and how they lay with the women who gathered at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²³And he said to them, Why do you do such things? For I hear of your evil dealings by all the people. ²⁴No, my sons, for it is no good report that I hear. You make the LORD's people to cry out. ²⁵If one man sins against another, the judge shall judge him. But if a man sins against the LORD, who shall plead for him? But they did not listen to the voice of their father, because the LORD desired to kill them. ²⁶And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favor both with the LORD and also with men.

²⁷And there came a man of God to Eli, and said to him, Thus says the LORD: Did I plainly appear to the house of your father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? ²⁸And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be My priest, to offer upon My altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before Me? And did I give to the house of your father all the offerings made by fire from the children of Israel? ²⁹Why therefore do you kick at My sacrifices and My offerings, which

I have commanded *in My* house? Do you honor your sons above Me, to make yourselves fat with the best of all the offerings of Israel My people? ³⁰Therefore the LORD God of Israel says, I said indeed that your house and the house of your father should walk before Me forever. But now the LORD says, Be it far from Me. For those who honor Me I will honor, and those that think little of Me shall be lightly regarded. ³¹Behold, the days come when I will cut off your arm and the arm of your father's house, so that there shall not be an old man in your house. ³²And you shall see a rival in My house, in all *the good* which shall be done to Israel. And there shall not be an old man in your house forever. ³³And that man of yours whom I shall not cut off from My altar, shall be *left* in order to make your eyes fail, and to grieve your heart. And all the increase of your house shall die in the flower of their age.

³⁴And this shall be a sign to you, which shall come upon your two sons, on Höph'-nī and Phīn'-ē-hās — in one day both of them shall die. ³⁵And I will raise up a faithful priest unto Myself, *one* who shall do according to that which is in My heart and in My mind. And I will build him a sure house, and he shall walk before My anointed forever. ³⁶And everyone who is left in your house shall come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a piece of bread. And they shall say, I pray you, put me into one of the priests' offices so that I may eat a piece of bread.

CHAPTER 3

¹And the child Samuel served the LORD before Eli. And the word of the LORD was precious in those days. *There was* no open vision. ²And at that time, when Eli had lain down in his place, and his eyes began to become dim *so that* he could not see — ³and before the lamp of God went out in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was, and Samuel had lain down — ⁴the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, Here am I. ⁵And he ran to Eli, and said, Here am I. For you called me. And he said, I did not call — lie down again. And he went to lie down. ⁶And the LORD called still again, Samuel! And Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, Here am I, for you called me. And he answered, I did not call, my son. Lie down again. ⁷Now Samuel did not know the LORD, neither was the word of the LORD revealed to him. ⁸And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, Here am I, for you called me. And Eli saw that the LORD had called the child. ⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, Go lie down, and if He calls you, you shall say, Speak, LORD, for Thy servant hears. So Samuel went to lie down in his place. ¹⁰And the LORD came and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel! Then Samuel answered, Speak, for Thy servant hears.

¹¹And the LORD said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel at which both the ears of everyone who hears it shall tingle. ¹²In that day I will do against Eli all that which I have spoken as to his house. When I begin, I will also make an end. ¹³For I have told him that I will judge his house forever for the iniquity which he knows, because his sons made themselves vile and he did not hold them back. ¹⁴And therefore I have sworn to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering forever.

¹⁵And Samuel lay until morning, and opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel feared to show Eli the vision. ¹⁶Then Eli called Samuel and said, Samuel, my son. And he answered, Here am I. ¹⁷And he said, What is the thing that the LORD has said to you? I pray you, do not hide it from me. God do so to you, and more also, if you hide anything from me of all the things that He said to you. ¹⁸And Samuel told him all the things, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is the LORD; let Him do what seems good to Him.

¹⁹And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel, from Dan even to Bēer-shē-bā, knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of the LORD. ²¹And the LORD appeared again in Shiloh. For the LORD revealed himself to Samuel in Shī-lōh by the word of the LORD.

CHAPTER 4

¹And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and pitched beside Ēb-ēn-ē-zēr. And the Philistines pitched in Ā'-phēk. ²And the Philistines put themselves in order against Israel. And when they joined battle, Israel was beaten before the Philistines. And they killed about four thousand men of the army in the field.

³And when the people had come to the camp, the elders of Israel said, Why has the LORD beaten us today before the Philistines? Let us bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of Shiloh to us, so that when it comes among us it may save us out of the hand of our enemies. ⁴So the people sent to Shiloh in order to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD of hosts from there, *the ark* which dwells *between* the chēr'-ū-bīms. And the two sons of Eli, Hōph'-nī and Phīn'-ē-hās, were there with the ark of the covenant of God. ⁵And when the ark of the covenant of the LORD came into camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again. ⁶And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What does the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews *mean*? And they understood that the ark of the LORD had come into the camp. ⁷And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God has come into the camp. And

they said, Woe unto us! For there has not been such a thing until now. ⁸Woe unto us! Who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty Gods? These are the Gods that struck the Egyptians with all the plagues in the wilderness. ⁹Be strong and fight like men, O Philistines, so that you may not be servants to the Hebrews, as they have been to you. Be men and fight! ¹⁰And the Philistines fought, and Israel was beaten, and each one of them fled into his tent. And there was a very great slaughter, for there fell thirty thousand footmen of Israel. ¹¹And the ark of God was taken. And Hōph'-nī and Phīn'-ē-hās, the two sons of Eli, were slain.

¹²And a man of Benjamin ran out of the army. And *he* came to Shiloh the same day with his clothes torn and with earth upon his head. ¹³And when he came, lo, Eli sat upon a seat by the wayside watching. For his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city and told it, all the city cried out. ¹⁴And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What does the noise of this tumult *mean*? And the man hurried in and told Eli. ¹⁵Now Eli was ninety-eight years old, and his eyes were dim so that he could not see. ¹⁶And the man said to Eli, I am he who came out of the army, and I fled today out of the army. And he said, What is done there, my son? ¹⁷And the messenger answered and said, Israel has fled before the Philistines, and there has been a great slaughter among the people also. And also your two sons, Hōph'-nī and Phīn'-ē-hās, are dead, and the ark of God is taken. ¹⁸And when he spoke of the ark of God, he fell backward off the seat, by the side of the gate. And his neck broke, and he died, for he was an old man, and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years.

¹⁹And his daughter-in-law, Phinehas' wife, was with child, ready to be delivered. And when she heard the tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and travailed, for her pains came upon her. ²⁰And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said to her, Do not fear, for you have borne a son. But she did not answer, neither did she pay attention to it. ²¹And she named the child Ich'-ā-bōd, saying, The glory has departed from Israel — because the ark of God had been taken, and because of her father-in-law and her husband. ²²And she said, The glory is departed from Israel — for the ark of God is taken.

CHAPTER 5

¹And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it from Ēb-ēn-ē'-zēr to Āsh'-dōd. ²When the Philistines took the ark of God, they brought it into the house of Dā'-gōn, and set it beside Dā'-gōn. ³And when those of Āsh'-dōd arose early on the next day, behold, Dā'-gōn had fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And

they took Dā'-gōn and set him in his place again. ⁴And when they arose early on the next morning, behold, Dā'-gōn had fallen upon his face to the earth before the ark of the LORD. And the head of Dā'-gōn, and both the palms of his hands, were cut off upon the threshold. Only *the stump of Dā'-gōn* was left to him. ⁵Therefore neither the priests of Dā'-gōn, nor any that come into Dā'-gōn's house, tread on the threshold of Dā'-gōn in Āsh'-dōd unto this day. ⁶But the hand of the LORD was heavy upon the people of Āsh'-dōd, and He destroyed them and struck them with hemorrhoids [hēm'-ôr-rhoids], Āsh'-dōd and the borders of it. ⁷And when the men of Āsh'-dōd saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not stay with us. For His hand is sore upon us and upon Dā'-gōn our god. ⁸Therefore they sent and gathered all the lords of the Philistines to them. And *they* said, What shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be carried around to Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel around. ⁹And it was so, that after they had carried it around, the hand of the LORD was against the city with a very great destruction. And He struck the men of the city, both small and great, and they had hēm'-ôr-rhoids in their secret parts.

¹⁰Therefore they sent the ark of God to Ēk'-rōn. And as the ark of God came to Ēk'-rōn, the Ēk'-rōn-ites cried out, saying, They have brought around the ark of the God of Israel to us in order to kill us and our people. ¹¹So they sent and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God of Israel, and let it go again to its own place, so that it does not kill us and our people. For there was a deadly destruction throughout all the city. The hand of God was very heavy there. ¹²And the men that did not die were stricken with the hēm'-ôr-rhoids. And the cry of the city went up to heaven.

CHAPTER 6

¹And the ark of the LORD was in the country of the Philistines seven months. ²And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do to the ark of the LORD? Tell us what we shall send with it to its place. ³And they said, If you send away the ark of the God of Israel, do not send it empty. But in any case return Him a trespass offering. Then you shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why His hand is not removed from you. ⁴Then they said, What shall be the trespass offering which we shall return to Him? And they answered, Five golden hēm'-ôr-rhoids, and five golden mice, for the number of the lords of the Philistines. For one plague was upon you all, and upon your lords — ⁵therefore you shall make images of your hēm'-ôr-rhoids, and images of your mice which mar the land. And you shall give glory to the God of Israel. Perhaps He will lighten His hand

from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. ⁶Why then do you harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When He had worked wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and did they *not* depart? ⁷Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milk cows on which there has come no yoke, and tie the cows to the cart, and bring their calves home from them. ⁸And take the ark of the LORD and lay it upon the cart. And put the jewels of gold which you return to Him for a trespass offering in a box beside it. And send it away so that it may go. ⁹And watch – if it goes up by the way of its own border to Bēth-shē'-mēsh, then He has done us this great evil. But if not, then we shall know that it is not His hand that struck us. It was a chance that happened to us.

¹⁰And the men did so. And they took two milk cows and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home. ¹¹And they laid the ark of the LORD upon the cart, and the box with the mice of gold and the images of their hēm'-ôr-rhoids. ¹²And the cows took the straight way to the way of Bēth-shē'-mēsh, going along the highway, lowing as they went. And they did not turn aside to the right or to the left. And the lords of the Philistines went after them unto the border of Bēth-shē'-mēsh. ¹³And *the people of Bēth-shē'-mēsh* were reaping their wheat harvest in the valley. And they lifted up their eyes and saw the ark, and rejoiced to see it. ¹⁴And the cart came into the field of Joshua, a Bēth-shē'-mīte, and stood there *beside* a great stone. And they cut the wood of the cart and offered the cows as a burnt offering unto the LORD. ¹⁵And the Levites took down the ark of the LORD and the box that was in it, in which the jewels of gold were, and put them on the great stone. And the men of Bēth-shē'-mēsh offered burnt offerings and sacrificed sacrifices the same day unto the LORD. ¹⁶And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen *it*, they returned to Ēk'-rōn the same day. ¹⁷And these are the golden hēm'-ôr-rhoids which the Philistines returned for a trespass offering unto the LORD – for Āsh'-dōd one, for Gā'-zā one, for Ās'-kē-lōn one, for Gath one, for Ēk'-rōn one. ¹⁸And the golden mice were *according to* the number of all the cities of the Philistines *belonging to* the five lords, of fenced cities and of country villages, even to the great *stone of Abel*, on which they set down the ark of the LORD. *This stone remains* unto this day in the field of Joshua the Bēth-she'-mīte.

¹⁹And He struck the men of Bēth-shē'-mēsh because they had looked into the ark of the LORD. He even struck fifty-three thousand and ten men of the people. And the people lamented because the LORD had struck many of the people with a great slaughter. ²⁰And the men of Bēth-shē'-mēsh said, Who is able to stand before this holy LORD God? And to whom shall He go up from us? ²¹And they sent messengers to the people of Kīr-jāth-jē'-ā-rīm, saying, The Philistines have brought again the ark of the LORD. Come down and bring it up to yourselves.

CHAPTER 7

¹And the men of Kīr-jāth-jē'-ā-rīm came and brought up the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Ā-bīn'-ā-dāb in the hill. And they sanctified Ēl-ē-ā'-zār his son to keep the ark of the LORD. ²And the ark remained in Kīr-jāth-jē'-ā-rīm a long time — for it was twenty years. And all the house of Israel yearned after the LORD.

³And Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel saying, If you do return to the LORD with all your hearts, *then* put away the strange gods and Āsh'-tā-rōth from among you, and prepare your hearts to the LORD, and serve Him only. And He will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. ⁴Then the children of Israel did put away Bā'-ā-līm and Āsh'-tā-rōth, and served the LORD only. ⁵And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Miz'-pēh, and I will pray for you unto the LORD. ⁶And they came together to Miz'-pēh, and drew water, and poured it out before the LORD, and fasted on that day. And they said there, We have sinned against the LORD. And Samuel judged the children of Israel in Miz'-pēh. ⁷And when the Philistines heard that the children of Israel had come together to Miz'-pēh, the lords of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children of Israel heard, they were afraid of the Philistines. ⁸And the children of Israel said to Samuel, Do not cease from crying unto the LORD our God for us, so that He will save us out of the hand of the Philistines.

⁹And Samuel took a suckling lamb, and offered it for a burnt offering wholly unto the LORD. And Samuel cried unto the LORD for Israel, and the LORD heard him. ¹⁰And as Samuel was offering up the burnt offering, the Philistines drew near to battle against Israel. But the LORD thundered with a great thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and troubled them. And they were beaten before Israel. ¹¹And the men of Israel went out of Miz'-pēh, and pursued the Philistines, and struck them until *they came* under Bēth'-cār. ¹²Then Samuel took a stone and set it between Miz'-pēh and Shen, and called the name of it Ēb-ēn-ē'-zēr, saying, The LORD has helped us until now.

¹³So the Philistines were beaten, and they did not come any more into the border of Israel. And the hand of the LORD was against the Philistines all the days of Samuel. ¹⁴And the cities which the Philistines had taken from Israel were given back to Israel, from Ek'-rōn even unto Gath. And Israel delivered the borders of it out of the hands of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Amorites.

¹⁵And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life. ¹⁶And he went from year to year in a circuit to Bethel and Gīl'-gāl and Miz'-pēh, and judged Israel in all those places. ¹⁷And his return was to Rā'-māh, for his house was there. And he judged Israel there. And he built an altar there unto the LORD.

CHAPTER 8

¹And when Samuel was old, he made his sons judges over Israel. ²Now the name of his first-born was Joel, and the name of his second was Ā-bī'āh, judges in Bēer-shē'-bā. ³And his sons did not walk in his ways, but turned aside after ill gain and took bribes and perverted judgment. ⁴Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together and came to Samuel unto Rā'-māh. ⁵And they said to him, Behold, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

⁶But the thing was evil in the eyes of Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. ⁷And the LORD said unto Samuel, Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you. For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. ⁸According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt even until this day — *works* with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods — so they do also to you. ⁹Now therefore listen to their voice. However, still protest solemnly to them, and show them the kind of king who shall reign over them.

¹⁰And Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked a king of him. ¹¹And he said, This will be the kind of king who shall reign over you. He shall take your sons and appoint *them* for himself, for his chariots, and to be his horsemen. And *some* shall run before his chariots. ¹²And he will appoint him captains over thousands, and captains over fifties. And *some* will have to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and make his weapons of war and things for his chariots. ¹³And he will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. ¹⁴And he will take your fields and your vineyards and your olive-yards, the best, and give *them* to his servants. ¹⁵And he will take the tenth of your seed and of your vineyards, and give it to his officers and to his servants. ¹⁶And he will take your men-servants and your maid-servants, and your finest young men, and your asses, and put them to his work. ¹⁷He will take the tenth of your sheep, and you shall be his servants. ¹⁸And you shall cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen, and the LORD will not hear you in that day.

¹⁹Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel. And they said, No, but we will have a king over us, ²⁰so that we also may be like all the nations, so that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles. ²¹And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the ears of the LORD. ²²And the LORD said to Samuel, Listen to their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said to the men of Israel, Every man go to his city.

CHAPTER 9

¹Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Ā-bī'-ēl, the son of Zē'-rôr, the son of Bě-chō'-rāth, the son of Ā-phī'-āh, a Benjamite, a mighty man of power. ²And he had a son whose name was Saul, a choice young man and a goodly one. And there was not a more handsome one than he among all the children of Israel. From his shoulders and upward he was taller than any of the people. ³And the asses of Kish, Saul's father, were lost. And Kish said to Saul his son, Now take one of the servants with you and rise, and go look for the asses. ⁴And he passed through Mount Ephraim, and passed through the land of Shāl'-ī-shā, but they did not find them. Then they passed through the land of Shā'-līm, and did not. And he passed through the land of the Benjamites, but they did not find *them*. ⁵And when they had come to the land of Zûph, Saul said to his servant who was with him, Come and let us return — lest my father quit *caring* for the asses, and be anxious about us. ⁶And he said to him, Behold now, in this city is a man of God, and an honorable man. All that he says surely comes to pass. Now let us go there. Perhaps he can show us our way that we should go. ⁷Then Saul said to his servant, But behold, if we go, what shall we bring the man? For the bread in our vessels is gone, and *there is* no present to bring to the man of God. What do we have? ⁸And the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I have here at hand the fourth part of a shekel of silver. I will give *it* to the man of God to tell us our way. ⁹(In the old days in Israel, when a man went to inquire of God, he spoke in this way — Come, let us go to the seer — for a prophet was in the old days called a seer.) ¹⁰Then Saul said to his servant, Your word is good. Come, let us go. So they went into the city where the man of God was.

¹¹And as they went up the hill to the city, they found young maidens going out to draw water. And *they* said to them, Is the seer here? ¹²And they answered them and said, He is. Behold, *he is* before you. Hurry now, for he came today to the city, for there is a feast of the people today in the high place. ¹³As soon as you have come to the city, you shall immediately find him before he goes up to the high place to eat. For the people will not eat until he comes, because he blesses the feast. Afterwards those who have been invited eat. Now therefore go up, for about this time you shall find him. ¹⁴And they went up into the city. When they had come into the city, behold, Samuel came out across from them to go up to the high place.

¹⁵Now the LORD had told Samuel in his ear a day before Saul came, saying, ¹⁶Tomorrow about this time I will send you a man out of the land of Benjamin. And you shall anoint him to be captain over My people Israel, so that he may save My people out of the hand of the

Philistines. For I have looked upon My people because their cry has come to Me. ¹⁷And when Samuel saw Saul, the LORD said to him, Behold the man whom I spoke to you of! This one shall reign over My people.

¹⁸Then Saul drew near to Samuel in the gate and said, I pray you, tell me where the seer's house is. ¹⁹And Samuel answered Saul and said, I am the seer. Go up before me to the high place. For you shall eat with me today, and tomorrow I will let you go, and will tell you all that is in your heart. ²⁰And as for your asses that were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them. For they are found. And on whom is all the desire of Israel? Is it not on you and on all your father's house? ²¹And Saul answered and said, Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of all the tribes of Israel? And is not my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak so to me? ²²And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the parlor, and made them sit in the chief place among those who had been invited, about thirty persons. ²³And Samuel said to the cook, Bring that part which I gave you, of which I said to you, Set it beside you. ²⁴And the cook took up the shoulder and *that* which was upon it, and set it before Saul. And *Samuel* said, Behold that which is reserved! Set it before you and eat. For until this time it has been kept for you, since I said, I have invited the people. So Saul ate with Samuel that day.

²⁵And when they had come down from the high place into the city, *Samuel* talked with Saul upon the top of the house. ²⁶And they arose early. And it came to pass about the spring of the day that Samuel called Saul to the top of the house, saying, Up! so that I may send you away. And Saul arose, and both of them went out, he and Samuel, outside. ²⁷And as they were going down to the end of the city, Samuel said to Saul, Tell the servant to pass on before us (and he passed on), but you stand still awhile, so that I may show you the word of God.

CHAPTER 10

¹Then Samuel took a vial of oil and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD has anointed you to be captain over His inheritance? ²When you have departed from me today, then you shall find two men by Rachel's tomb in the border of Benjamin at Zēl'-zāh. And they will say to you, The asses which you went to seek are found. And lo, your father has quit caring for the asses and sorrows for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? ³Then you shall go forward from there, and you shall come to the plain of Tabor. And there you shall meet three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine. ⁴And they will greet you and give you two *loaves* of bread, which you shall take from their hands.

⁵After that you shall come to the hill of God, where the garrison of the Philistines is. And when you have come there to the city, you shall meet a company of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery and a *tāb'-rēt* and a pipe and a harp before them. And they shall prophesy. ⁶And the spirit of the LORD will come upon you, and you shall prophesy with them, and shall be turned into another man. ⁷And when these signs have come unto you, you will do as you shall find occasion, for God is with you. ⁸And you shall go down before me to *Gil'-gāl*. And behold, I will come down to you to offer burnt offerings and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace offerings. You shall stay seven days until I come to you and show you what you shall do.

⁹And it was *so*, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart. And all those signs came to pass that day. ¹⁰And when they came there to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him. And the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. ¹¹And when all who knew him before saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said to one another, What is this that has happened to the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets? ¹²And one from the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets? ¹³And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

¹⁴And Saul's uncle said to him and to his servant, Where did you go? And he said, To look for the asses. And when we saw that *they* were nowhere to be found, we came to Samuel. ¹⁵And Saul's uncle said, Tell me, I pray you, what Samuel said to you. ¹⁶And Saul said to his uncle, He told us plainly that the asses were found. But he did not tell him of the matter of the kingdom of which Samuel spoke.

¹⁷And Samuel called the people together to the LORD to *Miz'-pēh*. ¹⁸And he said to the children of Israel, Thus says the LORD God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all kingdoms, and of those who oppressed you. ¹⁹And you have this day rejected your God, who Himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations. And you have said to Him, you shall set a king over us. Now therefore present yourselves before the LORD by your tribes and by your thousands. ²⁰And when Samuel had caused all the tribes of Israel to come near, the tribe of Benjamin was taken. ²¹When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of *Mā'-trī* was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken.

And when they looked for him, he could not be found. ²²Therefore they inquired of the LORD further, if the man would still come to that place. And the LORD answered, Behold, he has hidden himself among the stuff. ²³And they ran and brought him from there. And when he

stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. ²⁴And Samuel said to all the people, Do you see him whom the LORD has chosen, that *there is none like him among all the people?* And all the people shouted, and said, Let the king live! ²⁵Then Samuel told the people what kind of kingdom it was to be, and wrote it in a book and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

²⁶And Saul also went home to Gīb'-ē-āh. And a band of men went with him, whose hearts God had touched. ²⁷But the children of Bē'-lī-āl said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him and brought him no presents. But he held his peace.

CHAPTER 11

¹Then Nā'-hāsh the Ammonite came up and camped against Jā'-bēsh-gīl'-ē-ād. And all the men of Jā'-bēsh said to Nā'-hāsh, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve you. ²And Nā'-hāsh the Ammonite answered them, By this I will make a *covenant* with you, that I may put out all your right eyes and lay it for a reproach upon all Israel. ³And the elders of Jā'-bēsh said to him, Bear with us seven days, so that we may send messengers to all the coasts of Israel. And then if there is no man to save us, we will come out to you.

⁴Then the messengers came to Gīb'-ē-āh of Saul, and told the tidings in the ears of the people. And all the people lifted up their voices and wept. ⁵And behold, Saul came after the herd out of the field. And Saul said, What *is wrong with* the people that they weep? And they told him the tidings of the men of Jā'-bēsh. ⁶And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly. ⁷And he took a yoke of oxen and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the coasts of Israel by the hands of messengers, saying, Whoever does not come forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done to his oxen. And the fear of the LORD fell upon the people, and they came out with one consent. ⁸And when he numbered them in Bē'-zēk, the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. ⁹And they said to the messengers that came, So shall you say to the men of Jā'-bēsh-gīl'-ē-ād, Tomorrow by the time the sun is hot, you shall have help. And the messengers came and showed it to the men of Jā'-bēsh, and they were glad.

¹⁰Therefore the men of Jā'-bēsh said, Tomorrow we will come out to you, and you shall do with us all that seems good to you. ¹¹And it was so on the next day, that Saul put the people in three companies, and they came into the middle of the army at the morning watch. And they killed the Amorites until the heat of the day. And the ones who remained were scattered, so that two of them were not left

together. ¹²And the people said to Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? Bring the men so that we may put them to death. ¹³And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day – for today the LORD has worked salvation in Israel. ¹⁴Then Samuel said to the people, Come and let us go to Gīl'-gāl and renew the kingdom there. ¹⁵And all the people went to Gīl'-gāl. And there they made Saul king before the LORD in Gīl'-gāl, and there they sacrificed sacrifices of peace offerings before the LORD. And there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

CHAPTER 12

¹And Samuel said to all Israel, Behold, I have listened to your voice in all that you said to me, and have made a king over you. ²And now, behold, the king walks before you. And I am old and gray-headed, and, behold, my sons are with you. And I have walked before you from my childhood unto this day. ³Behold, here I am. Witness against me before the LORD and before His anointed. Whose ox have I taken? Or whose ass have I taken? Or whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? Or from whose hand have I received a bribe, to blind my eyes with it? And I will restore it to you. ⁴And they said, You have not defrauded us nor oppressed us, neither have you taken anything from any man's hand. ⁵And he said to them, The LORD is witness against you, and His anointed is witness this day, that you have not found anything in my hand. And they answered, *He is witness.*

⁶And Samuel said to the people, It is the LORD who made Moses and Aaron, and who brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. ⁷Now therefore stand still, so that I may reason with you before the LORD of all the righteous acts of the LORD which He did to you and to your fathers. ⁸When Jacob had come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto the LORD, then the LORD sent Moses and Aaron, who brought forth your fathers out of Egypt and made them live in this place. ⁹And when they forgot the LORD their God, He sold them into the hand of Sis'-ē-rā, captain of the army of Hā'-zôr, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they fought against them. ¹⁰And they cried unto the LORD, and said, We have sinned because we have forsaken the LORD, and have served Bā'-ā-līm and Āsh'-tā-rôth. But now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve Thee. ¹¹And the LORD sent Jēr-üb-bā'-āl, and Bē'-dān, and Jēph'-thāh, and Samuel, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, and you lived safely. ¹²And when you saw that Nā'-hāsh the king of the children of Ammon came against you, you said unto me, No, but a king shall reign over us – when the LORD your God was

your King. ¹³Now therefore, behold the king whom you have chosen, whom you have desired! And behold, the LORD has set a king over you! ¹⁴If you will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey His voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then both you and also the king who reigns over you shall continue following the LORD your God. ¹⁵But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then the hand of the LORD shall be against you as it was against your fathers.

¹⁶Now therefore stand and see this great thing which the LORD shall do before your eyes. ¹⁷Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call unto the LORD, and He shall send thunder and rain, so that you may perceive and see that your wickedness is great — *your wickedness* which you have done in the sight of the LORD, in asking a king for you. ¹⁸So Samuel called unto the LORD. And the LORD sent thunder and rain that day. And all the people greatly feared the LORD and Samuel. ¹⁹And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for your servants unto the LORD your God, so that we will not die. For we have added this evil to all our sins, to ask a king for us. ²⁰And Samuel said to the people, Do not fear. You have done all this wickedness. Yet do not turn aside from following the LORD, but serve the LORD with all your heart. ²¹And do not turn aside after vanities, which cannot profit nor deliver. For they are vain. ²²For the LORD will not forsake His people for His great name's sake — because it has pleased the LORD to make you His people. ²³Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you. But I will teach you the good and the right way. ²⁴Only fear the LORD, and serve Him in truth with all your heart. For consider what great things He has done for you. ²⁵But if you shall still do wickedly, you shall be consumed, both you and your king.

CHAPTER 13

¹Saul reigned one year. And when he had reigned two years over Israel, ²Saul chose three thousand *men* of Israel for himself — two thousand *of these* were with Saul in Mich'-māsh and in Mount Bethel, and a thousand were with Jōn'-ā-thān in Gīb'-ē-āh of Benjamin. And of the rest of the people he sent each man to his tent. ³And Jonathan struck the company of the Philistines that was in Gē'-bā, and the Philistines heard *of it*. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. ⁴And all Israel heard say that Saul had struck a garrison of the Philistines, and that Israel also did stink in the nostrils of the Philistines. And the people were called together to Gil'-gāl after Saul.

⁵And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel — thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and

is on the seashore in multitude. And they Mīch'-māsh, eastward from Bēth-ā'-vën. ⁶And that they were in a tight place (for the men the people hid themselves in caves, rocks, and in high places, and in pits. ⁷And over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. Gīl'-gāl, and all the people followed him seven days, according to the time that did not come to Gīl'-gāl. And the people and Saul said, Bring a burnt offering here. And he offered the burnt offering. ¹⁰And and of offering the burnt offering, behold,

let him so that he might greet him. ¹¹And you done? And Saul said, Because I saw fled from me, and that you did not come and that the Philistines gathered themselves, ¹²therefore I said, The Philistines will to Gīl'-gāl, and I have not made supplication. ¹³For I forced myself and offered a burnt offering to Saul, You have done foolishly. You contempt of the LORD your God, which He the LORD would have established your kingdom. ¹⁴But now your kingdom shall not go with Him a man after His own heart, and the LORD will not be captain over His people, because the LORD commanded you. ¹⁵And Jonathan went from Gīl'-gāl to Gīb'-ē-āh of Benjamin. About six hundred men present with him, about six hundred men his son, and the people present with Jonathan of Benjamin. But the Philistines camped

at the camp of the Philistines in three companies. ¹⁶And one company turned to the way to Ōph'-rāh, unto the other company turned to the way to Bēth-lehem. ¹⁷And the third company turned to the way of the border that is toward the wilderness. ¹⁹Now throughout all the land of Israel. For the Philistines make swords or spears. ²⁰But all the Philistines, each one to sharpen his sword, and his mattock. ²¹Yet they had no plow, and no coulter, and for the forks, and for the goads. ²²So in the day of battle there was no sword in the hand of any of the people that was in Israel. But with Saul and with Jonathan his

son there was found *sword and spear*. ²³And the garrison of the Philistines went out to the passage of Mich'-māsh.

CHAPTER 14

¹Now there was a day that Jonathan the son of Saul said to the young man who bore his armor, Come and let us go over to the Philistines' troop which is on the other side. But he did not tell his father. ²And Saul stayed in the furthest part of Gib'-ē-āh under a pomegranate [pōm'-grān-āte] tree which is in Mig'-rōn. And the people who were with him were about six hundred men. ³And Ā-hī'-āh, the son of Ā-hī'-tūb, Ich'-ā-bōd's brother, the son of Phīn'-ē-hās, the son of Eli, the LORD's priest in Shī'-lōh, was wearing an ephod. And the people did not know that Jonathan was gone.

⁴And between the passages by which Jonathan sought to go over to the Philistines' troop there was a sharp rock on the one side and a sharp rock on the other side. And the name of the one was Bō'-zēz, and the name of the other Sēn'-ēh. ⁵The front of the one was north over against Mich'-māsh, and the other southward over against Gib'-ē-āh. ⁶And Jonathan said to the young man who bore his armor, Come, and let us go over to the troop of these uncircumcised. It may be that the LORD will work for us. For there is no restraint to the LORD, to save by many or by few. ⁷And his armor-bearer said to him, Do all that is in your heart. Turn, *for* behold, I am with you according to your heart. ⁸Then Jonathan said, Behold, we will go over to these men, and we will show ourselves to them. ⁹If they say to us, stay until we come to you, then we will stand still in our place and will not go up to them. ¹⁰But if they say this, Come up to us — then we will go up, for the LORD has delivered them up into our hand. And this shall be a sign to us.

¹¹And both of them showed themselves to the troop of the Philistines. And the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they have hidden themselves. ¹²And the men of the troop answered Jonathan and his armor-bearer and said, Come up to us, and we will show you a thing. And Jonathan said to his armor-bearer, Come up after me, for the LORD has delivered them into the hand of Israel. ¹³And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and feet, and his armor-bearer after him. And they fell before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer killed after him. ¹⁴And that first slaughter which Jonathan and his armor-bearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were a half acre of land *which* a yoke of oxen might plow. ¹⁵And there was trembling in the army, in the field, and among all the people. The troop and the spoilers also trembled, and the earth quaked — so it was a very great trembling. ¹⁶And the watchmen of Saul in Gib'-ē-āh of Benjamin looked, and behold, the multitude

melted away, and they went on beating down *one another*. ¹⁷Then said Saul to the people who were with him, Number now and see who is gone from us. And when they had counted, behold, Jonathan and his armor-bearer were not *there*. ¹⁸And Saul said to Ā-hī'-āh, Bring the ark of God here. For the ark of God was at that time with the children of Israel.

¹⁹And while Saul talked to the priest, the noise that was in the army of the Philistines went on and grew greater. And Saul said to the priest, Withdraw your hand. ²⁰And Saul and all the people that were with him gathered themselves together. And they came to the battle. And, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow. *There was* a very great destruction. ²¹Moreover the Hebrews that were with the Philistines before that time, who went up with them into the camp all around, even they also *turned* to be with the Israelites who were with Saul and Jonathan. ²²Likewise all the men of Israel who had hidden themselves in Mount Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. ²³So the LORD saved Israel that day, and the battle passed over to Bēth-ā'-vēn.

²⁴And the men of Israel were distressed that day. For Saul had commanded the people, saying, Cursed is the man that eats any food until evening, so that I may be avenged on my enemies. So none of the people tasted any food. ²⁵And all the men of the land came to a woods, and there was honey on the ground. ²⁶And when the people had come into the woods, behold, the honey dropped. But no man put his hand to his mouth, for the people feared the oath. ²⁷But Jonathan did not hear when his father commanded the people with the oath. Therefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand and dipped it in a honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth. And his eyes were lightened. ²⁸Then one from the people answered and said, Your father strictly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed is the man who eats any food this day. And the people were weary. ²⁹Then Jonathan said, My father has troubled the land. I pray you, see how my eyes have been lightened because I tasted a little of this honey. ³⁰How much more if the people had happened to eat freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found? For would not there have been a much greater slaughter among the Philistines? ³¹And they struck the Philistines that day from Mīch'-māsh to Aī'-jā-lōn, and the people were very faint. ³²And the people flew upon the spoil, and took sheep and oxen and calves, and killed them on the ground. And the people ate them with the blood.

³³Then they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people sin against the LORD in that they eat *meat* with the blood. And he said, You have transgressed. Roll a great stone to me this day. ³⁴And Saul said, Disperse yourselves among the people and say to them, Let each man bring his ox here, and each man his sheep, and kill them here, and

eat. And do not sin against the LORD in eating with the blood. And each man of all the people brought his ox in his hand that night, and killed them there. ³⁵And Saul built an altar unto the LORD. The same was the first altar that he built unto the LORD.

³⁶And Saul said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night and spoil them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatever seems good to you. Then the priest said, Let us draw near here unto God. ³⁷And Saul asked counsel of God: Shall I go down after the Philistines? Wilt Thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But He answered him not that day. ³⁸And Saul said, Draw near here, all the chief of the people, and know and see what this sin has been this day. ³⁹For, as the LORD lives, He who saves Israel, though it is in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. But *there was* not a man among all the people *who* answered him. ⁴⁰Then he said to all Israel, You be on one side, and Jonathan my son and I will be on the other side. And the people said to Saul, Do what seems good to you. ⁴¹Therefore Saul said to the LORD God of Israel, Give a perfect *lot*.

And Saul and Jonathan were taken, but the people escaped. ⁴²And Saul said, Cast *lots* between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken. ⁴³Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what you have done. And Jonathan told him and said, I did but taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand, *and*, lo, I must die. ⁴⁴And Saul answered, God do so and more also, for you shall surely die, Jonathan. ⁴⁵And the people said to Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who has worked out this great salvation in Israel? God forbid! As the LORD lives, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground, for he has worked with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan, so that he did not die. ⁴⁶Then Saul went up from following the Philistines. And the Philistines went to their own place.

⁴⁷So Saul took the kingdom over Israel and fought against all his enemies on every side — against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zō'-bāh, and against the Philistines. And wherever he turned himself, he troubled *them*. ⁴⁸And he gathered an army and struck the Ā-māl'-ĕk-ītes, and delivered Israel out of the hands of those who spoiled them. ⁴⁹Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Īsh'-ū-ī, and Mēl-chī-shū'-ā. And the names of his two daughters: the name of the first-born was Mē'-rāb, and the name of the younger was Mī'-chāl. ⁵⁰And the name of Saul's wife was Ā-hīn'-ō-ām, the daughter of Ā-hī'-mā-āz. And the name of the captain of his army was Abner, the son of Ner, Saul's uncle. ⁵¹And Kīsh was the father of Saul. And Ner the father of Abner was the son of Ā-bī'-ĕl. ⁵²And there was heavy war against the Philistines all the days of Saul. And when Saul saw any strong man, or any brave man, he took him to himself.

CHAPTER 15

¹Samuel also said to Saul, The LORD sent me to anoint you to be king over His people, over Israel. Now therefore listen to the voice of the words of the LORD. ²Thus says the LORD of hosts, I remember that which Ām'-ā-lēk did to Israel, how he laid wait for him in the way when he came up from Egypt. ³Now go and strike Ām'-ā-lēk, and completely destroy all that they have, and do not spare them. But kill both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass. ⁴And Saul gathered the people together and numbered them in Tē-lā'im, two hundred thousand footmen and ten thousand men of Judah. ⁵And Saul came to a city of Ām'-ā-lēk and laid wait in the valley.

⁶And Saul said to the Kē'nītes, Go! Depart! Get down from among the Ā-māl'-ēk-ītes, lest I destroy you with them. For you showed kindness to all the children of Israel when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kē'nītes departed from among the Ā-māl'-ēk-ītes. ⁷And Saul struck the Ā-māl'-ēk-ītes from Hāv'-ī-lāh, *until* you come to Shūr, which is over across from Egypt. ⁸And he took Ā'-gāg the king of the Ā-māl'-ēk-ītes alive. And he completely destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword. ⁹But Saul and the people spared Agag and the best of the sheep and of the oxen and of the fatlings and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not completely destroy them. But everything that was vile and refuse they completely destroyed.

¹⁰Then the word of the LORD came to Samuel saying, ¹¹It repents Me that I have set up Saul to be king. For he has turned back from following Me and has not done My commandments. And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out unto the Lord all night. ¹²And when Samuel rose up early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told to Samuel, saying, Saul came to Cār'-mēl, and behold, he set up a place for himself, and has gone around and passed on and gone down to Gil'-gāl. ¹³And Samuel came to Saul. And Saul said to him, You are blessed of the LORD. I have done the commandment of the LORD. ¹⁴And Samuel said, What then does this bleating of the sheep in my ears *mean*? And *what* is the lowing of the oxen which I hear? ¹⁵And Saul said, They have brought them from the Ā-māl'-ēk-ītes. For the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen to sacrifice unto the LORD your God. And the rest we have completely destroyed.

¹⁶Then Samuel said to Saul, Wait, and I will tell you what the LORD has said to me this night. And he said to him, Say on. ¹⁷And Samuel said, When you were little in your own sight, were you not made the head of the tribes of Israel? And the LORD anointed you king over Israel. ¹⁸And the LORD sent you on a journey and said, Go and completely destroy the sinners, the Ā-māl'-ēk-ītes, and fight against them

until they have been destroyed. ¹⁹Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? *Why* did *you* fly upon the spoil and do evil in the sight of the LORD? ²⁰And Saul said to Samuel, Yes, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Ām'-ā-lēk, and have completely destroyed the Ā-māl'-ēk-ites. ²¹But the people took sheep and oxen from the spoil, the best of the things which should have been completely destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gil'-gāl. ²²And Samuel said, Does the LORD have *as much* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice! To listen *is better* than the fat of rams! ²³For rebellion is like the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is like iniquity and idol-worship. Behold! You have rejected the LORD! He has also rejected you from being king!

²⁴And Saul said to Samuel, I have sinned. For I have disobeyed the commandment of the LORD, and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. ²⁵Now therefore I pray you, pardon my sin and turn again with me so that I may worship the LORD. ²⁶And Samuel said to Saul, I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel. ²⁷And as Samuel turned around to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it tore. ²⁸And Samuel said to him, The LORD has torn the kingdom of Israel from you this day, and has given it to a neighbor of yours *who is* better than you. ²⁹And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent, for He is not a man that He should repent. ³⁰Then he said, I have sinned. *Yet* honor me now, I pray you, before the elders of my people and before Israel, and turn again with me so that I may worship the LORD your God. ³¹So Samuel turned again after Saul, and Saul worshipped the LORD.

³²Then Samuel said, Bring here to me Agag the king of the Ā-māl'-ēk-ites. And Agag came to him daintily. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. ³³And Samuel said, As your sword has made women childless, so shall your mother be childless among women. And Samuel cut Agag in pieces before the LORD in Gil'-gāl.

³⁴Then Samuel went to Rā'-māh. And Saul went up to his house to Gīb'-ē-āh of Saul. ³⁵And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death. Nevertheless Samuel mourned for Saul. And the LORD repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

CHAPTER 16

¹And the LORD said to Samuel, How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and go. I will send you to Jesse of Bethlehem. For I have

provided a king for Me among his sons. ²And Samuel said, How can I go? If Saul hears, he will kill me. And the LORD said, Take a heifer with you and say, I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. ³And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do. And you shall anoint unto Me *him* whom I name to you. ⁴And Samuel did that which the LORD spoke, and came to Bethlehem. And the elders of the town trembled at his coming and said, Do you come peaceably? ⁵And he said, Peaceably — I have come to sacrifice to the LORD. Sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and his sons, and called them to the sacrifice.

⁶And when they had come, he looked upon Ē-lī'-āb and said, Surely the LORD's anointed is before Him. ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, Do not look upon his face, nor upon his height, because I have refused him. For *the LORD* does not *see* as man sees. For man looks upon the outward appearance, but the LORD looks upon the heart. ⁸Then Jesse called Ā-bin'-ē-dāb and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither has the LORD chosen this one. ⁹Then Jesse made Shām'-māh to pass by. And he said, Neither has the LORD chosen this one. ¹⁰Again, Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said to Jesse, The LORD has not chosen these. ¹¹And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are all your children here? And he said, There remains yet the youngest, and behold, he keeps the sheep. And Samuel said to Jesse, Send and bring him, for we will not sit down until he comes here. ¹²And he sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy and altogether of a beautiful face, and goodly to look upon. And the LORD said, Arise, anoint him. For this is the one.

¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the midst of his brothers. And the spirit of the LORD came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up and went to Rā'-māh.

¹⁴But the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrified him. ¹⁵And Saul's servants said to him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God terrifies you. ¹⁶Let our lord now command his servants *who are* before you, to seek out a man *who is* a skillful player on a harp. And when the evil spirit from God is upon you, it shall come to pass that he shall play with his hand, and you shall be well. ¹⁷And Saul said to his servants, Give me now a man who can play well, and bring *him* to me. ¹⁸Then one of the servants answered and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Bēth'-lē-hēm-ite who is skillful in playing, and a mighty, brave man, and a man of war, and prudent in speech. And he is a person of good form, and the LORD is with him.

¹⁹Therefore Saul sent messengers to Jesse and said, Send me your son David, who is with the sheep. ²⁰And Jesse took an ass *loaded* with bread and a bottle of wine and a kid, and sent *them* by David his son

to Saul. ²¹And David came to Saul and stood before him. And he loved him greatly, and he became his armor-bearer. ²²And Saul sent to Jesse saying, I pray you, let David stand before me, for he has found favor in my sight. ²³And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took a harp and played with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

CHAPTER 17

¹Now the Philistines gathered their armies together, and had gathered together at Shō'-chōh, which *belongs* to Judah, and pitched between Shō'-chōh and Ā-zē'-kāh, in Ē'-phēs-dām'-mīm. ²And Saul and the men of Israel had gathered together and pitched by the valley of Ē'-lāh, and set the battle in order against the Philistines. ³And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side. And *there was* a valley between them.

⁴And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Gō-lī'-āth, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span. ⁵And *he had* a helmet of brass upon his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail. And the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of brass. ⁶And *he had* greaves of brass upon his legs and a buckler of brass between his shoulders. ⁷And the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam. And his spear's head *weighed* six hundred shekels of iron. And one went in front of him, carrying a shield. ⁸And he stood and cried to the armies of Israel, and said to them, Why have you come out to set your battle in order? Am I not a Philistine, and are you *not* servants to Saul? Choose a man for you, and let him come down to me. ⁹If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us. ¹⁰And the Philistine said, I defy the armies of Israel this day. Give me a man, so that we may fight together. ¹¹When Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid.

¹²Now David was the son of that Ēph'-rā'-thite of Bethlehem-judah whose name was Jesse. And Jesse had eight sons. And the man was an old man in the days of Saul. ¹³And the three oldest sons of Jesse went and followed Saul to the battle. And the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Ē-lī'-āb the first-born, and next to him Ā-bin'-ā-dāb, and the third Shām'-māh. ¹⁴And David was the youngest. And the three oldest followed Saul. ¹⁵And David went and returned from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Bethlehem. ¹⁶And the Philistine drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. ¹⁷And Jesse said to David his son, Now take for your brothers an ē'-phāh of this parched *grain*, and these ten loaves, and

run to the camp to your brothers. ¹⁸And carry these ten cheeses of milk to the captain of *their* thousand, and see how your brothers are faring, and take their pledge. ¹⁹Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of E'-lāh fighting with the Philistines.

²⁰And David rose up early in the morning and left the sheep with a keeper, and took and went as Jesse had commanded him. And he came to the trench as the army was going forth to fight, and shouted for the battle. ²¹For Israel and the Philistines had put the battle in order, army against army. ²²And David left his baggage in the hand of the keeper of the baggage and ran into the army, and came and greeted his brothers. ²³And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Gō-li'-āth by name, out of the armies of the Philistines, and spoke according to the same words. And David heard. ²⁴And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, ran from him and were very much afraid. ²⁵And the men of Israel said, Have you seen this man that has come up? Surely he has come up to defy Israel. And the king will enrich the man who kills him with great riches, and will give him his daughter, and make his father's house free in Israel. ²⁶And David spoke to the men who stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man who kills this Philistine and takes away this shame from Israel? For who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God? ²⁷And the people answered him in this way, saying, So shall it be done to the man who kills him.

²⁸And E'-li'-āb his oldest brother heard when he spoke to the man. And E'-li'-āb's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why did you come down here? And with whom have you left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know your pride and the naughtiness of your heart. For you have come down so that you might see the battle. ²⁹And David said, What have I done now? *Is there* not a cause? ³⁰And he turned from him toward another, and spoke in the same way. And the people answered him again in the same way. ³¹And when the words which David spoke were heard, they told them before Saul. And he sent for him.

³²And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him. Your servant will go and fight with this Philistine. ³³And Saul said to David, You are not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him. For you are but a youth, and he is a man of war from his youth. ³⁴And David said to Saul, Your servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock. ³⁵And I went out after it and struck it, and delivered *the lamb* out of its mouth. And when it rose against me, I caught *it* by the beard, and struck it and killed it. ³⁶Your servant killed both the lion and the bear. And this uncircumcised Philistine shall be like one of them, since he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷And David said moreover, The

LORD who delivered me out of the paw of the lion and out of the paw of the bear, He will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said to David, Go, and may the LORD be with you.

³⁸And Saul armed David with his armor, and he put a helmet of brass upon his head. He also armed him with a coat of mail. ³⁹And David girded his sword on his armor, and he tried to go. *But* he had not tested *it*. And David said to Saul, I cannot go with these, for I have tested *them*. And David put them off him. ⁴⁰And he took his staff in his hand, and chose five smooth stones out of the brook for himself, and put them in a shepherd's vessel which he had, even in a bag. And his sling was in his hand. And he drew near the Philistine.

⁴¹And the Philistine came on and drew near David. And the man who bore the shield went in front of him. ⁴²And when the Philistine looked around and saw David, he disdained him. For he was *only* a youth, and ruddy, and of a beautiful face. ⁴³And the Philistine said to David, Am I a dog that you come to me with sticks? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. ⁴⁴And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field. ⁴⁵And David said to the Philistine, You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a shield. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶The LORD will deliver you into my hand today, and I will strike you and take your head from you. And I will give the bodies of the army of the Philistines to the birds of the air today, and to the wild beasts of the earth, so that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷And all this multitude shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands.

⁴⁸And when the Philistine rose and came and drew near to meet David, David hurried and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. ⁴⁹And David put his hand into his bag and took a stone from there, and threw it with his sling and struck the Philistine in his forehead, so that the stone sank into his forehead. And he fell upon his face to the earth. ⁵⁰So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and struck the Philistine, and killed him.

But *there was* no sword in the hand of David. ⁵¹Then David ran and stood upon the Philistine, and took out his sword and drew it out of its sheath, and killed him, and cut off his head with it. And when the Philistines saw that their champion was dead, they fled. ⁵²And the men of Israel and Judah pursued the Philistines until you come to the valley, and to the gates of Ĕk'-rōn. And the wounded of the Philistines fell down by the way to Shā-ā-rā'-īm, even to Gath and to Ĕk'-rōn. ⁵³And the children of Israel returned from chasing after the Philistines, and they spoiled their tents. ⁵⁴And David took the head of

the Philistine and brought it to Jerusalem. But he put his armor in his tent.

⁵⁵And when Saul saw David go forth against the Philistine, he said to Abner, the captain of the army, Abner, whose son is this young man? And Abner said, As your soul lives, O king, I cannot tell. ⁵⁶And the king said, You go ask whose son the young man is. ⁵⁷And as David returned from the slaughter of the Philistine, Abner took him and brought him before Saul, with the head of the Philistine in his hand. ⁵⁸And Saul said to him, Whose son are you, young man? And David answered, I am the son of your servant Jesse of Bethlehem.

CHAPTER 18

¹And when he had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was joined with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as he did his own soul. ²And Saul took him that day and would not let him go home to his father's house any more. ³Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. ⁴And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him and gave it to David, *it and all* his clothing, even to his sword and to his bow and to his girdle.

⁵And David went out wherever Saul sent him, behaving himself wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war, and it was good in the sight of all the people, and also in the sight of Saul's servants. ⁶And when David had returned from the slaughter of the Philistines, as they came the women came out of all cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul with tabrets, with joy, and with instruments of music. ⁷And the women answered as they played, and said, Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands. ⁸And Saul was very angry, and the saying made him angry. And he said, They have given David ten thousands, and to me they have given *only* thousands. And what more can he have but the kingdom? ⁹And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

¹⁰And on the next day the evil spirit from God came upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house. And David played with his hand, as at other times. And *there was* a javelin in Saul's hand. ¹¹And Saul threw the javelin. For he said, I will strike David even to the wall. And David drew back out of his presence twice.

¹²And Saul was afraid of David, because the LORD was with him and had departed from Saul. ¹³Therefore Saul moved him away from himself, and made him his captain over a thousand. And he went out and came in before the people. ¹⁴And David behaved himself wisely in all his ways. And the LORD was with him. ¹⁵Therefore when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he was afraid of him. ¹⁶But all Israel and Judah loved David, because he went out and came in before them.

¹⁷And Saul said to David, Behold I will give you my older daughter Mē'-rāb for a wife. Only you must be brave for me, and fight the LORD's battles. For Saul said, Let not my hand be on him, but let the hand of the Philistines be on him. ¹⁸And David said to Saul, Who am I, and what is my life, or my father's family in Israel, that I should be son-in-law to the king? ¹⁹But at the time when Mē'-rāb, Saul's daughter, should have been given to David, she was given to Ā'-drī-ēl the Mē-hō'-lā-thīte to be *his* wife. ²⁰And Saul's daughter Mī'-chāl loved David. And they told Saul, and the thing pleased him. ²¹And Saul said, I will give her to him, so that she may be a trap to him, and so that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Therefore Saul said to David, Today you shall be my son-in-law the second time.

²²And Saul commanded his servants, *saying*, Talk with David secretly and say, Behold, the king delights in you, and all his servants love you. Now therefore be the king's son-in-law. ²³And Saul's servants spoke these words in the ears of David. And David said, Does it seem to you *a* light *thing* to be a king's son-in-law, since I am a poor man and of little worth? ²⁴And the servants of Saul told him saying, This is the way David spoke. ²⁵And Saul said, You shall say this to David, The king does not desire any dowry except a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king's enemies. But Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines.

²⁶And when his servants told David these words, it was right in the eyes of David to be the king's son-in-law. And the days were not fulfilled. ²⁷Therefore David arose and went forth, he and his men. And *they* killed two hundred men of the Philistines. And David brought their foreskins, and they gave them in full number to the king so that he might be the king's son-in-law. And Saul gave him his daughter Michal for a wife.

²⁸And Saul saw and knew that the LORD was with David, and that Michal, Saul's daughter, loved him. ²⁹And Saul was still more afraid of David. And Saul became David's enemy continually. ³⁰Then the princes of the Philistines came forth. And after they came forth, David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul, so that his name was very precious.

CHAPTER 19

¹And Saul said to Jonathan his son and to all his servants, that they should kill David. ²But Jonathan, Saul's son, loved David very much. And Jonathan told David, saying, My father Saul seeks to kill you. Now therefore, I pray you, be careful until morning, and stay in a secret *place*, and hide yourself. ³And I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where you are, and I will talk about you with my father. And I will tell you what I see.

⁴And Jonathan spoke good of David to Saul his father, and said to him, Do not let the king sin against his servant, against David, because he has not sinned against you, and because his works have been very good toward you. ⁵For he took his life in his hand and killed the Philistine, and the LORD worked out a great salvation for all Israel. You saw it and rejoiced! Why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause? ⁶And Saul listened to the voice of Jonathan. And Saul swore, As the LORD lives, he shall not be killed! ⁷And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan showed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence as in times past.

⁸And there was war again. And David went out and fought with the Philistines, and killed them with a great slaughter. And they fled from him. ⁹And the evil spirit from the LORD was upon Saul as he sat in his house with his javelin in his hand. And David played with his hand. ¹⁰And Saul thought to strike David even to the wall with the javelin. But he slipped away out of Saul's presence, and he struck the javelin into the wall. And David ran and escaped that night. ¹¹Saul also sent messengers to David's house to watch him and to kill him in the morning. And David's wife Michal told him saying, If you do not save your life tonight, tomorrow you shall be killed.

¹²So Michal let David down through a window. And he left and hurried away, and escaped. ¹³And Michal took an image and laid it in the bed, and put a pillow of goats' hair at its head, and covered it with a cloth. ¹⁴And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. ¹⁵And Saul sent the messengers *again* to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed so that I may kill him. ¹⁶And when the messengers had come in, behold, *there was* an image in the bed with a pillow of goats' hair at its head. ¹⁷And Saul said to Michal, Why have you deceived me so, and sent away my enemy so that he has escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said to me, Let me go — why should I kill you?

¹⁸So David fled, and escaped, and came to Samuel to Rā'-māh, and told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and lived in Nai'-ōth. ¹⁹And it was told Saul saying, Behold, David is at Nai'-ōth in Rā'-māh. ²⁰And Saul sent messengers to take David. And when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as appointed over them, the Spirit of God was upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. ²¹And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they prophesied likewise. And Saul sent messengers again the third time, and they prophesied also. ²²Then he also went to Rā'-māh, and came to a great wall that is in Sē'-chū. And he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And *one* said, Behold *they are* at Nai'-ōth in Rā'-māh. ²³And he went there to Nai'-ōth in Rā'-māh. And the Spirit of God was upon him

also, and he went on and prophesied, until he came to Naï'-ōth in Rā'-māh. ²⁴And he stripped off his clothes also, and prophesied before Samuel in the same way, and lay down naked all that day and all that night. Therefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets?

CHAPTER 20

¹And David fled from Naï'-ōth in Rā'-māh, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? What is my iniquity? And what is my sin before your father, that he seeks my life? ²And he said to him, God forbid. You shall not die! Behold, my father will do nothing either great or small that he will not show to me. And why should my father hide this thing from me? It is not so. ³And David swore moreover, and said, Your father certainly knows that I have found grace in your eyes. And he said, Do not let Jonathan know this, lest he be full of sorrow. But truly as the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, *there is* only a step between me and death. ⁴Then Jonathan said to David, Whatever your soul desires, I will even do it for you. ⁵And David said to Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit at table with the king. But let me go so that I may hide myself in the field until the third day at evening. ⁶If your father misses me at all, then say, David earnestly asked *permission* from me that he might run to his city Bethlehem. For *there is* a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. ⁷If he says, It is well, your servant shall have peace — but if he is very angry, be sure that evil is determined by him. ⁸Therefore you shall deal kindly with your servant, for you have brought your servant into a covenant of the LORD with you. But if there is any iniquity in me, kill me yourself. For why should you bring me to your father? ⁹And Jonathan said, Far be it from you. For if I knew certainly that evil was determined by my father to come upon you, then would I not tell you? ¹⁰Then David said to Jonathan, Who shall tell me? Or what if your father answers you roughly?

¹¹And Jonathan said to David, Come, and let us go into the field. And both of them went out into the field. ¹²And Jonathan said to David, By the LORD, the God of Israel, when I have sounded out my father about this time tomorrow *or* the third *day*, behold, *if there is* good toward David, then shall I not send to you and show it to you? ¹³If it pleases my father to do you evil, then *may* the LORD do so and much more to Jonathan if I do not show it to you and send you away so that you may go in peace. And may the LORD be with you, as He has been with my father. ¹⁴And you shall not only show me the kindness of the LORD while I still live, so that I do not die, ¹⁵but you shall not cut off your kindness from my house forever, no, not when the LORD has cut off the enemies of David, every one, from the face of the earth. ¹⁶So Jonathan made *a covenant* with the house of David, *saying*, Let

the LORD even require *it* at the hand of David's enemies. ¹⁷And Jonathan caused David to swear again, because he loved him. For he loved him as he loved his own soul.

¹⁸Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the new moon. And you shall be missed, because your seat will be empty. ¹⁹And *when* you have stayed three days, *then* you shall go down quickly and come to the place where you hid yourself when the business was *in hand*, and shall remain by the stone Ē'-zēl. ²⁰And I will shoot three arrows on the side, as though I shot at a mark. ²¹And behold, I will send a lad *saying*, Go find the arrows. If I carefully say to the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of you, take them — then you may come, for there is peace to you, and no hurt, as the LORD lives. ²²But if I say this to the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond you — go your way, for the LORD has sent you away. ²³And *as to* the matter which you and I have spoken of, behold, may the LORD be between you and me forever.

²⁴So David hid himself in the field. And when the new moon had come, the king sat down to eat meat. ²⁵And the king sat upon his seat as at other times, upon a seat by the wall. And Jonathan arose, and Abner sat by Saul's side, and David's place was empty. ²⁶Nevertheless Saul did not speak anything that day. For he thought, Something has befallen him *so that* he is not clean. Surely he is not clean. ²⁷And on the next day, the second of the month, David's place was empty. And Saul said to his son Jonathan, Why does the son of Jesse not come to eat, neither yesterday nor today? ²⁸And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked of me *to go* to Bethlehem — ²⁹and he said, Let me go, I pray you, for our family has a sacrifice in the city. And my brother has commanded me *to be there*. And now, if I have found favor in your eyes, I pray you let me get away and see my brothers. Therefore he does not come to the king's table.

³⁰Then Saul's anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said to him, You son of a perverse, rebellious *woman*, do I not know that you have chosen the son of Jesse to your own confusion, and to the shame of your mother's nakedness? ³¹For as long as the son of Jesse lives upon the earth, you shall not be established, nor your kingdom. Therefore now send and bring him to me, for he shall surely die. ³²And Jonathan answered Saul his father and said to him, Why shall he be killed? What has he done? ³³And Saul threw a javelin at him to strike him, *and by this* Jonathan knew that his father was determined to kill David.

³⁴So Jonathan rose from the table in fierce anger, and ate no meat the second day of the month. For he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame. ³⁵And in the morning Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David. And a little lad

was with him. ³⁶And he said to this lad, Run now, find the arrows which I shoot. As the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. ³⁷And when the lad had come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad and said, Is not the arrow beyond you? ³⁸And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed and hurry, do not wait. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows and came to his master. ³⁹But the lad did not know anything. Only Jonathan and David knew the matter. ⁴⁰And Jonathan gave his weapons to his lad and said to him, Go, carry *them* to the city.

⁴¹And as soon as the lad had gone, David rose out of a *place* toward the south, and fell upon his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times. And they kissed one another, and wept with one another, until David checked himself. ⁴²And Jonathan said to David, Go in peace because we have both sworn in the name of the LORD, saying, The Lord be between me and you, and between my seed and your seed, forever. And he rose and went away. And Jonathan went into the city.

CHAPTER 21

¹Then David came to Nob to Ā-hīm'-ē-lēch the priest. And Ā-hīm'-ē-lēch was afraid at the meeting of David, and said to him, Why are you alone, and no man with you? ²And David said to Ā-hīm'-ē-lēch the priest, The king has commanded me a business and has said to me, Let no man know of the business about which I send you, and what I have commanded you. And I have sent servants to such and such a place. ³Now therefore, what is under your hand? Give me five loaves of bread in my hand, or what there is to be found. ⁴And the priest answered David and said, *There is* no common bread under my hand, but there is holy bread if the young men have kept themselves at least from women. ⁵And David answered the priest and said to him, Truly women have been kept from us for about three days, since I came out, and the vessels of the young men are holy, and in a way *the bread* is common—the more so since today there are other loaves to be made holy in the vessel. ⁶So the priest gave him holy *bread*. For there was no bread there but the showbread that was taken from before the LORD, in order to put hot bread in on the day when it was taken away. ⁷Now a certain man from the servants of Saul was there that day, held there before the LORD. And his name was Dō'-ēg, an Ē'-dōm-ite, the chief of Saul's herdmen.

⁸And David said to Ā-hīm'-ē-lēch, And is there not here under your hand spear or sword? For I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king's business needed haste. ⁹And the priest said, The sword of Gō-lī'-āth the Philistine, whom you killed in the valley of Ē'-lāh — behold, it is wrapped in a cloth behind the

ephod. If you will take that, take *it*, for *there is* no other except that one here. And David said, *There is* none like that. Give it to me.

¹⁰And David arose and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Ā'-chīsh the king of Gath. ¹¹And the servants of Ā'-chīsh said to him, Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing to one another of him in dances, saying, Saul has slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands? ¹²And David laid up these words in his heart, and was very much afraid of Ā'-chīsh the king of Gath. ¹³And he changed his behavior before them, and pretended himself to be mad in their hands, and marked on the doors of the gate and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. ¹⁴Then Ā'-chīsh said to his servants, Lo, you see the man is mad — why *then* have you brought him to me? ¹⁵Do I have need of mad men, that you have brought this one to play the madman in my presence? Shall this *fellow* come into my house?

CHAPTER 22

¹David therefore left there and escaped to the cave Ā'-dūl'-lām. And when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down there to him. ²And everyone *who was* in distress, and everyone *who was* in debt, and everyone *who was* bitter of soul, gathered themselves to him. And he became a captain over them. And there were about four hundred men with him.

³And David went from there to Mīz'-pēh of Moab. And he said to the king of Moab, I pray you, let my father and my mother come forth *and* be with you until I know what God will do for me. ⁴And he brought them before the king of Moab. And they lived with him all the time that David was in the hold.

⁵And the prophet Gad said to David, Do not stay in the hold. Leave and go into the land of Judah. And David left and came into the forest of Hār'-ēth. ⁶When Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him (now Saul abode in Gīb'-ē-āh under a tree in Rā'-māh, having his spear in his hand. And all his servants were standing about him), ⁷then Saul said to his servants that stood around him, Hear now, you Benjamites. Will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, *and* make you all captains of thousands and captains of hundreds? ⁸*How is it* that all of you have conspired against me, and none have shown me that my son has made a covenant with the son of Jesse, and none of you is sorry for me or shows to me that my son has stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait as at this day? ⁹Then answered Dō'-ēg the Ē'-dōm'-ite, who was set over the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse coming to Nob, to Ā'-hīm'-ē-lēch the son of Ā'-hī'-tūb. ¹⁰And he asked of the LORD for him and gave him food and gave him the sword of Gō-lī'-āth the Philistine.

¹¹Then the king sent to call Ā-hīm'-ē-lēch the priest, the son of Ā-hī'-tüb, and all his father's house, the priests that were in Nob. And they came, all of them, to the king. ¹²And Saul said, Hear now, you son of Ā-hī'-tüb. And he answered, Here I am, my lord. ¹³And Saul said to him, Why have you conspired against me, you and the son of Jesse, in that you have given him bread and a sword, and have asked of God for him, that he should rise against me to lie in wait as at this day? ¹⁴Then Ā-hīm'-ē-lēch answered the king and said, And who is so faithful among all your servants as David, who is the king's son-in-law, and *who* goes at your bidding, and *who* is honorable in your house? ¹⁵Did I then begin to ask of God for him? Be it far from me. Do not let the king charge *anything* to his servant, *nor* to all the house of my father. For your servant knew nothing of all this, more or less. ¹⁶And the king said, Ā-hīm'-ē-lēch, you shall surely die, you and all your father's house.

¹⁷And the king said to the guard that stood around him, Turn and kill the priests of the LORD, because their hand also is with David, and because they knew when he fled, and did not show it to me. But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of the LORD. ¹⁸And the king said to Dō'-ēg, You turn and fall upon the priests. And Dō'-ēg the Ē'-dōm-ite turned, and he fell upon the priests, and on that day *he* killed eighty-five persons who wore a linen ephod. ¹⁹And he struck Nob, the city of the priests, with the edge of the sword, both men and women, children and babes, and oxen, and asses, and sheep, with the edge of the sword.

²⁰And one of the sons of Ā-hīm'-ē-lēch the son of Ā-hī'-tüb, named Ā-bī'-ā-thär, escaped and fled after David. ²¹And Ā-bī'-ā-thär showed David that Saul had slain the LORD's priests. ²²And David said to Ā-bī'-ā-thär, I knew that day, when Dō'-ēg the Ē'-dōm-ite was there, that he would surely tell Saul. I have caused *the death* of all the persons of your father's house. ²³You stay with me, *and* do not fear. For he who seeks my life seeks your life. But you shall be in safekeeping with me.

CHAPTER 23

¹Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Kē-ī'-läh, and they rob the threshing-floors. ²Therefore David asked of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and strike these Philistines? And the LORD said to David, Go and strike the Philistines, and save Kē-ī'-läh. ³And David's men said to him, Behold, we are afraid here in Judah. How much more then if we come to Kē-ī'-läh against the armies of the Philistines? ⁴Then David inquired of the LORD still again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Kē-ī'-läh. For I will deliver the Philistines into your hand. ⁵So David and his men

went to Kē-ī'-lāh and fought with the Philistines. And they brought away their cattle and struck them with a great slaughter. So David saved the people of Kē-ī'-lāh. ⁶And when Ā-bī'-ā-thār the son of Ā-him'-ē-lēch fled to David to Kē-ī'-lāh, he came down with an ephod in his hand.

⁷And it was told Saul that David had come to Kē-ī'-lāh. And Saul said, God has delivered him into my hands, for he is shut in by entering into a town that has gates and bars. ⁸And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Kē-ī'-lāh to besiege David and his men.

⁹And David knew that Saul secretly planned evil against him. And he said to Ā-bī'-ā-thār the priest, Bring the ephod here. ¹⁰Then David said, O Lord God of Israel, Thy servant has surely heard that Saul seeks to come to Kē-ī'-lāh, to destroy the city for my sake. ¹¹Will the men of Kē-ī'-lāh deliver me up into his hand? Will Saul come down as Thy servant has heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beg of Thee, tell Thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down. ¹²Then David said, Will the men of Kē-ī'-lāh deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver *you* up. ¹³Then David and his men, about six hundred, arose and departed out of Kē-ī'-lāh and went wherever they could go. And it was told to Saul that David had escaped from Kē-ī'-lāh. And he did not go forth. ¹⁴And David stayed in the wilderness in strongholds, and remained in a mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul looked for him every day, but God did not deliver him into his hand. ¹⁵And David saw that Saul had come out to seek his life. And David was in the wilderness of Ziph in a woods. ¹⁶And Jonathan, Saul's son, arose and went to David into the woods, and strengthened his hand in God. ¹⁷And he said to him, Do not fear, for the hand of Saul my father shall not find you. And you shall be king over Israel, and I shall be next to you. And my father Saul knows that also. ¹⁸And the two of them made a covenant before the LORD. And David stayed in the woods, and Jonathan went to his house.

¹⁹Then the men of Ziph came up to Saul to Gīb'-ē-āh, saying, Does not David hide himself with us in strongholds in the woods, in the hill of Hā-chī'-lāh, which is on the south of Jē-shī'-mōn? ²⁰Now therefore, O king, come down according to all the desire of your soul to come down. And our part is to deliver him into the king's hand. ²¹And Saul said, Blessed are you from the LORD, for you have pity on me. ²²I pray you, go prepare still more, and know and see the place where his foot is, *and* who has seen him there. For I am told that he deals very wisely. ²³Watch therefore and take knowledge of all the lurking-places where he hides himself, and come to me again with the certainty. And I will go with you. And if he is in the land, I will search him out throughout all the thousands of Judah. ²⁴And they arose and went to Ziph before Saul. But David and his men were in the wilder-

ness of Mā'-ōn, in the plain on the south of Jē-shī'-mōn. ²⁵Saul and his men also went to look for *him*. And they told David. Therefore he came down from the rock and stayed in the wilderness of Mā'-ōn. And when Saul heard, he followed after David in the wilderness of Mā'-ōn. ²⁶And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain. And David hurried to get away for fear of Saul. For Saul and his men surrounded David and his men round about to take them.

²⁷But there came a messenger to Saul, saying, Hurry and come! For the Philistines have invaded the land. ²⁸Therefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines. Therefore they called that place Sē'-lā-hām-māh'-lē-kōth.

²⁹And David went up from there and lived in strongholds at Ēn-gē'-dī.

CHAPTER 24

¹And when Saul had returned from following the Philistines, it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of Ēn-gē'-dī. ²Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. ³And he came to the sheepcotes by the way, where there was a cave. And Saul went in to cover his feet. And David and his men remained in the sides of the cave. ⁴And the men of David said to him, Behold, *this is* the day of which the LORD said to you, Behold, I will deliver your enemy into your hand so that you may do to him as it shall seem good to you. Then David arose and cut off the skirt of Saul's robe secretly. ⁵And afterward David's heart struck him because he had cut off Saul's skirt. ⁶And he said to his men, The LORD forbid that I should do this thing unto my master, the LORD's anointed, to stretch forth my hand against him, since he is the anointed of the LORD. ⁷So David cut off his servants with these words, and did not allow them to rise against Saul. But Saul rose up out of the cave and went on his way.

⁸David also arose afterward and went out of the cave, and cried after Saul, saying, My lord the king! And when Saul looked behind him, David stooped with his face to the earth and bowed himself. ⁹And David said to Saul, Why do you hear man's words, saying, Behold, David seeks your hurt? ¹⁰Behold, your eyes have seen this day how the LORD had delivered you today into my hand in the cave. And *some* urged *me* to kill you. But *my eye* spared you. And I said, I will not put forth my hand against my lord, for he is the LORD's anointed. ¹¹Moreover, my father, see, yes, see the skirt of your robe in my hand. For in that I cut off the skirt of your robe and did not kill you, you know and see that *there is* neither evil nor transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned

against you. Yet you hunt my soul to take it. ¹²May the LORD judge between me and you, and may the LORD avenge me of you. But my hand shall not be upon you. ¹³As the proverb of the ancients says, Wickedness comes forth from the wicked. But my hand shall not be upon you. ¹⁴After whom has the king of Israel come out? After whom do you pursue? After a dead dog? After a flea? ¹⁵May the LORD therefore be judge, and judge between you and me, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of your hand.

¹⁶And when David had made an end of speaking these words to Saul, it came to pass that Saul said, Is this your voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice and wept. ¹⁷And he said to David, You are more righteous than I, for you have rewarded me with good, but I have rewarded you evil. ¹⁸And you have shown this day how you have dealt well with me, because when the LORD had delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me. ¹⁹For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him go completely away? Therefore may the LORD reward good for what you have done to me this day. ²⁰And now, behold, I know well that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand. ²¹Now swear therefore to me before the LORD that you will not cut off my seed after me, and that you will not destroy my name out of my father's house. ²²And David swore to Saul. And Saul went home, but David and his men went up into the hold.

CHAPTER 25

¹And Samuel died. And all the Israelites were gathered together, and lamented him and buried him in his house at Rā'-māh. And David arose and went down to the wilderness of Pār'-ān. ²And *there was* a man of Mā'-ōn whose possessions were in Carmel. And the man was very great, and had three thousand sheep and a thousand goats. And he was shearing his sheep in Carmel. ³Now the name of the man was Nā'-bāl, and the name of his wife was Āb'-ī-gāil. And *she was* a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful form. But the man was churlish and evil in his doings. And he was of the house of Caleb.

⁴And David heard in the wilderness that Nā'-bāl was shearing his sheep. ⁵And David sent out ten young men. And David said to the young men, Go up to Carmel and go to Nā'-bāl, and greet him in my name. ⁶And you shall say this to him who lives *prosperously*, Peace be unto you, and peace be unto your house, and peace be unto all that you have. ⁷And now I have heard that you have shearers. Now we did not hurt your shepherds who were with us; neither was there anything missing to them all the while they were in Carmel. ⁸Ask your young men, and they will tell you. Therefore let the young men find favor in your eyes, for we come in a good day. I pray you, give whatever

comes to your hand to your servants and to your son David. ⁹And when David's young men came, they spoke to Nā'-bāl according to all those words in the name of David, and stopped.

¹⁰And Nā'-bāl answered David's servants and said, Who is David? And who is the son of Jesse? There are many servants nowadays who break away, each one from his master. ¹¹Shall I then take my bread and my water and my meat that I have killed for my shearers, and give it to men *about* whom I know not where they *come* from? ¹²So David's young men turned their way and went again, and came and told him all those things. ¹³And David said to his men, Let each man put on his sword. And they each one put on his sword, and David also put on his sword. And about four hundred men went up after David, and two hundred stayed by the stuff.

¹⁴But one of the young men told Āb'-ī-gāil, Nā'-bāl's wife, saying, Behold! David sent messengers out of the wilderness to greet our master, and he flew upon them. ¹⁵But the men were very good to us, and we were not hurt, neither did we miss anything as long as we were going to and fro among them, when we were in the fields. ¹⁶They were a wall to us both by night and day all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. ¹⁷Now then, know and consider what you will do, for evil is determined against our master and against all his household. For he is a son of Bē'-lī-āl, so that *a man* cannot speak to him.

¹⁸Then Āb'-ī-gāil made haste and took two hundred loaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, and five measures of parched *grain*, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and laid *them* on asses. ¹⁹And she said to her servants, Go on before me. Behold, I am coming after you. But she did not tell her husband Nā'-bāl. ²⁰And it was *so*, as she rode on the ass, that she came down under cover of the mountain. And behold, David and his men came down across from her. And she met them. ²¹Now David had said, Surely in vain I have kept all that this *fellow* has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that *belonged* to him. And he has requited me evil for good. ²²So and more also may God do to the enemies of David, if I leave by the morning light of all that *belongs* to him any that waters against the wall.

²³When Āb'-ī-gāil saw David, she hurried and dismounted from the ass, and fell before David on her face, and bowed herself to the ground. ²⁴And *she* fell at his feet and said, Upon me, my lord, *upon* me *let this* iniquity be. And, I pray you, let your handmaid speak in your ears, and hear the words of your handmaid. ²⁵I pray you, do not let my lord regard this man of Bē'-lī-āl, Nā'-bāl. For as his name is, so he is. Nā'-bāl is his name, and foolishness is with him. But your handmaid did not see the young men of my lord, whom you sent. ²⁶Now

therefore, my lord – *as* the LORD lives and *as* your soul lives, since the LORD has withheld you from coming to *shed* blood, and from avenging yourself with your own hand – now let your enemies, and those that seek to do evil to my lord, be as Nā'-bāl. ²⁷Now this present which your handmaid has brought to my lord, let it even be given to the young men who follow my lord. ²⁸I beg you to forgive the trespass of your handmaid. For the LORD will certainly make a sure house for my lord, because my lord fights the battles of the LORD, and evil has not been found in you all your days. ²⁹Yet a man has risen to pursue you and to seek your soul. But the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with the LORD your God. And the souls of your enemies, them shall He sling out, *as out* of the middle of a sling. ³⁰And when the LORD has done to my lord according to all the good that He has spoken concerning you, and shall have made you ruler over Israel, ³¹this shall be no stumbling to you, nor offence of heart to my lord, either that you have shed blood without cause or that my lord has avenged himself. But when the LORD shall have dealt well with my lord, then remember your handmaid.

³²And David said to Āb'-ī-gāil, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me. ³³And blessed is your advice, and blessed are you who have kept me from coming this day to *shed* blood, and from avenging myself of my own hand. ³⁴For truly, *as* the LORD God of Israel lives, who has kept me back from hurting you – unless you had hurried and come to meet me, surely there would not have been left to Nā'-bāl by the morning light any that waters against the wall. ³⁵So David received from her hand that which she had brought him, and said to her, Go up in peace to your house. See, I have listened to your voice and have accepted your person.

³⁶And Āb'-ī-gāil came to Nā'-bāl. And behold, he held a feast in his house like the feast of a king. And Nā'-bāl's heart was merry within him, for he was very drunk. Therefore she did not tell him anything, more or less, until the morning light. ³⁷But in the morning, when the wine had gone out of Nabal and his wife had told him these things, his heart died within him and he became *like* a stone. ³⁸And about ten days *afterward* the LORD struck Nā'-bāl so that he died.

³⁹And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed is the LORD who has pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and has kept His servant from evil. For the LORD has returned the wickedness of Nabal upon his own head. And David sent and spoke with Āb'-ī-gāil, to take her to him for a wife. ⁴⁰And when the servants of David had come to Āb'-ī-gāil, at Carmel, they spoke to her, saying, David sent us to you to take you to him for a wife. ⁴¹And she arose and bowed herself on *her* face to the earth, and

said, Behold, let your handmaid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. ⁴²And Abigail hurried and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five of her maidens who went after her. And she followed the messengers of David and became his wife. ⁴³David also took Ā-hīn'-ō-ām of Jēz'-rēel. And they were also, both of them, his wives. ⁴⁴But Saul had given his daughter Michal, David's wife, to Phāl'-tī the son of Lā'-ish, who was of Gāl'-lim.

CHAPTER 26

¹And the Ziphites came to Saul at Gīb'-ē-āh, saying, Does not David hide himself in the hill of Hā-chī'-lāh, *which* is before Jē-shī'-mōn? ²Then Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph, having three thousand chosen men of Israel with him. ³And Saul pitched in the hill of Hā-chī'-lāh, which is before Jē-shī'-mōn, by the way. But David stayed in the wilderness, and he saw that Saul came after him into the wilderness. ⁴Then David sent out spies and knew that Saul had come indeed.

⁵And David arose and came to the place where Saul had pitched. And David looked at the place where Saul lay, and upon Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his army. And Saul lay in the trench with the people pitched around him. ⁶Then David answered and said to Ā-hīm'-ē-lēch the Hittite, and to Āb'-ī-shaī the son of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh, the brother of Jō'-āb, saying, Who will go down with me to the camp unto Saul? And Āb'-ī-shaī said, I will go down with you. ⁷So David and Āb'-ī-shaī came to the people by night. And behold, Saul lay sleeping in the tent, and his spear stuck in the ground at his head. But Abner and the people lay around him. ⁸Then Āb'-ī-shaī said to David, God has shut up your enemy into your hand this day. Now therefore, I pray you, let me strike him with the spear even to the earth at once, and I will not *strike* the second time. ⁹And David said to Āb'-ī-shaī, Do not destroy him. For who can stretch forth his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless? ¹⁰David said furthermore, As the LORD lives, the LORD shall strike him — or his day shall come to die — or he shall go down to battle and perish. ¹¹*But* the LORD forbid that I should stretch forth my hand against the LORD's anointed. But now, I pray you, take the spear that is at his head and the cruse of water, and let us go. ¹²So David took the spear and the cruse of water from Saul's head. And they got away, and no man saw nor knew, neither did they awake. For they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them.

¹³Then David went over to the other side and stood on the top of a hill afar off, a great space between them. ¹⁴And David cried to the people and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Do you not answer, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who are you that cries to

the king? ¹⁵And David said to Abner, Are you not a man? And who is like you in Israel? Why then have you not kept your lord the king? For there came one of the people in to destroy your lord the king. ¹⁶This thing that you have done is not good. As the LORD lives, because you have not kept your master, the LORD's anointed, you are worthy to die. And now see where the king's spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his head. ¹⁷And Saul knew David's voice and said, Is this your voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king. ¹⁸And he said, Why does my lord pursue after his servant this way? For what have I done? Or what evil is in my hand? ¹⁹Now therefore, I pray you, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If the LORD has stirred you up against me, let Him accept an offering. But if *it is* the children of men, they are cursed before the LORD. For they have driven me out today from living within the inheritance of the LORD, saying, Go, serve other gods. ²⁰Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth before the face of the LORD. For the king of Israel has come out to seek a flea, as when one hunts a partridge in the mountains.

²¹Then Saul said, I have sinned. Return, my son David, for I will never do you harm any more, because my life was precious in your eyes this day. Behold, I have played the fool, and have greatly erred. ²²And David answered and said, Behold the king's spear! And let one of the young men come over and get it. ²³May the LORD give to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness. For the LORD delivered you into my hand today, but I would not stretch forth my hand against the LORD's anointed. ²⁴And behold, as your life was precious in my eyes this day, so let my life be precious in the eyes of the LORD, and let Him deliver me out of all tribulation. ²⁵Then Saul said to David, Blessed are you, my son David. You shall both do great things and also shall still prevail. So David went on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

CHAPTER 27

¹And David said in his heart, I shall now perish one day by the hand of Saul. *There is* nothing better for me than that I should speedily escape into the land of the Philistines. And Saul shall despair of seeking me any more in any border of Israel, and so I shall escape out of his hand. ²And David arose. And he passed over with the six hundred men that were with him to Achish [Ā'-kîsh] the son of Mā'-ōch, king of Gath. ³And David lived with Ā'-chîsh of Gath, he and his men, every man with his household — David with his two wives, Ā-hîn'-ō-ām of Jēz'-rēel, and Āb'-i-gāil of Cār'-mēl, Nā'-bāl's wife. ⁴And Saul was told that David had fled to Gath. And he never again looked for him.

⁵And David said to Achish, If I have now found grace in your eyes, let them give me a place in some town in the country so that I may live there. For why should your servant live in the royal city with you? ⁶Then Achish gave him Zik'-låg that day. Therefore Zik'-låg belongs to the kings of Judah to this day. ⁷And the time that David lived in the country of the Philistines was a full year and four months. ⁸And David and his men went up and invaded the Gē-shū'-rites, and the Gēz'-rites, and the Ā-māl'-ĕk-ites. For those *nations* were of old the people of the land, as you go to Shūr, even to the land of Egypt. ⁹And David struck the land, and left neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep and the oxen and the asses and the camels and the clothing, and returned and came to Achish. ¹⁰And Achish said, Where have you made a raid today? And David said, Against the south of Judah, and against the south of the Jē-rāh'-mēel-ites, and against the south of the Kē'-nites. ¹¹And David saved neither man nor woman alive to bring *tidings* to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell on us, saying, This is *what* David did, and so will be his manner all the while he lives in the country of the Philistines. ¹²And Achish believed David, saying, He has made his people Israel utterly hate him — therefore he shall be my servant forever.

CHAPTER 28

¹And in those days the Philistines gathered their armies together for war, to fight with Israel. And Achish said to David, You surely know that you shall go with me to battle, you and your men. ²And David said to Achish, Surely you shall know what your servants can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore I will make you keeper of my head forever.

³Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had mourned him and buried him in Rā'-māh, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. ⁴And the Philistines gathered themselves together and came and pitched in Shū'-nēm. And Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gil-bō'-ā. ⁵And when Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. ⁶And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, neither by dreams, nor by Ū'-rīm, nor by prophets.

⁷Then Saul said to his servants, Seek me a woman who has a familiar spirit, so that I may go to her and inquire of her. And his servant said to him, Behold, *there is* a woman who has a familiar spirit at En'-dōr. ⁸And Saul disguised himself and put on other clothing. And he went. And two men went with him. And they came to the woman by night. And he said, I pray you, divine to me by the familiar spirit, and bring me up *the man* whom I shall name to you. ⁹And the woman said,

You know what Saul has done — how he has cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. Why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die? ¹⁰And Saul swore to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD lives, there shall no punishment happen to you for this thing. ¹¹Then the woman said, Whom shall I bring up to you? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

¹²And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul! ¹³And the king said to her, Do not be afraid. For what did you see? And the woman said to Saul, I saw gods coming up out of the earth. ¹⁴And he said to her, What is his form? And she said, An old man comes up, and he is covered with a cloak. And Saul saw that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground and bowed himself.

¹⁵And Samuel said to Saul, Why have you disturbed me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am grievously distressed, for the Philistines are warring against me. And God has left me and does not answer me any more, neither by prophets nor by dreams. Therefore I have called you so that you may make known to me what I should do. ¹⁶Then Samuel said, Why then do you ask me, since the LORD has left you and has become your enemy? ¹⁷And the LORD has done for Himself as He spoke by me. For the LORD has torn the kingdom out of your hand and has given it to your neighbor, to David. ¹⁸Because you did not obey the voice of the LORD, nor execute his fierce wrath upon Ām'-ā-lēk, therefore the LORD has done this thing to you now. ¹⁹Moreover, the LORD will also deliver Israel with you into the hand of the Philistines. And tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me. The LORD also shall deliver the army of Israel into the hand of the Philistines. ²⁰Then Saul immediately fell headlong upon the earth, and was sorely afraid because of the words of Samuel. And there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no bread all day nor all night.

²¹And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was sorely troubled, and said to him, Behold, your handmaid has obeyed your voice, and I have put my life in my hand, and have listened to your words which you spoke unto me. ²²Now therefore, I pray you, listen also to the voice of your handmaid, and let me set a bit of bread before you, and eat, so that you may have strength when you go on your way. ²³But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, urged him. And he listened to their voice. So he arose from the earth and sat upon the bed. ²⁴And the woman had a fat calf in the house. And she hurried and killed it, and took flour and kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread with it. ²⁵And she brought it before Saul, and before his servants. And they ate. Then they rose up and went away that night.

CHAPTER 29

¹Now the Philistines gathered together all their armies to Ā'-phĕk. And the Israelites pitched by a fountain which is in Jĕz'-rĕel. ²And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds and by thousands. But David and his men passed on in the rear with Achish. ³Then the princes of the Philistines said, What are these Hebrews *doing here*? And Achish said to the princes of the Philistines, Is this not David the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who has been with me these days, or these years — and I have found no fault in him since he fell *to me* until this day? ⁴And the princes of the Philistines were angry with him. And the princes of the Philistines said to him, Make this fellow return so that he may go again to his place which you have marked out for him. And do not let him go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an enemy to us. For with what should he reconcile himself to his master? *Should it* not be with the heads of these men? ⁵Is not this David, of whom they sang to one another in dances, saying, Saul killed his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

⁶Then Achish called David and said to him, Surely, *as* the LORD lives, you have been upright, and your going out and your coming in with me in the army is good in my sight. For I have not found evil in you since the day of your coming to me until this day. Nevertheless the lords do not favor you. ⁷Therefore return now, and go in peace so that you do not displease the lords of the Philistines.

⁸And David said to Achish, But what have I done? And what have you found in your servant so long as I have been with you to this day, that I may not go fight against the enemies of my lord the king? ⁹And Achish answered and said to David, I know that you are good in my sight, like an angel of God. But the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle. ¹⁰Therefore now, rise up early in the morning with your master's servants who have come with you. And as soon as you are up early in the morning, and have light, depart. ¹¹So David and his men rose up early to leave in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jĕz'-rĕel.

CHAPTER 30

¹And when David and his men had come to Zik'-lāg on the third day, it came to pass that the Ā-māl'-ĕk-ites had invaded the south and Zik'-lāg, and had struck Zik'-lāg and burned it with fire. ²And *they* had taken captive the women who were in it. They did not kill any, either small or great, but carried *them* away and went on their way. ³So David and his men came to the city, and behold, it was burned with fire, and their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captives. ⁴Then David and the people who were with him lifted up

their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. ⁵And David's two wives had been taken captive, Ā-hīn'-ō-ām of Jēz'-rēel, and Āb'-ī-gāil the wife of Nā'-bāl of Cār'-mēl. ⁶And David was greatly distressed, for the people spoke of stoning him — because the soul of all the people was grieved, each one for his sons and for his daughters. But David encouraged himself in the LORD his God. ⁷And David said to Ā-bī'-ā-thār the priest, Ā-hīm'-ē-lēch's son, I pray you, bring the ephod here to me. And Ā-bī'-ā-thār brought the ephod there to David. ⁸And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go after this troop? Shall I overtake them? And He answered him, Go! For you shall surely overtake *them*, and will without fail recover *all*. ⁹So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Bē'-sôr, where those who were left behind stayed. ¹⁰But David pursued, he and four hundred men. For two hundred stayed behind, who were so faint that they could not go over the brook Bē'-sôr.

¹¹And they found an Egyptian in the field and brought him to David and gave him bread, and he ate. And they made him drink water. ¹²And they gave him a piece of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins. And when he had eaten, his spirit came again to him. For he had eaten no bread nor drunk water for three days and three nights. ¹³And David said to him, To whom do you *belong*? And where do you *come* from? And he said, I am a young man of Egypt, servant to an Ā-māl'-ēk-īte. And my master left me because three days ago I fell sick. ¹⁴We made an invasion *upon* the south of the Chēr'-ē-thītes, and upon *that* which *belongs* to Judah, and upon the south of Caleb. And we burned Zik'-lāg with fire. ¹⁵And David said to him, Can you bring me down to this company? And he said, Swear to me by God that you will neither kill me nor deliver me into the hands of my master, and I will bring you down to this company.

¹⁶And when he had brought him down, behold, *they were* spread abroad upon all the earth, eating and drinking and dancing, because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines and out of the land of Judah. ¹⁷And David struck them from the twilight even to the evening of the next day. And not a man of them escaped, except four hundred young men who rode upon camels and fled. ¹⁸And David recovered all that the Ā-māl'-ēk-ītes had carried away. And David rescued his two wives. ¹⁹And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil nor anything that they had taken unto themselves. David recovered all. ²⁰And David took all the flocks and the herds *which* they drove before those *other* cattle. And *he* said, This is David's spoil.

²¹And David came to the two hundred who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom they had made also to stay at the brook Bē'-sôr. And they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people who were with him. And when David came near the people, he

greeted them. ²²Then all the wicked men and *men* of Bē'-lī-āl among the men who went with David answered and said, Because they did not go with us, we will not give them *anything* of the spoil that we have recovered, except to every man his wife and his children, so that they may lead *them* away and depart. ²³Then David said, My brothers, you shall not do so with that which the LORD has given us. *For he* has kept us alive, and has delivered into our hand the company that came against us. ²⁴For who will listen to you in this matter? But as his part is that goes down to the battle, so shall be his part that stays by the stuff. They shall divide alike. ²⁵And from that day forward he made it a statute and an ordinance for Israel unto this day.

²⁶And when David came to Zīk'-lāg, he sent *some* of the spoil to the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, Behold, a present for you from the spoil of the enemies of the LORD — ²⁷to the ones who were in Bethel, and to the ones who were in south Rā'-mōth, and to the ones who were in Jāt'-tīr, ²⁸and to the ones who were in Ā-rō'-ēr, and to the ones who were in Sīph'-mōth, and to the ones who were in Ēsh-tē-mō'-ā, ²⁹and to the ones who were in Rā'-chāl, and to the ones who were in the cities of the Jē-rāh'-mēel-ītes, and to the ones who were in the cities of the Kē'-nītes, ³⁰and to the ones who were in Hōr-māh, and to the ones who were in Chōr-āsh'-ān, and to the ones who were in Ā'-thāch, ³¹and to the ones who were in Hē'-brōn, and to all the places where David himself and his men had been among them.

CHAPTER 31

¹Now the Philistines fought against Israel. And the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down wounded in Mount Gil-bō'-ā. ²And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan and Ā-bīn'-ā-dāb and Māl'-chī-shū'-ā, Saul's sons. ³And the battle went sore against Saul. And the archers hit him, and he was sorely wounded by the archers. ⁴Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, Draw your sword and thrust me through with it — lest these uncircumcised ones come and thrust me through, and abuse me. But his armor-bearer would not, for he was very much afraid. Therefore Saul took a sword and fell upon it. ⁵And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he fell likewise upon his sword and died with him. ⁶So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armor-bearer, and all his men, that same day together.

⁷And when the men of Israel who were on the other side of the valley, and those who were on the other side Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled and that Saul and his sons were dead, they abandoned the cities and fled. And the Philistines came and lived in them. ⁸And on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, they found Saul and his three sons fallen in Mount Gil-bō'-ā. ⁹And they cut off his

head and stripped off his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines all around, to publish *it in* the house of their idols and among the people. ¹⁰And they put his armor in the house of Āsh'-tā-rōth, and they fastened his body to the wall of Bēth'-shān.

¹¹And when the people of Jā'-bēsh in Gilead heard of what the Philistines had done to Saul, ¹²all the brave men arose and traveled all night. And they took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Bēth'-shān, and came to Jā'-bēsh and burned them there. ¹³And they took their bones and buried *them* under a tree at Jā'-bēsh, and fasted seven days.

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CHAPTER 1

¹Now after the death of Saul, when David had returned from the slaughter of the Ā-māl'-ĕk-ites, and after David had stayed two days in Zik'-lāg, ²on the third day, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul with his clothes torn and earth upon his head. And when he came to David, he fell to the earth and bowed to him. ³And David said to him, Where do you come from? And he said to him, I have escaped out of the camp of Israel. ⁴And David said to him, How did the matter go? I pray you, tell me. And he answered, The people have fled from the battle, and many of the people also have fallen and are dead. And Saul and his son Jonathan are dead also.

⁵And David said to the young man who told him, How do you know that Saul and his son Jonathan are dead? ⁶And the young man who told him said, As I happened by chance upon Mount Gīl-bō'-ā, behold, Saul leaned upon his spear. And, lo, the chariots and horsemen followed hard after him. ⁷And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called to me. And I answered, Here am I. ⁸And he said to me, Who are you? And I answered him, I am an Ā-māl'-ĕk-ite. ⁹He said to me again, I pray you, stand over me and kill me, for anguish has come upon me, because my life is still whole in me. ¹⁰So I stood over him, and killed him, because I was sure that he could not live after he had fallen. And I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was upon his arm, and have brought them here to my lord. ¹¹Then David took hold on his clothes, and tore them. And likewise all the men who were with him. ¹²And they mourned and wept and fasted until evening, for Saul and for his son Jonathan, and for the people of the LORD, and for the house of Israel, because they had fallen by the sword.

¹³And David said to the young man who told him, Where are you from? And he answered, I am the son of a stranger, an Ā-māl'-ĕk-ite. ¹⁴And David said, Why were you not afraid to stretch forth your hand to destroy the LORD's anointed? ¹⁵And David called one of the young men and said, Go near *and* fall upon him. And he struck him so that he died. ¹⁶And David said to him, Your blood shall be upon your head, for your mouth has testified against you, saying, I have slain the LORD's anointed.

¹⁷And David mourned with this mourning over Saul and over his son Jonathan. ¹⁸(Also he told them to teach the children of Judah *the use of the bow*. Behold, it is written in the book of Jāsh'-ēr.) ¹⁹The beauty

of Israel is slain upon your high places! How are the mighty fallen! ²⁰Tell it not in Gath, do not let it be known in the streets of Ās'-kē-lōn, lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph. ²¹You mountains of Gīl-bō'-ā, *let there be* no dew, neither *let there be* rain, upon you, nor fields of offerings. For there the shield of the mighty has been evilly cast away, the shield of Saul, *as though he had* not been anointed with oil. ²²From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, and the sword of Saul did not return empty. ²³Saul and Jonathan were lovely and pleasant in their lives, and in their death they were not divided. They were swifter than eagles; they were stronger than lions. ²⁴You daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you in scarlet *and* with *other* delights, who put on ornaments of gold upon your clothes. ²⁵How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, *you were* slain in your high places. ²⁶I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan. Very pleasant you have been to me. Your love to me was wonderful, more than the love of women. ²⁷How are the mighty fallen, and the weapons of war perished!

CHAPTER 2

¹And after this David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And the LORD said to him, Go up! And David said, Where shall I go? And He said, To Hebron. ²So David went up there, and his two wives also, Ā-hīn'-ō-ām of Jēz'-rēel and Āb'-ī-gāil of Cār'-mēl, Nabal's wife. ³And David brought up his men that were with him, each man with his household. And they lived in the cities of Hebron. ⁴And the men of Judah came, and they anointed David king over the house of Judah there. And they told David, saying, The men of Jā'-bēsh-gīl'-ē-ād were *the ones* who buried Saul. ⁵And David sent messengers to the men of Jā'-bēsh-gīl'-ē-ād. And he said to them, Blessed are you of the LORD, that you have shown this kindness to your lord, unto Saul, and have buried him. ⁶And now may the LORD show kindness and truth to you. And I also will repay you this kindness, because you have done this thing. ⁷Therefore now let your hands be strengthened, and be brave. For your master Saul is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.

⁸But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul's army, took Ish-bōsh'-ēth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mā-hā-nā'-īm. ⁹And he made him king over Gilead, and over the Āsh'-ū-rītes, and over Jēz'-rēel, and over Ē'-phrā-īm, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. ¹⁰Ish-bōsh'-ēth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he began to reign over Israel, and reigned two years. But the house of Judah followed David. ¹¹And the time that David was king in Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years and six months.

¹²And Abner the son of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bōsh'-ēth the son of Saul, went out from Mā-hā-nā'-īm to Gīb'-ē-ōn. ¹³And Joab the son of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh, and the servants of David, went out and met together by the pool of Gīb'-ē-ōn. And they sat down, the one on the one side of the pool and the other on the other side of the pool. ¹⁴And Abner said to Jō'-āb, Let the young men now arise and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise. ¹⁵Then there arose and went over twelve from Benjamin, who *belonged* to Ish-bōsh'-ēth the son of Saul, and twelve of the servants of David. ¹⁶And each one caught his fellow by the head, and *thrust* his sword in his fellow's side, so that they fell down together. Therefore that place was called Hēl'-kāth-hāz-zū'-rīm, which is in Gīb'-ē-ōn. ¹⁷And there was a very grievous battle that day. And Abner and the men of Israel were beaten before the servants of David.

¹⁸And there were three sons of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh there, Joab and Āb'-ī-shai and Ās'-ā-hēl. And Ās'-ā-hēl was *as* light of foot as a wild roe. ¹⁹And Ās'-ā-hēl ran after Abner, and in going he did not turn to the right hand nor to the left from following Abner. ²⁰Then Abner looked behind him and said, Are you Ās'-ā-hēl? And he answered, I am. ²¹And Abner said to him, Turn aside to your right hand or to your left, and lay hold on one of the young men, and take his armor. But Ās'-ā-hēl would not turn aside from following him. ²²And Abner said again to Ās'-ā-hēl, Turn aside from following me — why should I strike you to the ground? How then should I hold up my face to Joab your brother? ²³However he refused to turn aside. Therefore Abner struck him with the blunt end of the spear under the fifth *rib*, so that the spear came out behind him. And he fell down there, and died in the same place. And everyone who came to the place where Ās'-ā-hēl fell down and died, stood still. ²⁴Joab and Āb'-ī-shai also ran after Abner. And the sun went down when they had come to the hill of Ām'-māh, which lies before Gī'-āh by the way of the wilderness of Gīb'-ē-ōn.

²⁵And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one troop, and stood on the top of a hill. ²⁶Then Abner called to Joab and said, Shall the sword devour forever? Do you not know that it will be bitterness in the latter end? How long shall it be then before you command the people to return from chasing their brothers? ²⁷And Joab said, As God lives, unless you had spoken, surely then in the morning the people would have gone up each one from following his brother. ²⁸So Joab blew a trumpet, and all the people stood still and did not pursue after Israel any more — neither did they fight any more. ²⁹And Abner and his men walked all that night through the plain and passed over Jordan and went through all Bith'-rōn, and they came to Mā-hā-nā'-īm. ³⁰And Joab returned from following Abner. And when he had gathered all the people together, nineteen men and Ās'-ā-hēl were missing from David's servants. ³¹But the serv-

ants of David had stricken three hundred and sixty men of Benjamin, and of Abner's men, *who* died.

³²And they took up Ās'-ă-hēl and buried him in the tomb of his father, which was in Bethlehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and they came to Hebron at the break of day.

CHAPTER 3

¹Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David. But David became stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul became weaker and weaker.

²And sons were born to David in Hebron. And his first-born was Ām'-nōn, *the son* of Ā-hīn'-ō-ām of Jēz'-rēel. ³And his second was Chī'-lē-āb, of Āb'-ī-gāil of Carmel, the wife of Nabal. And the third was Āb'-sā-lōm, the son of Mā'-ā-cāh the daughter of Tāl'-maī king of Gē'-shūr. ⁴And the fourth was Ād-ō-nī'-jāh, the son of Hāg'-gīth. And the fifth was Shēph-ă-tī'-ăh, the son of Ā-bī'-tāl. ⁵And the sixth was Īth'-rē-ām, by Ēg'-lāh, David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron.

⁶And while there was war between the house of Saul and the house of David, Abner made himself strong for the house of Saul. ⁷And Saul had a concubine whose name was Rīz'-pāh, the daughter of Aī'-ăh. And *Ishbosheth* said to Abner, Why have you gone in to my father's concubine? ⁸Then Abner was very angry for the words of Īsh-bōsh'-ēth, and said, Am I a dog's head, who shows kindness against Judah this day to the house of Saul your father, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not delivered you into the hand of David? *Am I a dog's head* that you charge me today with a fault concerning this woman? ⁹So may God do to Abner, and more also, unless, as the LORD has sworn to David, even so I do to him — ¹⁰to transfer the kingdom from the house of Saul, and to set up the throne of David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to Bēer-shē'-bā. ¹¹And he could not answer Abner a word again, because he feared him.

¹²And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? — saying *also*, Make your covenant with me, and, behold, my hand shall be with you, to bring about all Israel to you. ¹³And he said, Good! I will make a league with you, but one thing I ask of you. That is, that you shall not see my face unless you first bring Michal, Saul's daughter, when you come to see my face. ¹⁴And David sent messengers to Īsh-bōsh'-ēth, Saul's son, saying, Deliver my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to me for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines. ¹⁵And Īsh-bōsh'-ēth sent and took her from *her* husband, from Phāl'-tī-ēl the son of Lā'-ish. ¹⁶And her husband went along with her, weeping behind her, to Bā-hū'-rīm. Then Abner said to him, Go, return! And he returned.

¹⁷And Abner had a talk with the elders of Israel, saying, You sought for David in times past to be king over you. ¹⁸Now then do *it*, for the LORD has spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save My people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies. ¹⁹And Abner also spoke in the ears of Benjamin. And Abner went also to speak in the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good to Israel, and *all* that seemed good to the whole house of Benjamin. ²⁰So Abner came to David at Hebron, and twenty men *came* with him. And David made a feast for Abner and the men who were with him. ²¹And Abner said to David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, so that they may make a covenant with you, and so that you may reign over all that your heart desires. And David sent Abner away, and he went in peace.

²²And behold, the servants of David and Joab came from *pursuing* a troop, and brought in a great spoil with them. But Abner was not with David in Hebron, for he had sent him away, and he had gone in peace. ²³When Joab and all the army that was with him had come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he has sent him away, and he has gone in peace. ²⁴Then Joab came to the king and said, What have you done? Behold, Abner came to you. Why is it that you have sent him away, and he has completely gone? ²⁵You know Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive you, and to know your going out and your coming in, and to know all that you do. ²⁶And when Joab had come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, who brought him again from the well of Sī'-rāh. But David did not know it. ²⁷And when Abner had returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside in the gate to speak with him quietly. And *he* struck him there under the fifth *rib*, so that he died, for the blood of Ās'-ā-hēl his brother.

²⁸And afterward when David heard, he said, My kingdom and I are guiltless before the LORD forever from the blood of Abner the son of Ner. ²⁹Let it rest upon the head of Joab, and on all his father's house. And let there not fail from the house of Joab one who has an issue, or who is a leper, or who leans on a staff, or who falls on the sword, or who lacks bread. ³⁰So Joab and Āb'-ī-shaī his brother killed Abner, because he had slain their brother Ās'-ā-hēl at Gīb'-ē-ōn in the battle.

³¹And David said to Joab and to all the people who were with him, Tear your clothes and gird yourselves with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. And king David followed the bier. ³²And they buried Abner in Hebron. And the king lifted up his voice and wept at the grave of Abner. And all the people wept. ³³And the king mourned over Abner and said, Did Abner die like a fool dies? ³⁴Your hands were not bound, nor your feet put into fetters — as a man falls before wicked men, so you fell. And all the people wept again over him. ³⁵And when all the people came to David to eat food while it was still day, David

swore, saying, So let God do to me, and more also, if I taste bread or anything else until the sun is down. ³⁶And all the people took notice, and it pleased them, as whatever the king did pleased all the people. ³⁷For all the people and all Israel understood that day that it was not of the king to kill Abner the son of Ner. ³⁸And the king said to his servants, Do you not know that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel? ³⁹And I am weak this day, though anointed king. And these men, the sons of Zēr-ū-ī-āh, are too hard for me. The LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

CHAPTER 4

¹And when Saul's son heard that Abner was dead in Hebron, his hands were feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled. ²And Saul's son had two men that were captains of bands. The name of the one was Bā'-ā-nāh, and the name of the other was Rē'-chāb, the sons of Rīm'-mōn of Bēer'-ōth, of the children of Benjamin. For Bēer'-ōth also was counted to Benjamin, ³and the men of Bēer'-ōth fled to Gīt-tā'im and were strangers there until this day.

⁴(And Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years old when the news of Saul and Jonathan came out of Jēz'-rēel, and his nurse took him up and fled. And as she made haste to flee he fell and became lame. And his name was Mě-phīb'-ō-shēth.)

⁵And the sons of Rimmon of Bēer'-ōth, Rē'-chāb and Bā'-ā-nāh, went and came about noon to the house of Īsh-bōsh'-ēth, who lay in a bed at noon. ⁶And they came there into the midst of the house, *as though* they would have brought wheat. And they struck him under the fifth rib. And Rē'-chāb and Bā'-ā-nāh his brother escaped. ⁷For when they came to the house, he lay in his bed in his bedroom. And they struck him and killed him, and beheaded him and took his head and got away through the plain all night.

⁸And they brought the head of Īsh-bōsh'-ēth to David at Hebron, and said to the king, Behold the head of Īsh-bōsh'-ēth the son of Saul, your enemy who sought your life. And the LORD has avenged my lord the king this day of Saul and of his seed. ⁹And David answered Rē'-chāb and Bā'-ā-nāh his brother, the sons of Rīm'-mōn of Bēer'-ōth, and said to them, As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all adversity, ¹⁰when one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good news, I took hold of him and killed him in Zik'-lāg — which was the reward I gave him for his news. ¹¹How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous person in his own house upon his bed? Shall I not therefore now require his blood of your hand, and take you away from the earth? ¹²And David commanded his young men, and they killed them, and cut off their hands and their feet, and

hanged *them* up over the pool in Hebron. But they took the head of Ish-bōsh'-ēth and buried it in the tomb of Abner in Hebron.

CHAPTER 5

¹Then all the tribes of Israel came to David unto Hebron, and spoke, saying, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. ²Also in time past, when Saul was king over us, you were he who led Israel out and brought *them* in. And the LORD said to you, You shall feed My people Israel, and you shall be a captain over Israel. ³So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron. And king David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel.

⁴David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. ⁵In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months, and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years over all Israel and Judah.

⁶And the king and his men went to Jerusalem unto the Jēb'-ū-sites, the people of the land, who spoke to David saying, Unless you take away the blind and the lame, you shall not come in here — thinking, David cannot come in here. ⁷Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion — the same is the city of David. ⁸And David said on that day, Whoever gets up to the gutter and smites the Jēb'-ū-sites, and the lame and the blind *who are hated* of David's soul, *shall be chief and captain* — because they said, The blind and the lame shall not come into the house. ⁹So David lived in the fort, and called it the city of David. And David built all around, from Mil'-lō and inward. ¹⁰And David went on and became great, and the LORD God of hosts was with him.

¹¹And Hī'-rām king of Tyre sent messengers, and cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons to David. And they built David a house. ¹²And David saw that the LORD had established him king over Israel, and that He had made his kingdom sure for His people Israel's sake.

¹³And David took more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he had come from Hebron. And there were still more sons and daughters born to David. ¹⁴These are the names of those who were born to him in Jerusalem — Shām'-mū-ā, and Shō'-bāb, and Nā'-thān, and Sōl'-ō-mōn, ¹⁵also Ib'-hār, and Ē-lī-shū-ā, and Nēph'-ēg, and Jā-phī'-ā, ¹⁶and Ē-lī-shā-mā, and Ē-lī'-ā-dā, and Ē-līph'-ā-lēt.

¹⁷But when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David. And David heard, and went down to the hold. ¹⁸The Philistines also came and spread themselves in the valley of Rēph'-ā-īm. ¹⁹And David inquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go up to the Philistines? Wilt Thou deliver

them into my hand? And the LORD said to David, Go up! For I will surely deliver the Philistines into your hand. ²⁰And David came to Bā-āl-pē-rā'-zīm, and David struck them there, and said, The LORD has broken forth upon my enemies before me, like the breaking forth of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Bā-āl-pē-rā'-zīm. ²¹And there they left their images, and David and his men burned them.

²²And the Philistines came up still again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rēph'-ā-īm. ²³And when David inquired of the LORD, He said, You shall not go up, *but* go around behind them and come upon them over across from the mulberry trees. ²⁴And when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall stir yourself — for then the LORD shall go out before you to strike the army of the Philistines. ²⁵And David did so, as the LORD had commanded him. And *he* struck the Philistines from Gē'-bā until you come to Gā'-zēr.

CHAPTER 6

¹Again David gathered together all the chosen *men* of Israel, thirty thousand. ²And David arose and went with all the people that were with him from beyond Bā'-ā-lē of Judah, to bring up the ark of God from there, whose name is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who dwells *between* the chēr'-ū-bīms. ³And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Ā-bīn'-ā-dāb that was in Gīb'-ē-āh. And Ūz'-zāh and Ā-hī'-ō, the sons of Ā-bīn'-ā-dāb, drove the new cart. ⁴And they brought it out of the house of Ā-bīn'-ā-dāb which was at Gīb'-ē-āh, going with the ark of God. And Ā-hī'-ō went before the ark. ⁵And David and all the house of Israel played before the LORD on all kinds of *instruments made of* fir wood, even on harps, and on psalteries [sālt'-ēr-ēēs], and on timbrels, and on cornets, and on cymbals.

⁶And when they came to Nā'-chōn's threshing-floor, Ūz'-zāh put forth *his hand* to the ark of God, and took hold of it — for the oxen stumbled. ⁷And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Ūz'-zāh. And God struck him there for his error. And he died there by the ark of God. ⁸And David was displeased because the LORD had broken forth upon Ūz'-zāh. And he called the name of the place Pē'-rēz-ūz'-zāh to this day. ⁹And David was afraid of the LORD that day, and said, How shall the ark of the LORD come to me? ¹⁰So David would not remove the ark of the LORD to him into the city of David. But David carried it aside into the house of Ō'-bēd-ē'-dōm the Gīt'-tīte. ¹¹And the ark of the LORD stayed in the house of Ō'-bēd-ē'-dōm the Gīt'-tīte three months. And the LORD blessed Ō'-bēd-ē'-dōm and all his household.

¹²And they told king David, saying, The LORD has blessed the house of Ō'-bēd-ē'-dōm, and all that *belongs* to him, because of the ark of God. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Ō'-bēd-ē'-dōm into the city of David with gladness. ¹³And it happened that when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six steps, he sacrificed oxen and fatlings. ¹⁴And David danced before the LORD with all his might. And David was girded with a linen ephod. ¹⁵So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. ¹⁶And as the ark of the LORD came to the city of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw king David leaping and dancing before the LORD. And she despised him in her heart.

¹⁷And they brought in the ark of the LORD and set it in its place in the midst of the tabernacle that David had pitched for it. And David offered burnt offerings and peace offerings before the LORD. ¹⁸And as soon as David had made an end of offering burnt offerings and peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts. ¹⁹And he gave out among all the people, among the whole multitude of Israel, to the women as well as men, to everyone a cake of bread and a good piece of *meat*, and a *flagon of wine*. So all the people departed, each one to his house.

²⁰Then David returned to bless his household. And Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David and said, How glorious was the king of Israel today, who uncovered himself today in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovers himself! ²¹And David said to Michal, *It was* before the LORD, who chose me before your father, and before all his house, to appoint me ruler over the people of the LORD, over Israel. Therefore I will play before the LORD. ²²And I will be still lower than this, and will be base in my own sight. And of the maidservants of whom you have spoken of them I shall be had in honor. ²³Therefore Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

CHAPTER 7

¹And when the king sat in his house, and when the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies, ²the king said unto Nā'-thān the prophet, See now, I live in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells within curtains. ³And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you.

⁴And that night the word of the LORD came to Nathan saying, ⁵Go and tell My servant David, Thus says the LORD, Shall you build Me a house for Me to dwell in? ⁶For I have not lived in *any* house since the day that I brought up the children out of Egypt until this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. ⁷In all *the places* in which I have

walked with all the children of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed My people Israel, saying, Why do you not build Me a house of cedar? ⁸Now therefore, so shall you say to My servant David, Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. ⁹And I was with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies out of your sight, and have made you a great name like the name of the great *men* who are in the earth. ¹⁰Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them so that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more. Neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as before. ¹¹And even from the time that I commanded judges to be over My people of Israel, so will I cause you to rest from all your enemies. Also the LORD tells you that He will make you a house.

¹²And when your days are fulfilled, and you shall sleep with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who shall come out of your bowels. And I will make his kingdom sure. ¹³He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. ¹⁴I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men. ¹⁵But My mercy shall not leave him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before you. ¹⁶And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever. ¹⁷According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

¹⁸Then king David went in and sat before the LORD. And he said, Who am I, O Lord GOD? And what is my house, that Thou hast brought me this far? ¹⁹And this was yet a small thing in Thy sight, O Lord GOD. But Thou hast spoken also of Thy servant's house for a great while to come. And is this the manner of men, O Lord GOD? ²⁰And what can David say more unto Thee? For Thou, Lord GOD, dost know Thy servant. ²¹For Thy word's sake, and according to Thy own heart, Thou hast done all these great things to make Thy servant know. ²²Therefore Thou are great, O LORD God. For *there is none like Thee, neither is there any God besides Thee*, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²³And what one nation in the earth is like Thy people, like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to Himself, and to make Him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for Thy land, before Thy people, whom Thou didst redeem to Thee from Egypt, *from* the nations and their gods? ²⁴For Thou hast confirmed to Thyself Thy people Israel to be a people unto Thee forever. And Thou, LORD, hast become their God. ²⁵And now, O LORD God, the word that Thou hast spoken concerning Thy servant, and concerning his house: establish it forever, and do as Thou hast said. ²⁶And let Thy name be magnified forever, saying, The LORD

of hosts is the God over Israel. And let the house of Thy servant David be established before Thee. ²⁷For Thou, O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, hast revealed to Thy servant, saying, I will build you a house. Therefore Thy servant has found in his heart to pray this prayer unto Thee. ²⁸And now, O Lord GOD, Thou art that God, and Thy words are true, and Thou hast promised this goodness unto Thy servant. ²⁹Therefore now, let it please Thee to bless the house of Thy servant, so that it may continue forever before Thee. For Thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken *it*. And with Thy blessing let the house of Thy servant be blessed forever.

CHAPTER 8

¹And after this David struck the Philistines and humbled them. And David took Méth-ég-ám'-māh out of the hand of the Philistines. ²And he struck Moab, and measured them with a line, casting them down to the ground. Even with two lines he measured to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And so the Moabites became David's servants, bringing gifts.

³David also struck Hād-ā-dē'-zēr, the son of Rē'-hōb, king of Zō'-bāh, as he went to recover his border at the river Eū-phrā'-tēs. ⁴And David took from him a thousand *chariots*, and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen. And David hamstrung all the chariot *horses* but kept *enough* of them for a hundred chariots. ⁵And when the Syr'-ī-āns of Dā-mās'-cūs came to rescue Hād-ā-dē'-zēr king of Zō'-bāh, David killed twenty-two thousand men of the Syr'-ī-āns. ⁶Then David put troops in Syria of Dā-mās'-cūs. And the Syrians became servants to David, bringing gifts. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went. ⁷And David took the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadadezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. ⁸And from Bē'-tāh, and from Bē-rō'-thaī, cities of Hād-ā-dē'-zēr, king David took very much brass.

⁹When Tō'-ī king of Hā'-māth heard that David had struck all the army of Hād-ā-dē'-zēr, then Tō'-ī sent Jōr'-ām his son to king David, to greet him and bless him, because he had fought against Hād-ā-dē'-zēr and had struck him. For Hād-ā-dē'-zēr had wars with Tō'-ī. And Jōr'-ām brought with him vessels of silver and vessels of gold, and vessels of brass — ¹¹which also king David dedicated unto the LORD, with the silver and gold that he had dedicated from all nations which he subdued — ¹²of Syria, and of Moab, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Ām'-ā-lēk, and of the spoil of Hād-ā-dē'-zēr, son of Rē'-hōb, king of Zō'-bāh. ¹³And David got a name for *himself* when he returned from striking the Syrians in the valley of salt, eighteen thousand men.

¹⁴And he put garrisons in Edom. He put garrisons throughout all Edom, and all the men of Edom became David's servants. And the LORD preserved David wherever he went. ¹⁵And David reigned over all Israel. And David did judgment and justice unto all his people. ¹⁶And Joab the son of Zēr-ū-ī-āh was over the army. And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the son of Ā-hī'-lūd was recorder. ¹⁷And Zā'-dōk the son of Ā-hī'-tūb, and Ā-hīm'-ē-lēch the son of Ā-bī'-ā-thār, were the priests. And Sē-raī'-āh was the scribe. ¹⁸And Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā was over both the Chēr'-ē-thītes and the Pēl'-ē-thītes. And David's sons were chief rulers.

CHAPTER 9

¹And David said, Is there still any that is left from the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for Jonathan's sake? ²And *there was* of the house of Saul a servant whose name was Zī'-bā. And when they had called him to David, the king said to him, Are you Zī'-bā? And he said, Your servant is *he*. ³And the king said, Is there not still any of the house of Saul, so that I may show the kindness of God to him? And Zī'-bā said to the king, Jonathan still has a son, *who* is lame in *his* feet. ⁴And the king said to him, Where is he? And Zī'-bā said to the king, Behold, he is in the house of Mā'-chīr, the son of Ām'-mī-ēl, in Lō'-dē-bār.

⁵Then king David sent and brought him out of the house of Mā'-chīr the son of Ām'-mī-ēl, from Lō'-dē-bār. ⁶Now when Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and bowed to him. And David said, Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth! And he answered, Behold your servant! ⁷And David said to him, Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan your father's sake, and will restore you all the land of Saul your father. And you shall eat bread at my table forever. ⁸And he bowed himself and said, What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I am?

⁹Then the king called to Zī'-bā, Saul's servant, and said to him, I have given to your master's son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house. ¹⁰You therefore, and your sons, and your servants, shall till the land for him, and you shall bring in *the fruits*, so that your master's son may have food to eat. But Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth your master's son shall eat bread always at my table. Now Zī'-bā had fifteen sons and twenty servants. ¹¹Then Zī'-bā said to the king, According to all that my lord the king has commanded his servant, so shall your servant do. As for Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth, *said the king*, he shall eat at my table like one of the king's sons. ¹²And Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth had a young son, whose name was Mī'-chā. And all that lived in the house of Zī'-bā were servants to Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth. ¹³So Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth lived in

Jerusalem. For he always sat at the king's table. And *he* was lame in both his feet.

CHAPTER 10

¹And after this the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son Hā'-nūn reigned in his stead. ²Then said David, I will show kindness to Hā'-nūn the son of Nā'-hāsh, as his father showed kindness to me. And David sent to comfort him for his father, by the hand of his servants. And David's servants came to the land of the children of Ammon. ³And the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hā'-nūn their lord, Do you think that David honors your father, that he has sent comforters to you? Has not David *rather* sent his servants to you to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? ⁴Therefore Hā'-nūn took David's servants and shaved off half their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, to their buttocks, and sent them away. ⁵When they told *it* to David, he sent to meet them, because the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Stay at Jericho until your beards are grown, and *then* return.

⁶And when the children of Ammon saw that they had begun to stink before David, the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Bēth-rē'-hōb, and the Syrians of Zō'-bā, twenty thousand footmen, and from king Mā'-ā-cāh a thousand men, and from Ish'-tōb twelve thousand men. ⁷And when David heard, he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men. ⁸And the children of Ammon came out and put the battle in order at the entering in of the gate. And the Syrians of Zō'-bā, and of Rē'-hōb, and Ish'-tōb, and Mā'-ā-cāh, were by themselves in the field. ⁹When Joab saw that the front of the battle was against him before and behind, he chose from all the choice *men* of Israel, and put *them* in order against the Syrians. ¹⁰And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand of Āb'-ī-shaī his brother, so that he might put *them* in order against the children of Ammon. ¹¹And he said, If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me. But if the children of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will come and help you. ¹²Be of good courage, and let us play the men for our people and for the cities of our God. And may the LORD do that which seems good to Him.

¹³And Joab and the people who were with him drew near to the battle against the Syrians. And they fled before him. ¹⁴And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians had fled, then they fled also before Āb'-ī-shaī, and entered into the city. So Joab returned from the children of Ammon and came to Jerusalem. ¹⁵And when the Syrians saw that they were beaten before Israel, they gathered themselves together. ¹⁶And Hād-ā-rē'-zēr sent and brought out the Syrians who were beyond the river. And they came to Hē'-lām. And Shō'-bāch

the captain of the host of Hād-ā-rē'-zēr went before them. ¹⁹And when David was told, he gathered all Israel together and passed over Jordan, and came to Hē'-lām. And the Syrians set themselves in order against David and fought with him. ¹⁸And the Syrians fled before Israel. And David killed *the men of seven hundred chariots of the Syrians, and forty thousand horsemen, and struck Shō'-bāch the captain of their host, who died there.* ¹⁹And when all the kings who were servants of Hād-ā-rē'-zēr saw that they were beaten before Israel, they made peace with Israel and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAPTER 11

¹And after the year had passed, at the time when kings go forth *to battle*, David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel. And they destroyed the children of Ammon and circled Rāb'-bāh. But David remained at Jerusalem. ²And one evening David arose from his bed and walked upon the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman washing herself. And the woman was very beautiful to look upon. ³And David sent and asked about the woman. And one said, Is not this Bāth'-shē-bā, the daughter of Ē-lī-ām, the wife of Ū-rī-āh the Hittite? ⁴And David sent messengers and took her. And she came in to him, and he lay with her. And when she had purified herself from her uncleanness, she returned to her house. ¹⁵And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

⁶And David sent to Joab, *saying* Send me Ū-rī-āh the Hittite. And Jō'-āb sent Ū-rī-āh to David. ⁷And when Ū-rī-āh had come to him, David asked how Joab did, and how the people did, and how the war went. ⁸And David said to Uriah, Go down to your house and wash your feet. And Uriah left the king's house. And a gift from the king went out after him. ⁹But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. ¹⁰And when they told David, saying, Uriah did not go down to his house — David said to Uriah, Did you not come from your journey? Why then do you not go down to your house? ¹¹And Uriah said to David, The ark and Israel and Judah abide in tents. And my lord Joab, and the servants of my lord, are camped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and to drink and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing. ¹²And David said to Uriah, Stay here today also, and tomorrow I will let you go. So Uriah stayed in Jerusalem that day and the next day. ¹³And when David had called him, he ate and drank before him. And he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

¹⁴And in the morning David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. ¹⁵And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and draw back from him so that he may be stricken and die. ¹⁶And when Joab observed the city, he sent Uriah to a place where he knew brave men were. ¹⁷And the men of the city went out and fought with Joab. And *some* of the people of the servants of David fell. And Uriah the Hittite also died.

¹⁸Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war. ¹⁹And *he* commanded the messenger saying, When you have made an end of telling the matters of the war to the king, ²⁰and if it be so that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto you, Why did you approach so near to the city when you fought? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall? ²¹Who struck Ā-bīm'-ě-lěch the son of Jě-rüb'-bě-shěth? Did not a woman cast a piece of a millstone upon him from the wall, so that he died in Thě'-běz? Why did you go near the wall? — then you shall say, Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

²²So the messenger departed, and came and showed David all that Joab had sent him for. ²³And the messenger said to David, Surely the men prevailed against us, and came out to us unto the field, and we were upon them even to the entering of the gate. ²⁴And the shooters shot from off the wall upon your servants, and *some* of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. ²⁵Then David said to the messenger, So you shall say to Joab, Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Make your battle stronger against the city and overthrow it. And you encourage him.

²⁶And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. ²⁷And when her mourning was past, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done was evil in the eyes of the LORD.

CHAPTER 12

¹And the LORD sent Nathan to David. And he came to him and said to him, There were two men in one city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich *man* had exceeding many flocks and herds, ³but the poor *man* had nothing except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished up. And it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of his own food and drank from his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was to him like a daughter. ⁴And there came a traveler to the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd to dress for the wayfaring man that had come to him. But *he* took the poor man's lamb and dressed it for the man who had

come to him. ⁵And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. And he said to Nathan, As the LORD lives, the man who has done this thing shall surely die. ⁶And he shall restore the lamb four-fold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity.

⁷And Nathan said to David, You are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel, I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you out of the hand of Saul. ⁸And I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah. And if *that* was too little, I would have given unto you such and such things besides. ⁹Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight? You have killed Ū-rī'-āh the Hīt'-tīte with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the children of Ammon. ¹⁰Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me and have taken the wife of Ū-rī'-āh the Hīt'-tīte to be your wife. ¹¹Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against you out of your own house, and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor. And he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. ¹²For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel and before the sun. ¹³And David said to Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said to David, The LORD also has put away your sin — you shall not die. ¹⁴However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, this child *that is* born to you shall surely die.

¹⁵And Nathan left to go to his house. And the LORD struck the child that Ū-rī'-āh's wife bore to David, and it was very sick. ¹⁶David therefore prayed to God for the child. And David fasted, and went in and lay all night upon the earth. ¹⁷And the elders of his house arose *and went* to him, to raise him up from the earth. But he would not, neither did he eat bread with them. ¹⁸And on the seventh day the child died. And the servants of David feared to tell him that the child was dead. For they said, Behold, while the child was still alive we spoke to him, and he would not listen to our voice. How then will he trouble himself if we tell him that the child is dead? ¹⁹But when David saw that his servants whispered, David perceived that the child was dead. Therefore David said to his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. ²⁰Then David arose from the earth and washed, and anointed *himself*, and changed his clothing, and came into the house of the LORD and worshipped. Then he came to his house. And when he asked, they set bread before him and he ate. ²¹Then his servants said to him, What is this that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child *while it* was alive, but when the child was dead you arose and ate bread! ²²And he said, While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, Who can tell if GOD will

be gracious to me so that the child may live? ²³But now he is dead — why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

²⁴And David comforted his wife Bāth'-shē-bā. And he went in to her and lay with her. And she bore a son. And he called his name Sōl-ō-mōn. And the LORD loved him. ²⁵And he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and he called his name Jēd-ī-dī'-āh, because of the LORD.

²⁶And Joab fought against Rāb-bāh of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city. ²⁷And Joab sent messengers to David and said, I have fought against Rāb'-bāh, and have taken the city of waters. ²⁸Now therefore gather the rest of the people together, and camp against the city and take it — lest I take the city and it be called after my name. ²⁹And David gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it and took it. ³⁰And he took the king's crown from off his head, the weight of which was a talent of gold with the precious stones. And it was set on David's head. And he brought forth the spoil of the city in great abundance. ³¹And he brought forth the people that were in it, and put *them to laboring* with saws and harrows of iron, and under axes of iron. And *he made them* labor around the brick-kiln. And so he did to all the cities of the children of Ammon. So David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 13

¹And after this Āb'-sā-lōm the son of David had a beautiful sister whose name was Tā'-mār. And Ām'-nōn the son of David loved her. ²And Ām-nōn was so troubled that he fell sick for his sister Tā'-mār — for she was a virgin. And Ām'-nōn thought it hard for him to do anything to her. ³But Ām'-nōn had a friend, whose name was Jōn'-ā-dāb, the son of David's brother Shim'-ē-āh. And Jōn'-ā-dāb was a very crafty man. ⁴And he said to him, Why are you, the king's son, lean from day to day? Will you not tell me? And Ām'-nōn said to him, I love Tamar, my brother Āb'-sā-lōm's sister. ⁵And Jōn'-ā-dāb said to him, Lay down on your bed and make yourself sick. And when your father comes to see you, say to him, I pray you, Let my sister Tamar come and give me food, and prepare the food in my sight so that I may see and eat *it* at her hand.

⁶So Ām'-nōn lay down and made himself sick. And when the king had come to see him, Ām'-nōn said to the king, I pray you, let my sister Tamar come and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, so that I may eat at her hand. ⁷Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to your brother Ām'-nōn's house, and prepare food for him. ⁸So Tamar went to her brother Amnon's house. And he had lain down. And she took flour and kneaded *it*, and made cakes in his sight, and

baked the cakes. ⁹And she took a pan and poured *them* out before him. But he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have all the men go out from me. And every man went out, away from him. ¹⁰And Amnon said to Tamar, Bring the food into the room so that I may eat out of your hand.

And Tamar took the cakes which she had made, and brought *them* into the room to Amnon her brother. ¹¹And when she had brought *them* to him to eat, he took hold of her and said to her, Come lie with me, my sister. ¹²And she answered him, No, my brother, do not humble me. For no such thing ought to be done in Israel. Do not do this folly. ¹³And I — where shall I cause my shame to go? And as for you — you shall be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray you, speak to the king. For he will not withhold me from you. ¹⁴However, he would not listen to her voice; but being stronger than she, *he* forced her and lay with her.

¹⁵Then Amnon hated her with a great hatred: So that the hatred with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her. And Amnon said to her, Get up and go. ¹⁶And she said to him, *There is* no cause — this evil in sending me away is greater than the other that you did to me. But he would not listen to her. ¹⁷Then he called his servant who waited on him and said, Now put this *woman* out from me, and bolt the door after her. ¹⁸And *she had* a robe of many colors upon her, for the king's virgin daughters were clothed with such robes. Then his servant brought her out and bolted the door after her.

¹⁹And Tamar put ashes on her head and tore the robe of many colors that was on her, and laid her hand on her head, and went on, crying. ²⁰And Āb'-sā-lōm her brother said to her, Has Amnon your brother been with you? But now hold your peace, my sister. He is your brother. Do not set your heart on this thing. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom's house.

²¹And when king David heard of all these things, he was very angry. ²²And Āb'-sā-lōm did not speak to his brother Amnon, neither good nor bad, for Āb'-sā-lōm hated Amnon because he had forced his sister Tamar.

²³And after two full years Absalom had sheepshearers in Bā'-āl-hā'-zōr, which is beside Ephraim. And Absalom invited all the king's sons. ²⁴And Absalom came to the king and said, Behold now, your servant has sheepshearers — I beg you, let the king and his servants go with your servant. ²⁵And the king said to Absalom, No, my son, let us not all go now, lest we be too heavy upon you. And he pressed him. He would not go, however, but blessed him. ²⁶Then Absalom said, If not, I pray you, let my brother Amnon go with us? And the king said

to him, Why should he go with you? ²⁷But Absalom pressed him, so that he let Amnon and all the king's sons go with him.

²⁸Now Absalom had commanded his servants, saying, Now watch when Amnon's heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, Strike Amnon! — then kill him, do not fear. Have I not commanded you? Be courageous, and be brave. ²⁹And the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king's sons arose. And every man got on his mule and fled.

³⁰And while they were in the way, news came to David, saying, Absalom has killed all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. ³¹Then the king arose and tore his garments, and lay on the earth. And all his servants stood by with their clothes torn. ³²And Jōn'-ā-dāb, the son of David's brother Shīm'-ē-āh answered and said, Let not my lord think *that* they have killed all the young men, the king's sons. For only Amnon is dead. For by the mouth of Absalom this has been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. ³³Now therefore do not let my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king's sons are dead, for only Amnon is dead.

³⁴But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes and looked. And, behold, many people came by the way of the hillside behind him. ³⁵And Jōn'-ā-dāb said to the king, Behold, the king's sons come — as your servant said, so it is. ³⁶And as soon as he had made an end of speaking, behold, the king's sons came. And they lifted up their voice and wept. And the king also and all his servants wept with a great weeping.

³⁷But Absalom fled and went to Tāl'-maī, the son of Ām'-mī-hüd, king of Gē'-shūr. And *David* mourned for his son every day. ³⁸So Absalom fled and went to Gē'-shūr, and was there three years. ³⁹And king David longed to go forth to Absalom, for he was comforted about Amnon, since he was dead.

CHAPTER 14

¹Now Joab the son of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh saw that the king's heart was toward Absalom. ²And Joab sent to Tē-kō'-āh and brought a wise woman from there. And *he* said to her, I pray you, pretend yourself to be a mourner, and put on mourning clothes now, and do not anoint yourself with oil. But be like a woman who has mourned for the dead a long time. ³And come to the king, and speak in this way to him. So Joab put the words in her mouth.

⁴And when the woman of Tē-kō'-āh came to the king, she fell on her face to the ground and bowed to him. She said, Help, O King! ⁵And the king said to her, What ails you? And she answered, I am indeed a widow woman, and my husband is dead. ⁶And your hand-

maid had two sons, and the two of them fought together in the field. And *there was* no deliverer to part them, but the one struck the other and killed him. ⁷And behold, the whole family has risen against your handmaid. And they said, Deliver him who struck his brother so that we may kill him for the life of his brother whom he killed. And we will destroy the heir also. And so they shall put out my coal which is left, and shall leave to my husband neither name nor remainder upon the face of the earth.

⁸And the king said to the woman, Go to your house, and I will give command concerning you. ⁹And the woman of Tě-kō'-āh said to the king. My lord, O king, may the guilt be on me and on my father's house. And may the king and his throne be without guilt. ¹⁰And the king said, Whoever says *anything* to you, bring him to me, and he shall not touch you any more. ¹¹Then she said, I pray you, let the king remember the LORD your God, that you would not allow the revengers of blood to destroy any more, lest they should destroy my son. And he said, As the LORD lives, there shall not one hair of your son fall to the earth.

¹²Then the woman said, I beg you, let your handmaid speak *one more* word to my lord the king. And he said, Say on! ¹³And the woman said, Why then have you thought such a thing against the people of God? For the king speaks this thing as one who is at fault, in that the king does not bring his banished one home again. ¹⁴For we must all die, and *we are* as water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. Neither does God respect *any* person. Yet He does devise means so that His banished one may not be cast out from Him. ¹⁵Now therefore I have come to speak of this thing to my lord the king, because the people have made me afraid. And your handmaid said, I will now speak to the king. It may be that the king will do what his handmaid has asked. ¹⁶For the king will hear, to deliver his handmaid out of the hand of the man *who* would destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God. ¹⁷Then your handmaid said, The word of my lord the king shall now be comforting. For as an angel of God, so is my lord the king, to see what is good and bad. Therefore the LORD your God will be with you.

¹⁸Then the king answered and said to the woman, I pray you, do not hide from me the thing that I shall ask you. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak. ¹⁹And the king said, Is the hand of Joab with you in all this? And the woman answered and said, As your soul lives, my lord the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from anything which my lord the king has spoken. For your servant Joab commanded me. And he put all these words in the mouth of your handmaid. ²⁰Your servant Joab has done this thing to change the face of the matter. And my lord is wise according to the wisdom of an angel of God, to know all things that are in the earth.

²¹And the king said to Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing. Go therefore and bring the young man Absalom again. ²²And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and bowed himself, and thanked the king. And Joab said, Today your servant knows that I have found grace in your sight, my lord, O king, in that the king has done what your servant has asked. ²³So Joab arose and went to Gē'-shūr, and brought Absalom to Jerusalem. ²⁴And the king said, Let him turn to his own house, and let him not see my face. So Absalom returned to his own house, and did not see the king's face. ²⁵But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty. From the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. ²⁶And when he trimmed his head (for it was at every year's end that he trimmed *it*, because *it* was heavy on him — therefore he trimmed it), he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels, according to the king's weight. ²⁷And there were born three sons to Absalom, and one daughter, whose name was Tā'-mār. She was a woman with a beautiful face.

²⁸So Absalom lived two full years in Jerusalem and did not see the king's face. ²⁹Therefore Absalom sent to Joab, to send him to the king. But he would not come to him. And when he sent again a second time, he would not come. ³⁰Therefore he said to his servants, See, Joab's field is near mine, and he has barley there. Go and set it on fire! And Absalom's servants set the field on fire. ³¹Then Joab arose and came to Absalom's house, and said to him, Why have your servants set my field on fire? ³²And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent to you, saying, Come here so that I may send you to the king, to say, Why have I come from Gē'-shūr? *It had been* good for me to be there still. Now therefore let me see the king's face, and if *there* is any iniquity in me, let him kill me. ³³So Joab came to the king and told him. And when he had called for Absalom, he came to the king and bowed himself on his face to the ground before the king. And the king kissed Absalom.

CHAPTER 15

¹And after this Absalom prepared himself chariots and horses and fifty men to run before him. ²And Absalom rose up early and stood beside the way of the gate. And when any man who had a suit to come before the king for judgment, then Absalom called to him and said, What city are you from? And he said, Your servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. ³And Absalom said to him, See! Your matters are good and right. But no man from the king will hear you. ⁴Absalom said moreover, Oh that I might be made judge in the land, so that every man who has any suit or cause might come to me, and I would do him justice! ⁵And when any man came near to bow down to him,

he put forth his hand and took him and kissed him. ⁶And in this way Absalom did to all Israel that came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

⁷And at the end of forty years, Absalom said to the king, I pray you, let me go and pay my vow which I have vowed to the LORD in Hebron. ⁸For your servant vowed a vow while I lived at Gē'-shūr in Syria, saying, If the LORD will indeed bring me again to Jerusalem, then I will serve the LORD. ⁹And the king said to him, Go in peace. So he arose and went to Hebron. ¹⁰But Absalom sent spies throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as you hear the sound of the trumpet, then you shall say, Absalom reigns in Hebron! ¹¹And with Absalom went two hundred called men out of Jerusalem. And they went in their honesty, and did not know anything *about Absalom's plans*. ¹²And Absalom sent for Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl of Gī'-lōh, David's counsellor, from his city Gī'-lōh, while he offered sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong, for the people with Absalom grew more and more.

¹³And there came a messenger to David saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. ¹⁴And David said to all his servants who were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee! For *otherwise* we shall not escape from Absalom. Make haste to depart, lest he overtake us suddenly and bring evil upon us, and strike the city with the edge of the sword. ¹⁵And the king's servants said to the king, Behold, your servants will do whatever my lord the king shall choose. ¹⁶And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women *who were* concubines to keep the house. ¹⁷And the king went forth, and all the people after him, and stayed in a place that was far off. ¹⁸And all his servants passed on beside him. And all the Chēr'-ē-thītes, and all the Pēl'-ē-thītes, and all the Gīt'-tites, six hundred men who came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

¹⁹Then the king said to Īt-tā'-ī the Gīt'-tite, Why do you also go with us? Return to your place, and stay with the king. For you are a stranger, and also an exile. ²⁰Since you came *only* yesterday, should I make you go up and down with us today? Since I go where I may, you may return and take back your brothers. May mercy and truth be with you. ²¹And Īt-tā'-ī answered the king and said, As the LORD lives, and as my lord the king lives, surely in whatever place my lord the king shall be, whether in death or life, even there also will your servant be. ²²And David said to Īt-tā'-ī, Go and pass over. And Īt-tā'-ī the Gīt'-tite passed over, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him. ²³And all the country wept with a loud voice, and all the people passed over. The king himself also passed over the brook Kī'-drōn, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

²⁴And lo, Zā'-dōk came also, and all the Levites were with him, carrying the ark of the covenant of God. And they set down the ark of God. And Ā-bī'-ā-thār went up until all the people had finished passing out of the city. ²⁵And the king said to Zā'-dōk, Carry the ark of God back into the city. If I shall find favor in the eyes of the LORD, He will bring me again and show it to me, and its dwelling place *also*. ²⁶But if He says this, I have no delight in you — behold me, *and* let Him do to me as seems good to Him. ²⁷The king also said to Zā'-dōk the priest, Are you a seer? *Then* return to the city in peace, and your two sons with you. Ā-hī'-mā-āz your son, and Jonathan the son of Ā-bī'-ā-thār. ²⁸See! I will wait in the plain of the wilderness until there comes word from you to tell me. ²⁹Then Zā'-dōk and Ā-bī'-ā-thār carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem. And they remained there.

³⁰And David went up by the ascent of *Mount Olivet*. And he wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot. And of all the people who were with him, each man covered his head. And they went up, weeping as they went. ³¹And one told David, saying, Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray Thee, turn the advice of Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl to foolishness.

³²And *when* David had come to the top, where he worshipped God, behold, Hū'-shaī the Ā'-chīte came to meet him with his coat torn and earth upon his head. ³³David said to *him*, If you pass on with me, then you shall be a burden to me. ³⁴But if you return to the city and say to Absalom, I will be your servant, O king — I have been your father's servant until now, and now I also will be your servant — then you may defeat the advice of Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl for me. ³⁵Do you not have there with you Zā'-dōk and Ā-bī'-ā-thār the priests? Then whatever you shall hear out of the king's house, you shall tell *it* to Zā'-dōk and Ā-bī'-ā-thār the priests. ³⁶Behold, *they have* their two sons, there with them, Ā-hī'-mā-āz, Zā'-dōk's *son*, and Jonathan, Ā-bī'-ā-thār's *son*. And you shall send to me everything that you hear by them. ³⁷So David's friend Hū'-shaī came to the city. And Absalom came into Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 16

¹And when David was a little past the top, behold, Zi'-bā the servant of Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth met him with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred *loaves* of bread, and a hundred bunches of raisins, and a hundred of summer fruits, and a bottle of wine. ²And the king said to Zi'-bā, What do you mean by these? And Zi'-bā said, The asses are for the king's household to ride upon. And the bread and summer fruit are for the young men to eat. And the wine is so that the ones who are faint in the wilderness may drink. ³And the king said, And

where is your master's son? And Zi'-bā said to the king, Behold, he remains at Jerusalem. For he said, Today the house of Israel shall restore to me the kingdom of my father. ⁴Then the king said to Zi'-bā, Behold, All that *belonged* to Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth is yours. And Zi'-bā said, I humbly beg you that I may find grace in your sight, my lord, O king.

⁵And when king David came to Bā-hū'-rīm, behold, a man of the house of Saul came out from there, whose name was Shīm'-ē-ī, the son of Gē'-rā. He came forth and still cursed as he came. ⁶And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of king David. And all the people and all the mighty men were on his right hand and on his left. ⁷And so said Shīm'-ē-ī when he cursed, Come out, come out, you bloody man, and you man of Bē'-li-āl. ⁸The LORD has returned upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned. And the LORD has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son. And look at you in your mischief, because you are a bloody man!

⁹Then Āb'-ī-shaī the son of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh said to the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? I pray you, let me go over and take off his head. ¹⁰And the king said, What have I to do with you, you sons of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh? Let him curse, because the LORD has said to him, Curse David. Who then shall say, Why have you done so? ¹¹And David said to Āb'-ī-shaī and to all his servants, Behold, my son, who came forth from my bowels, seeks my life — how much more now should *this* Benjamite? Let him alone and let him curse, for the LORD has bidden him. ¹²It may be that the LORD will look on my affliction, and that the LORD will repay me with good for his cursing this day. ¹³And as David and his men went by the way, Shīm'-ē-ī went along on the hillside over across from him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones at him, and threw dust. ¹⁴And the king, and all the people who were with him, arrived weary. And *they* refreshed themselves there.

¹⁵And Absalom and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem. And Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl went with him. ¹⁶And when Hū'-shaī the Ār'-chīte, David's friend, had come to Absalom, Hū'-shaī said to Absalom, Let the king live, let the king live! ¹⁷And Absalom said to Hū'-shaī, Is this your kindness to your friend? Why did you not go with your friend? ¹⁸And Hū'-shaī said to Absalom, No, but whom the LORD and this people, and all the men of Israel choose, his will I be, and I will stay with him. ¹⁹And again, whom should I serve? *Should I not serve* in the presence of his son? As I have served in your father's presence, so I will be in your presence. ²⁰Then Absalom said to Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl, Give advice among you *as to* what we shall do. ²¹And Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl said to Absalom, Go in to your father's concubines

whom he has left to keep the house. And all Israel shall hear that you are abhorred by your father. Then shall the hands of all who are with you be strong. ²²So they spread Absalom a tent upon the top of the house, and Absalom went in to his father's concubines in the sight of all Israel. ²³And the advice of Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl, which he advised in those days, was as if a man had inquired at the oracle of God. So was all the advice of Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl, both with David and with Absalom.

CHAPTER 17

¹Moreover Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl said to Absalom, Now let me choose out twelve thousand men, and I will arise and pursue after David this night. ²And I will come upon him while he is weary and weak-handed, and I will make him afraid. And all the people who are with him shall flee. And I will strike the king only. ³And I will bring back all the people to you. The man whom you seek is as if all returned — so all the people shall be in peace. ⁴And the saying pleased Absalom very much, and all the elders of Israel. ⁵Then Absalom said, Now call Hū'-shaī the Ār'-chīte also, and let us hear likewise what is in his mouth.

⁶And when Hū'-shaī had come to Absalom, Absalom spoke to him saying, Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl has spoken in this way — shall we do his word? If not, you speak. ⁷And Hū'-shaī said to Absalom, The advice which Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl has given is not good at this time. ⁸For, Hū'-shaī said, you know your father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are chafed in their minds, like a bear robbed of her whelps in the field. And your father is a man of war, and will not stay the night with the people. ⁹Behold, he is hidden now in some pit, or in some place. And when some of them are overthrown at the first, it will come to pass that whoever hears it will say, There is a slaughter among the people who follow Absalom. ¹⁰And also he who is strong, whose heart is like the heart of a lion, shall utterly melt. For all Israel knows that your father is a mighty man, and *they* who are with him are mighty men. ¹¹Therefore I advise that all Israel be generally gathered to you, from Dan even to Bēer-shē'-bā, like the sand that is by the sea for multitude — and *then* that you go to battle in your own person. ¹²So we shall come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him like the dew falls upon the ground — and of him and of all the men that are with him there shall not be left so much as one. ¹³Moreover, if he has gotten into a city, then all Israel shall bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river until there is not one small stone found there. ¹⁴And Absalom and all the men of Israel said, The counsel of Hū'-shaī the Ār'-chīte is better than the counsel of Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl. For the LORD had appointed to defeat

the good counsel of Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl, to the intent that the LORD might bring evil upon Absalom.

¹⁵Then Hū'-shai said to Zā'-dōk and to Ā-bī'-ā-thār the priests, This and this Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl advised Absalom and the elders of Israel, and this and this I have advised. ¹⁶Now therefore send quickly and tell David, saying, Do not stay in the plains of the wilderness tonight, but speedily pass over, lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people who are with him. ¹⁷Now Jonathan and Ā-hī'-mā-āz stayed by Ēn-rō'-gēl, for *there* they might not be seen to come into the city. And a girl went and told them, and they went and told king David. ¹⁸But a lad saw them and told Absalom. But both of them went away quickly, and came to a man's house in Bā-hū'-rīm, who had a well in his court, into which they went down. ¹⁹And the woman took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and spread ground grain on it, and the thing was not known. ²⁰And when Absalom's servants came to the woman of the house, they said, Where are Ā-hī'-mā-āz and Jonathan? And the woman said to them, They have gone over the brook of water. And when they had searched and could not find *them*, they returned to Jerusalem. ²¹And after they had departed, they came up out of the well, and went and told King David. And they said to David, Arise and pass quickly over the water, for this is *what* Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl has advised against you. ²²Then David and all the people who were with him arose. And they passed over Jordan. By the morning light there was not one of them that had not gone over Jordan.

²³And when Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass and arose, and went home to his house, to his city, and put his household in order. And *he* hanged himself and died, and was buried in the tomb of his father. ²⁴Then David came to Mā-hā-nā'-im. And Absalom passed over Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. ²⁵And Absalom made Ā-mā'-sā captain of the army instead of Joab. *This* Ā-mā'-sā was the son of a man whose name was Ith'-rā, an Israelite, who went in to Āb'-ī-gail the daughter of Nahash, sister to Zēr-ū-ī'-āh, Joab's mother. ²⁶So Israel and Absalom pitched in the land of Gilead.

²⁷And when David had come to Mā-hā-nā'-im, it came to pass that Shō'-bī the son of Nā'-hāsh of Rāb'-bāh, of the children of Ammon, and Mā'-chir the son of Ām'-mī-ēl of Lō'-dē-bār, and Bār-zil-lā'-ī the Gileadite of Rō'-gē-līm, ²⁸brought beds and basins and earthen vessels, and wheat and barley and flour and parched *grain*, and beans and lentils and *other* parched *food*, ²⁹and honey and butter and sheep and cheese from cows, for David and for the people who were with him to eat. For they said, The people are hungry and weary and thirsty in the wilderness.

CHAPTER 18

¹And David numbered the people who were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. ²And David sent forth a third of the people under the hand of Joab, and a third under the hand of Āb'-ī-shaī the son of Zēr-ū-ī-āh, Joab's brother, and a third under the hand of Īt-tā'-ī the Gīt'-tīte. And the king said to the people, I will also surely go forth with you myself. ³But the people answered, You shall not go forth. For if we run away, they will not care for us. Neither if half of us die, will they care for us. But now *you are* worth ten thousand of us. Therefore now *it is* better that you remain to help us from the city. ⁴And the king said to them, I will do what seems best to you. And the king stood by the side of the gate, and all the people came out by hundreds and by thousands. ⁵And the king commanded Joab and Āb'-ī-shaī and Īt-tā'-ī, saying, For my sake be gentle with the young man, with Absalom. And all the people heard when the king gave all the captains charge concerning Absalom.

⁶So the people went out into the field against Israel. And the battle was in the woods of Ephraim, ⁷where the people of Israel were killed before the servants of David. And there was a great slaughter that day of twenty thousand *men*. ⁸For the battle was scattered there over the face of all the country. And the woods devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

⁹And Absalom met the servants of David. And Absalom rode upon a mule, and the mule went under the thick boughs of a great oak. And his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between the heaven and the earth. And the mule which was under him went away. ¹⁰And a certain man saw *it* and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanged in an oak. ¹¹And Joab said to the man who told him, And, behold, you saw *him*, and why did you not strike him there to the ground? And I would have given you ten *shekels* of silver and a girdle. ¹²And the man said to Joab, though I should receive a thousand *shekels* of silver in my hand, *yet* I would not put forth my hand against the king's son. For in our hearing the king charged you and Āb'-ī-shaī and Īt-tā'-ī, saying, Beware that none *touches* the young man Absalom. ¹³Otherwise I should have dealt falsely with my own life, for there is no matter hidden from the king, and you yourself would have set yourself against me.

¹⁴Then Joab said, I cannot stay here with you this way! And he took three darts in his hand and thrust them through the heart of Absalom while he was still alive in the midst of the oak. ¹⁵And ten young men who bore Joab's armor surrounded and struck Absalom, and killed him. ¹⁶And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing

Israel. For Joab held back the people. ¹⁷And they took Absalom and threw him into a great pit in the woods. And *they* laid a very great heap of stones upon him. And all Israel fled, each one to his tent.

¹⁸Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself a pillar, which is in the king's valley — for he said, I have no son to keep my name in remembrance. And he called the pillar after his own name. And it is called until this day, Absalom's place.

¹⁹Then Ā-hī'-mā-āz the son of Zā'-dōk said, Now let me run and bear the news to the king, how the LORD has avenged him of his enemies. ²⁰And Joab said to him, You shall not bear news today, but you shall bear good news some other day. But today you shall bear no tidings, because the king's son is dead. ²¹Then Joab said to Cū'-shī, Go tell the king what you have seen. And Cū'-shī bowed himself to Joab, and ran. ²²Then Ā-hī'-mā-āz the son of Zā'-dōk said yet again to Joab, I pray you, come what may, let me also run after Cū'-shī. And Joab said, Why will you run, my son, since you have no good news ready? ²³But *he said*, Come what may, let me run! And he said to him, Run. Then Ā-hī'-mā-āz ran by the way of the plain, and ran past Cū'-shī.

²⁴And David sat between the two gates. And the watchman went up to the roof over the gate to the wall, and lifted up his eyes and looked. And behold, a man ran alone. ²⁵And the watchman cried and told the king. And the king said, If he is alone, *there is* news in his mouth. And he came apace and drew near. ²⁶And the watchman saw another man running. And the watchman called to the porter and said, Behold *another* man running alone. And the king said, He also brings news. ²⁷And the watchman said, I see the running of the first is like the running of Ā-hī'-mā-āz the son of Zā'-dōk. And the king said, He is a good man, and comes with good news. ²⁸And Ā-hī'-mā-āz called and said to the king, Peace be unto you! And he fell down upon his face before the king, and said, Blessed be the LORD your God, who has delivered up the men who lifted up their hand against my lord the king. ²⁹And the king said, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Ā-hī'-mā-āz answered, When Joab sent the king's servant, and your servant, I saw a great uproar, but I did not know what it was. ³⁰And the king said, Turn aside, stand here. And he turned aside and stood still.

³¹And, behold, Cū'-shī came. And Cū'-shī said, Good news, my lord the king — for the LORD has avenged you this day of all those who rose up against you. ³²And the king said to Cū'-shī, Is the young man Absalom safe? And Cū'-shī answered, May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise against you to do *you* hurt, be as *that* young man is. ³³And the king was much moved, and went up to the room over the gate and wept. And as he went, he said this — O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would God I had died for you, O Absalom, my son, my son!

CHAPTER 19

¹And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weeps and mourns for Absalom. ²And the victory that day was *turned* into mourning to all the people. For the people heard *it* said that day how the king was grieved for his son. ³And the people went up secretly into the city that day, as people who are ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. ⁴But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son! ⁵And Joab came into the house to the king and said, You have today shamed the faces of all your servants — for they have saved your life and the lives of your sons and your daughters today, the lives of your wives, and the lives of your concubines — ⁶in that you love your enemies and hate your friends! For you have shown today that you neither regard princes nor servants. For today I see that if Absalom had lived and all of us had died today, then it would have pleased you very much! ⁷Now therefore get up and go forth. Speak comfortably to your servants. For I swear by the LORD if you do not go forth, there will not one stay with you this night. And that will be worse to you than all the evil which befell you from your youth until now.

⁸Then the king arose and sat in the gate. And they told *it* to the people, saying, Behold, the king sits in the gate! And all the people came before the king. (For Israel had fled, every one to his tent.) ⁹And all the people judged themselves throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king saved us out of the hand of our enemies, and he delivered us out of the hand of the Philistines. And now he has fled out of the land from Absalom. ¹⁰And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why do you not speak a word about bringing the king back?

¹¹And King David sent to Zā'-dök and to Ā-bī'-ā-thär the priests, saying, Speak to the elders of Judah, saying, Why are you the last to bring the king back to his house, since the speech of all Israel has come to the king, to his house. ¹²You are my brothers, and my flesh. Why then are you the last to bring back the king? ¹³And you say to Ā-mā'-sä, Are you not of my bone and of my flesh? May God do so to me, and more also, if you are not captain of the army before me continually instead of Joab. ¹⁴And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as one man, so that they sent to the king, *saying*, Return, you and all your servants. ¹⁵So the king returned and came to Jordan. And Judah came to Gīl'-gāl to go to meet the king, to conduct the king over Jordan. ¹⁶And Shīm'-ē-ī the son of Gē'-rā, a Benjamite, who was of Bā-hū'-rīm, hurried and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. ¹⁷And *there were* a thousand men of Benjamin with him, and Zī'-bā the servant of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his

twenty servants with him. And they went over Jordan before the king.¹⁸ And a ferryboat went over to carry the king's household over, and to do what he thought good. And Shīm'-ē-i the son of Gē'-rā fell down before the king as he had come over Jordan.¹⁹ And he said to the king, Let not my lord charge iniquity to me. Do not remember the perverse way your servant acted in the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, so that the king should take it to his heart.²⁰ For your servant knows that I have sinned. Therefore, behold, I have come today, the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.²¹ But Āb'-ī-shaī the son of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh answered and said, Shall not Shīm'-ē-i be put to death for this, because he cursed the LORD's anointed? ²²And David said, What do I have to do with you, you sons of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh, that you should be my foes today? Shall there be any man put to death today in Israel? For do I not know that I am king over Israel today? ²³Therefore the king said to Shīm'-ē-i, You shall not die. And the king swore to him.

²⁴And Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth the son of Saul came down to meet the king. And *he* had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until he came in peace.²⁵ And when he had come to Jerusalem to meet the king, the king said to him, Why did you not go with me, Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth? ²⁶And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me. For your servant said, I will saddle me an ass so that I may ride on it and go to the king — because your servant is lame.²⁷ And he has been backbiting your servant to my lord the king. But my lord the king is as an angel of God. Therefore do what is good in your eyes.²⁸ For all of my father's house were but dead men before my lord the king. Yet you set your servant among those who ate at your own table. What right then have I to cry to the king any more? ²⁹And the king said to him, Why do you speak any more of your matters? I have said, You and Zī'-bā divide the land.³⁰ And Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth said to the king, Yes, let him take all, because my lord the king has come in peace to his own house.

³¹And Bār-zil-lā'-ī of Gīl'-ē-ād came down from Rō'-gē-līm, and went over Jordan with the king to conduct him over Jordan.³² Now Bār-zil-lā'-ī was a very aged man, eighty years old. And he had provided food for the king while he was lying at Mā-hā-nā'-īm — for he was a very great man.³³ And the king said to Bār-zil-lā'-ī, Come over with me and I will feed you with me in Jerusalem.³⁴ And Bār-zil-lā'-ī said to the king, How long do I have to live, that I should go up with the king to Jerusalem? ³⁵I am eighty years old today, *and* can I discern between good and evil? Can your servant taste what I eat or what I drink? Can I any more hear the voice of singing men and singing women? Why then should your servant be still a burden to my lord the king? ³⁶Your servant will go a little way over Jordan with the king. And why should the king repay me for it with such a reward? ³⁷I pray you, let your

servant turn back again so that I may die in my own city, *and be buried* by the grave of my father and of my mother. But behold your servant Chīm'-hām, let him go over with my lord the king. And do to him what shall seem good to you. ³⁸And the king answered, Chīm'-hām shall go over with me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good to you. And whatever you shall ask of me, that I will do for you. ³⁹And all the people went over Jordan. And when the king had come over, the king kissed Bār-zīl-lā'-ī, and blessed him. And he returned to his own place. ⁴⁰Then the king went on to Gil'-gāl, and Chīm'-hām went on with him. And all the people of Judah were bringing the king, and also half the people of Israel.

⁴¹And behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said to the king, Why have our brothers the men of Judah stolen you away, and have brought the king and his household, and all David's men with him, over Jordan? ⁴²And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us. Why then are you angry for this matter? Have we eaten at all at the king's cost? Or has he given us any gift? ⁴³And the men of Israel answered the men of Judah and said, We have ten parts in the king, and we also have more *right* in David than you. Why then did you despise us, so that our advice should not be sought first in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were more fierce than the words of the men of Israel.

CHAPTER 20

¹And there happened to be there a man of Bē'-li-āl whose name was Shē'-bā, the son of Bīch'-rī, a Benjamite. And he blew a trumpet and said, We have no part in David, neither do we have *any* inheritance in the son of Jesse. Every man to his tents, O Israel! ²So every man of Israel went up from after David, *and* followed Shē'-bā the son of Bīch'-rī. But the men of Judah clung to their king, from Jordan even to Jerusalem. ³And David came to his house at Jerusalem. And the king took the ten women, *his* concubines, whom he had left to keep the house, and put them in ward, and fed them but did not go in unto them. So they were shut up till the day of their death, living in widowhood. ⁴Then the king said to Ā-mā'-sā, gather unto me the men of Judah within three days, and you be present here. ⁵So Ā-mā'-sā went to gather Judah. But he stayed longer than the set time which he had appointed him. ⁶And David said to Āb'-ī-shaī, Now Shē'-bā the son of Bīch'-rī shall do us more harm than Absalom. You take your lord's servants and pursue after him, lest he get himself *into* fenced cities and escape us. ⁷And Joab's men went out after him, and the Chēr'-ē-thītes, and the Pēl'-ē-thītes, and all the mighty men. And they went out of Jerusalem to pursue after Shē'-bā the son of Bīch'-rī. ⁸When they were at the great stone which is in Gīb'-ē-ōn, Ā-mā'-sā came to meet them.

And Joab was girded with his war-coat, which he had put on. And upon it was a girdle *with* a sword fastened upon his loins, in the sheaf of it. And as he went forth, it fell out. ⁹And Joab said to Ā-mā'-sā, Are you well, my brother? And Joab took Ā-mā'-sā by the beard with the right hand to kiss him. ¹⁰But Ā-mā'-sā took no heed to the sword that was in Joab's hand. So he struck him with it in the fifth *rib*, and shed out his bowels to the ground. And *he* did not strike him again. And he died. So Joab and Āb'-i-shāi his brother pursued after Shē'-bā the son of Bich'-rī.

¹¹And one of Joab's men stood by him and said, He who favors Joab, and he who is for David, *go* after Joab! ¹²And Ā-mā'-sā wallowed in blood in the middle of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he moved Ā-mā'-sā out of the highway into the field, and threw a cloth over him—when he saw that everyone who came by him stood still. ¹³When he was moved out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab, to pursue after Shē'-bā the son of Bich'-rī.

¹⁴And he went through all the tribes of Israel to Ā'-bēl, and to Bēth-mā'-ā-chāh, and all the Bē'-rites. And they were gathered together, and went after him too. ¹⁵And they came and besieged him in Abel of Bēth-mā'-ā-chāh. And they threw up a bank against the city. And it stood in the trench. And all the people who were with Joab battered the wall to throw it down. ¹⁶Then a wise woman cried out of the city, Hear, hear! I pray you, say to Joab: Come near here so that I may speak with you. ¹⁷And when he had come near her, the woman said, Are you Joab? And he answered, I am. Then she said to him, Hear the words of your hand-maid. And he answered, I hear. ¹⁸Then she spoke, saying, They plainly spoke in the beginning, saying, Surely they will ask of Abel, and so make an end *of the matter*. ¹⁹I am peaceable and faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city and a mother in Israel. Why will you swallow up the inheritance of the LORD? ²⁰And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy. ²¹The matter is not so. But a man of Mount Ephraim, Shē'-bā the son of Bich'-rī by name, has lifted up his hand against the king, against David. Only deliver him, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said to Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall. ²²Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Shē'-bā the son of Bich'-rī, and threw it out to Joab. And he blew a trumpet, and they scattered from the city, every man to his tent. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.

²³Now Joab was over all the army of Israel. And Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā was over the Chēr'-ē-thītes and over the Pēl'-ē-thītes. ²⁴And Ā-dōr'-ām was over the tribute. And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the son of Ā-hī'-lūd was recorder. ²⁵And Shē'-vā was scribe. And Zā'-dōk and

Ā-bī'-ā-thār were the priests. ²⁶And also Ī-rā the Jā'-īr-ite was a chief ruler around David.

CHAPTER 21

¹Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year. And David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he killed the Gīb'-ē-ōn-ites. ²And the king called the Gīb'-ē-ōn-ites and spoke to them. Now the Gīb'-ē-ōn-ites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites. And the children of Israel had sworn to them. And Saul sought to kill them in his zeal to the children of Israel and Judah. ³Therefore David said to the Gīb'-ē-ōn-ites, What shall I do for you? And with what shall I atone for this, so that you may bless the inheritance of the LORD?

⁴And the Gibeonites said to him, We will have no silver nor gold from Saul, nor from his house. Neither shall you kill any man in Israel for us. And he said, What you shall say, *that* I will do for you. ⁵And they answered the king, The man who destroyed us, and who devised against us, *that* we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the border's of Israel — ⁶let seven men of his sons be delivered to us, and we will hang them up to the Lord in Gīb'-ē-āh of Saul, chosen of the LORD. And the king said, I will give *them*. ⁷But the king spared Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the LORD's oath that was between them, between David and Jonathan the son of Saul. ⁸But the king took the two sons of Rīz'-pāh the daughter of Aī'-āh, whom she bore to Saul, Ār-mō'-nī and Mē-phīb'-ō-shēth — and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she brought up for Ā'-dri-ēl the son of Bār-zil-lā'-i the Mē-hō'-lā-thite — ⁹and he delivered them into the hands of the Gīb'-ē-ōn-ites. And they hanged them in the hill before the LORD. And they fell, *all* seven together, and were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first *days*, in the beginning of barley harvest.

¹⁰And Rīz'-pāh the daughter of Aī'-āh took sackcloth and spread it for herself upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water dropped upon them out of heaven. And *she* did not allow either the birds of the air to rest on them by day, nor the beasts of the field by night. ¹¹And it was told David what Rīz'-pāh the daughter of Aī'-āh, the concubine of Saul, had done. ¹²And David went and took the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from the men of Jā-bēsh-gīl'-ē-ād, who had stolen them from the street of Bēth'-shān, where the Philistines had hanged them when the Philistines had slain Saul in Gil-bō-ā. ¹³And he brought the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son up from there. And they gathered the bones of those who were hanged. ¹⁴And they buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in

the country of Benjamin in Zē'-lāh, in the tomb of his father Kish. And they did all that the king commanded. And after that, God heeded prayer for the land.

¹⁵Moreover the Philistines had war still again with Israel. And David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines. And David became faint. ¹⁶And Ish'-bī-bē'-nōb, who was of the sons of the giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred *shekels* of brass in weight, he being girded with a new *sword* thought to kill David. ¹⁷But Āb'-ī-shaī the son of Zēr-ū-i'-āh came to his aid, and struck the Philistine and killed him. Then the men of David swore to him, saying, You shall not go out to battle with us any more, so that you do not put out the light of Israel. ¹⁸And after this there was again a battle with the Philistines at Gob. Then Sīb'-bē-chaī the Hū'-shā-thīte killed Sīp'-pā-i, who was of the sons of the giant. ¹⁹And there was again a battle with the Philistines in Gob, where Ēl-hā'-nān of Bēth'-lē-hēm, the son of Jā'-ā-rē-ōr'-ē-gīm, killed *the brother of Gō-lī-āth* the Gīt'-tīte, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. ²⁰And there was yet again a battle in Gath, where there was a man of *great* stature who had six fingers on each hand, and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in number. And he also was born to the giant. ²¹And when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shīm'-ē-ā, the brother of David, killed him. ²²These four were born to the giant in Gath, and fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 22

¹And David spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul. ²And he said,

The LORD is my Rock, and my Fortress, and my Deliverer. ³The God who is my Rock, in Him will I trust. *He is* my Shield, and the Horn of my salvation, my High Tower, and my Refuge, my Saviour. Thou dost save me from violence. ⁴I will call upon the LORD, who is worthy to be praised. So shall I be saved from my enemies. ⁵When the waves of death encircled me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid. ⁶The sorrows of hell hemmed me in. The snares of death went in front of me. ⁷In my distress I called upon the LORD and cried to my God. And he heard my voice out of His Temple, and my cry *entered* into His ears. ⁸Then the earth shook and trembled. The foundations of heaven moved and shook because He was angry. ⁹Smoke went up out of His nostrils, and fire out of His mouth devoured. Coals were kindled by it. ¹⁰He bowed the heavens also, and came down. And darkness was under His feet. ¹¹And He rode upon a chēr'-ūb and did fly. And he was seen upon the wings of the wind. ¹²And He made darkness coverings around Him, dark waters, thick clouds of the skies. ¹³Through the brightness before

Him were coals of fire kindled. ¹⁴The LORD thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered His voice. ¹⁵And He sent out arrows, and scattered them — lightning, and troubled them. ¹⁶And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were uncovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of His nostrils.

¹⁷He sent from above, He took me. He drew me out of many waters. ¹⁸He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me — for they were too strong for me. ¹⁹They went before me in the day of my calamity, but the LORD was my stay. ²⁰He brought me forth also into a large place. He delivered me because He delighted in me. ²¹The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands He has rewarded me. ²²For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. ²³For all His judgments were before me. And *as for* His statutes, I did not depart from them. ²⁴I was also upright before Him, and have kept myself from my iniquity. ²⁵Therefore the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in His eyes. ²⁶With the merciful Thou wilt show Thyself merciful; with the upright man Thou wilt show Thyself upright. ²⁷With the pure Thou wilt show Thyself pure; and with the perverse Thou wilt show thyself perverse. ²⁸And Thou wilt save the afflicted people, but Thine eyes are upon the proud *so that* Thou mayest bring *them* down. ²⁹For Thou art my lamp, O LORD. And the LORD will lighten my darkness. ³⁰For by Thee I have run through a troop. By my God I have leaped over a wall.

³¹*As for* God, His way is perfect. The word of the LORD is tried. He is a shield to all those who trust in Him. ³²For who is God, except Jē-hó'-vāh? And who is a rock except our God? ³³God is my strength and power, and He makes my way perfect. ³⁴He makes my feet like hinds' feet, and sets me upon my high places. ³⁵He teaches my hands to war, so that a bow of steel is broken by my arms. ³⁶Thou hast also given me the shield of Thy salvation, and Thy gentleness has made me great. ³⁷Thou hast enlarged my steps under me, so that my feet did not slip. ³⁸I have pursued my enemies and destroyed them, and turned not again until I had finished them. ³⁹And I have crushed them and wounded them so that they could not rise. Yea, they have fallen under my feet. ⁴⁰For Thou hast girded me with strength to battle. Thou hast subdued under me those who rose up against me. ⁴¹Thou hast also given me the necks of my enemies, so that I might destroy those who hate me. ⁴²They looked, but *there was* none to save. *They looked* to the LORD, but He did not answer them. ⁴³Then I beat them as small as the dust of the earth, I stamped them like the mire of the street and spread them abroad. ⁴⁴Thou hast also delivered me from the strivings of my people, Thou hast kept me the head of the heathen. A people I knew not shall serve me. ⁴⁵Strangers shall submit themselves to me. As soon as they hear, they shall obey me. ⁴⁶Strangers shall fade away, and they shall be

afraid out of their strongholds. ⁴⁷The LORD lives! And blessed be my Rock, and exalted be the God, the Rock of my salvation. ⁴⁸It is God who avenges me and who brings down the people under me, ⁴⁹and who brings me forth from my enemies. Thou also hast lifted me up on high above those who rose up against me. Thou hast delivered me from the violent man. ⁵⁰Therefore I will give thanks unto Thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and I will sing praises unto Thy name. ⁵¹*He is* the Tower of salvation for His king, and *He* shows mercy to His anointed, to David and to his seed, forevermore.

CHAPTER 23

¹Now these are the last words of David. David the son of Jesse said, and the man *who was* raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet psalmist of Israel, said, ²The Spirit of the LORD spoke by me, and His word was in my tongue. ³The God of Israel said, The Rock of Israel spoke to me — he who rules over men *must* be just, ruling in the fear of God. ⁴And *he* shall be like the light of the morning, *when* the sun rises, *even* a morning without clouds — like the tender grass *springing* out of the earth by clear shining after rain. ⁵Although my house is not so with God, yet He has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all *things*, and sure. For *this is* all my salvation, and all *my* desire, although He does not make *it* grow.

⁶But *the sons* of Bē'-li-āl shall all of them be like thorns thrust away, because they cannot be taken with hands. ⁷But the man who shall touch them must be fenced with iron and the staff of a spear. And they shall be utterly burned with fire in the *same* place.

⁸These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: The Tāch'-mō-nīte who sat in the seat, chief among the captains — the same was Ād'-i-nō the Ēz'-nīte. *He lifted up his spear* against eight hundred, whom he killed at one time. ⁹And after him was Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the son of Dodo the Ā-hō'-hīte, *one* of the three mighty men with David. When they defied the Philistines who were gathered together there to battle, and the men of Israel had gone away, ¹⁰he arose and struck the Philistines until his hand was weary, and *until* his hand clung to the sword. And the LORD wrought a great victory that day. And the people returned after him only to spoil. ¹¹And after him was Shām'-māh the son of Ā'-gēe the Hār'-ā-rite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where there was a piece of ground full of lentils. And the people fled from the Philistines. ¹²But he stood in the middle of the ground and defended it, and killed the Philistines. And the LORD wrought a great victory.

¹³And three of the thirty chief *men* went down and came to David in the harvest time into the cave of Ā-dūl'-lām. And the troop of the Philistines pitched in the valley of Rēph'-ā-im. ¹⁴And David was then in a

hold, and the fort of the Philistines was then in Bethlehem. ¹⁵And David longed and said, Oh that someone would give me a drink from the water of the well of Bethlehem, which is by the gate! ¹⁶And the three mighty men broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, which was by the gate, and took *it*, and brought *it* to David. Nevertheless he would not drink of it, but poured it out unto the LORD. ¹⁷And he said, Be it far from me, O LORD, that I should do this — *is this not* the blood of the men who went in danger of their lives? Therefore he would not drink it. These three mighty men did these things.

¹⁸And Āb'-ī-shaī the brother of Joab, the son of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh, was chief among three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred *and killed them*, and had the name among three. ¹⁹Was he not most honorable of three? Therefore he was their captain. However he did not attain to the *first* three. ²⁰And also Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā, the son of a mighty man, of Kāb'-zēel, who had done many acts. He killed two lion-like men of Moab. He went down also and killed a lion in the middle of a pit in time of snow. ²¹And he killed an Egyptian, a goodly man. And the Egyptian had a spear in his hand, but he went down to him with a staff and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian's hand. And he killed him with his own spear. ²²These *things* did Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā, and had the name among three mighty men. ²³He was more honorable than the thirty, but he did not attain to the *first* three. And David set him over his guard.

²⁴Ās'-ā-hēl the brother of Joab was one of the thirty. So were Ēl-hā'-nān the son of Dodo of Bethlehem — ²⁵Shām'-māh the Hār'-ōd-īte — Ē-lī'-kā the Hār'-ōd-īte — ²⁶Hē'-lēz the Pāl'-īte — Ī'-rā the son of Ik'-kēsh the Tē-kō'-īte — ²⁷Ā-bī-ē'-zēr the Ān-ē-thō'-thīte — Mē-būn'-naī the Hū-shā'-thīte — ²⁸Zāl'-mōn the Ā-hō'-hīte — Mā'-hā-raī the Nē-tōph'-ā-thīte — ²⁹Hē'-lēb the son of Bā'-ā-nāh, a Nē-tōph'-ā-thīte — Īt-tā'-ī the son of Rī-bā'-ī out of Gīb'-ē-āh of the children of Benjamin — ³⁰Bē-naī'-āh the Pī-rā'-thōn-īte — Hid-dā'-ī of the brooks of Gā'-āsh — ³¹Ā'-bī-āl'-bōn the Ār'-bā'-thīte, Āz-mā'-vēth the Bār-hū'-mīte — ³²Ē-lī-āh'-bā the Shā-āl-bō'-nīte, of the sons of Jāsh'-ēn — Jonathan — ³³Shām'-māh the Hār'-ā-rīte — Ā-hī'-ām the son of Shār'-ār the Hār'-ā-rīte — ³⁴Ē-liph'-ē-lēt the son of Ā-hās'-baī, the son of the Mā-āch'-ā-thīte — Ē-lī'-ām the son of Ā-hīth'-ō-phēl the Gī'-lō-nīte — ³⁵Hēz'-rā-ī the Carmelite — Pā'-ā-raī the Ār'-bīte — ³⁶Y'-gāl the son of Nathan of Zō'-bāh — Bā'-nī the Gadite — ³⁷Zē'-lēk the Ammonite — Nā'-hā-raī the Bēer'-ō-thīte, armor-bearer to Joab the son of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh — ³⁸Y'-rā an Ith'-rīte — Gār'-ēb an Ith'-rīte — ³⁹Ū-rī'-āh the Hit'-tīte — thirty-seven in all.

CHAPTER 24

¹And again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He moved David against them to say, Go count Israel and Judah. ²For the king said to Joab the captain of the army, who was with him, Go around through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan to Bēer-shē'-bā, and count the people so that I may know the number of the people. ³And Joab said to the king, Now may the LORD your God add to the people however many they be, a hundred times as many, and *may it be* that the eyes of my lord the king may see. But why does my lord the king delight in this thing? ⁴But the king's word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the army. And Joab and the captains of the army went out from the presence of the king to number the people of Israel.

⁵And they passed over Jordan and pitched in Ā-rō'-ēr, on the right side of the city that *lies* in the midst of the river of Gad, and toward Jā'-zēr. ⁶Then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tāh-tim-hōd'-shī. And they came to Dān-jā'-ān, and around to Sī'-dōn. ⁷And *they* came to the stronghold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hī'-vītes and of the Canaanites. And they went out to the south of Judah, to Bēer-shē'-bā. ⁸So when they had gone through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. ⁹And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people to the king. And there were in Israel eight hundred thousand strong men who drew the sword. And the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

¹⁰And David's heart struck him after he had numbered the people. And David said to the LORD, I have sinned greatly in what I have done. And now, I beseech Thee, O LORD, take away the iniquity of Thy servant, for I have done very foolishly. ¹¹For when David was up in the morning, the word of the LORD came to the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying, ¹²Go and say to David, Thus says the LORD, I offer you three *things*. Choose one of them, so that I may do it to you. ¹³So Gad came to David, and told him, and said to him, Shall seven years of famine come upon you and upon your land? Or will you flee three months before your enemies while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' plague in your land? Now advise, and see what answer I shall return to Him who sent me. ¹⁴And David said to Gad, I am in great distress. Let us fall now into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are great. And do not let me fall into the hand of man.

¹⁵So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel from the morning even till the time appointed. And there died from the people, from Dan to Bēer-shē'-bā, seventy thousand men. ¹⁶And when the angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD turned from the evil, and said to the angel who destroyed the people, It is enough. Now

stay your hand. And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing-place of Ā-räu'-näh the Jëb'-û-sîte. ¹⁷And David spoke to the LORD when he saw the angel who struck the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done? I pray Thee, let Thy hand be against me and against my father's house.

¹⁸And Gad came that day to David, and said to him, Go up! Rear an altar to the LORD in the threshing-floor of Ā-räu'-näh the Jëb'-û-sîte. ¹⁹And David went up, according to the saying of Gad, as the LORD commanded. ²⁰And Ā-räu'-näh looked, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him. And Ā-räu'-näh went out and bowed himself before the king, with his face upon the ground. ²¹And Ā-räu'-näh said, Why has my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing-floor from you, to build an altar to the LORD, so that the plague may be stayed from the people. ²²And Ā-räu'-näh said to David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what *seems* good to him. Behold, *here are* oxen for burnt sacrifice, and threshing instruments and *other* instruments of the oxen for wood. ²³All these *things* did Ā-räu'-näh, *like* a king, give to the king. And Ā-räu'-näh said to the king, May you be good in the sight of the LORD your God. ²⁴And the king said to Ā-räu'-näh, No, but I will surely buy it from you at a price. Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which does not cost me anything. So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. ²⁵And David built there an altar to the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the LORD was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

The FIRST Book of the KINGS

CHAPTER 1

¹Now king David was old, far gone in years. And they covered him with clothes, but he got no heat. ²Therefore his servants said to him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin. And let her stand before the king, and let her nurse him, and let her lie in your bosom, so that my lord the king may get heat. ³So they looked for a fair girl throughout all the borders of Israel, and found Āb'-ī-shāg, a Shû-nâm'-mīte. And they brought her to the king. ⁴And the girl was very beautiful. And she nursed the king and served him. But the king did not know her.

⁵Then Ād-ō-nī'-jāh the son of Hāg'-gīth exalted himself, saying, I will be king. And he prepared himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. ⁶And his father had not displeased him at any time by asking, Why have you done so? And he also was a very handsome *man*, and *his mother* bore him after Absalom. ⁷And he talked with Joab the son of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh, and with Ā-bī'-ā-thār the priest. And they helped Ād-ō-nī'-jāh, following him. ⁸But Zā'-dōk the priest, and Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā, and Nathan the prophet, and Shīm'-ē-ī, and Rē'-ī, and the mighty men who *belonged* to David, were not with Ād-ō-nī'-jāh. ⁹And Ād-ō-nī'-jāh killed sheep and oxen and fat cattle by the stone of Zō'-hē-lēth, which is by Ēn-rō'-gēl, and called all his brothers the king's sons, and all the men of Judah, the king's servants. ¹⁰But he did not call Nā'-thān the prophet and Bē-naī'-āh and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother.

¹¹Therefore Nathan spoke to Bāth'-shē-bā the mother of Solomon, saying, Have you not heard that Ād-ō-nī'-jāh the son of Hāg'-gīth reigns, and David our lord does not know it? ¹²Now therefore come, I pray you, *and* let me give you counsel, so that you may save your own life and the life of your son Solomon. ¹³Go and get in unto king David, and say to him, My lord, O king, did you not swear to your handmaid, saying, Surely your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? Why then does Ād-ō-nī'-jāh reign? ¹⁴Behold, while you are still talking with the king, I also will come in after you and confirm your words.

¹⁵And Bāth'-shē-bā went in unto the king into the room. And the king was very old, and Āb'-ī-shāg the Shû-nām'-mīte served the king. ¹⁶And Bāth'-shē-bā bowed and honored the king. And the king said, What would you have? ¹⁷And she said to him, My lord, you swore by the LORD your God to your handmaid, *saying*, Surely your son Solomon shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne. ¹⁸And now, be-

hold, Ād-ō-nī'-jāh reigns. And now, my lord, you do not know it. ¹⁹And he has slain oxen and fat cattle and sheep in abundance, and has called all the sons of the king, and Ā-bī'-ā-thār the priest, and Joab the captain of the army. But he has not called your servant Solomon. ²⁰And, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon you, that you should tell them who shall sit upon the throne of my lord the king after him. ²¹Otherwise, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, my son Solomon and I shall be counted offenders.

²²And lo, while she was still talking with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. ²³And they told the king, saying, Behold Nathan the prophet. And when he had come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. ²⁴And Nathan said, My lord, O king, have you said, Ād-ō-nī'-jāh shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? ²⁵For he has gone down this day, and has killed a great many of oxen and fat cattle and sheep, and has called all the king's sons and the captains of the army, and Ā-bī'-ā-thār the priest. And behold, they eat and drink before him, and say, Let king Ād-ō-nī'-jāh live. ²⁶But he has not called me, your servant, and Zā'-dōk the priest, and Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā, and your servant Solomon. ²⁷Is this thing done by my lord the king, and have you not shown your servant who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

²⁸Then David answered and said, Call Bāth'-shē-bā. And she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. ²⁹And the king swore, and said, As the LORD lives, who has redeemed my soul out of all distress — ³⁰even as I swore to you by the LORD God of Israel, saying, Surely Solomon your son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead — even so I will certainly do this day. ³¹Then Bāth'-shē-bā bowed with *her* face to the earth, and honored the king, and said, Let my lord king David live forever.

³²And king David said, Call Zā'-dōk the priest to me, and Nathan the prophet, and Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā. And they came before the king. ³³The king also said to them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon my own mule, and bring him down to Gī'-hōn. ³⁴And let Zā'-dōk the priest and Nathan the prophet anoint him king over Israel there. And blow with the trumpet, and say, God save king Solomon. ³⁵Then you shall come up after him, so that he may come and sit upon my throne. For he shall be king in my stead. And I have appointed him to be ruler over Israel and over Judah. ³⁶And Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā answered the king, and said, Amen. May the LORD God of my lord the king say so. ³⁷As the LORD has been with my lord the king, even so may He be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David. ³⁸So Zā'-dōk the priest, and Nā'-thān the prophet, and Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā, and the Chēr'-ē-thītes and the Pēl'-ē-thītes, went down and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule,

and brought him to Gī-hōn. ³⁹And Zā-dōk the priest took a horn of oil out of the tabernacle and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet, and all the people said, God save king Solomon. ⁴⁰And all the people came up after him, and the people piped with pipes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth was torn with their sound.

⁴¹And Ād-ō-nī'-jāh and all the guests who were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, What is *this* noise of the city in an uproar? ⁴²And while he was still speaking, behold, Jonathan the son of Ā-bī'-ā-thār the priest came. And Ād-ō-nī'-jāh said to him, Come in, for you are a mighty man and *you* bring good news. ⁴³And Jonathan answered and said to Ād-ō-nī'-jāh, Verily our lord king David has made Solomon king. ⁴⁴And the king has sent with him Zā'-dōk the priest, and Nā'-thān the prophet, and Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jě-hoi'-ā-dā, and the Chěr'-ē-thītes, and the Pēl'-ē-thītes, and they have caused him to ride upon the king's mule. ⁴⁵And Zā'-dōk the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gī'-hōn. And they have come up from there rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that you have heard. ⁴⁶And also Solomon sits on the throne of the kingdom. ⁴⁷And moreover the king's servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, May God make the name of Solomon better than your name, and make his throne greater than your throne. And the king bowed himself upon the bed. ⁴⁸And also the king said, Blessed is the LORD God of Israel, who has given *one* to sit on my throne this day, my eyes even seeing it. ⁴⁹And all the guests who were with Ād-ō-nī'-jāh were afraid, and rose up. And every man went his way.

⁵⁰And Ād-ō-nī'-jāh feared because of Solomon, and arose and went and caught hold on the horns of the altar. ⁵¹And it was told to Solomon, saying, Behold, Ād-ō-nī'-jāh fears king Solomon. For, lo, he has caught hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear to me today that he will not kill his servant with the sword. ⁵²And Solomon said, If he will show himself a worthy man, there shall not a hair of him fall to the earth. But if wickedness shall be found in him, he shall die. ⁵³So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and bowed himself to king Solomon. And Solomon said to him, Go to your house.

CHAPTER 2

¹Now the days of David drew near that he should die. And he charged Solomon his son, saying, ²I go the way of all the earth. Therefore you be strong and show yourself a man. ³And keep the charge of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways, to keep His statutes, and His commandments, and His judgments, and His testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, so that you may prosper in all that you do

and wherever you turn yourself — ⁴so that the LORD may continue His word which He spoke concerning me, saying, If your children take heed to their way, to walk before Me in truth with all their heart and with all their soul, there shall not fail you (said He) a man on the throne of Israel. ⁵Moreover, you know also what Joab the son of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh did to me, what he did to the two captains of the armies of Israel, to Abner the son of Ner, and to Ā-mā'-sā the son of Jē'-thēr, whom he killed, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was around his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet. ⁶Therefore do according to your wisdom, and do not let his gray head go down to the grave in peace. ⁷But show kindness to the sons of Bār-zīl-lā'-ī the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at your table. For so they came to me when I fled because of Absalom your brother.

⁸And, behold, *you have* with you Shīm'-ē-ī the son of Gē'-rā, a Benjamite of Bā-hū'-rīm, who cursed me with a grievous curse in the day when I went to Mā-hā-nā'-īm. But he came down to meet me at Jordan, and I swore to him by the LORD, saying, I will not put you to death with the sword. ⁹Now therefore, do not hold him guiltless. For you are a wise man, and *you* know what you ought to do to him. But bring his gray head down to the grave with blood. ¹⁰So David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. ¹¹And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years. He reigned seven years in Hebron, and he reigned thirty-three years in Jerusalem.

¹²Then Solomon sat upon the throne of David his father. And his kingdom was firmly established. ¹³And Ād-ō-nī'-jāh the son of Hāg'-gīth came to Bāth'-shē-bā the mother of Solomon. And she said, Do you come peacefully? And he said, Peacefully. ¹⁴He said moreover, I have something to say to you. And she said, Say on. ¹⁵And he said, You know that the kingdom was mine, and that all Israel set their faces on me that I should reign. However, the kingdom is turned around, and has become my brother's. For it was his from the LORD. ¹⁶And now I ask one favor of you; do not deny me. And she said to him, Say on. ¹⁷And he said, I pray you, speak to Solomon the king (for he will not deny you) that he give me Āb'-ī-shāg the Shû-nām'-mīte for my wife. ¹⁸And Bāth'-shē-bā said, Very well; I will speak for you to the king.

¹⁹Bāth'-shē-bā therefore went to king Solomon, to speak to him for Ād-ō-nī'-jāh. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself to her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a seat to be set for the king's mother. And she sat on his right hand. ²⁰Then she said, I desire one small favor of you. Do not deny me. And the king said to her, Ask on, my mother, for I will not deny you. ²¹And she said, Let Āb'-ī-shāg the Shû-nām'-mīte be given to Ād-ō-nī'-jāh your brother for a wife. ²²And king Solomon answered and said to his mother, And why do you ask Āb'-ī-shāg the Shû-nām'-mīte for Ād-ō-nī'-jāh? Ask the king-

dom also for him! For he is my older brother! Even for him, and for Ā-bī'-ā-thār the priest, and for Joab the son of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh! ²³Then king Solomon swore by the LORD, saying, May God do so to me, and more also, if Ād-ō-nī'-jāh has not spoken this word against his own life. ²⁴Now therefore, as the LORD lives, who has established me and set me on the throne of David my father, and who has made me a house, as He promised — Ād-ō-nī'-jāh shall be put to death this day. ²⁵And king Solomon sent by the hand of Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā. And he fell upon him so that he died.

²⁶And the king said to Ā-bī'-ā-thār the priest, Go to Ān'-ā-thōth, to your own fields, for you are worthy of death. But I will not put you to death at this time, because you carried the ark of the Lord God before David my father, and because you have been afflicted in all that in which my father was afflicted. ²⁷So Solomon thrust out Ā-bī'-ā-thār from being priest to the LORD, so that he might fulfil the word of the LORD which He spoke concerning the house of Ē'-lī in Shī'-lōh.

²⁸Then news came to Joab. For Joab had turned after Ād-ō-nī'-jāh, though he did not turn after Absalom. And Joab fled to the tabernacle of the LORD, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. ²⁹And it was told king Solomon that Joab had fled to the tabernacle of the LORD, and, behold, *he is* by the altar. Then Solomon sent Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā, saying, Go fall upon him. ³⁰And Bē-naī'-āh came to the tabernacle of the LORD, and said to him, Thus says the king, come forth! And he said, No, but I will die here.

And Bē-naī'-āh brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and so he answered me. ³¹And the king said to him, Do as he has said, and fall upon him, and bury him — so that you may take away the innocent blood, which Joab shed, from me and from the house of my father. ³²And the LORD shall return his blood upon his own head, who fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and killed them with the sword, my father David not knowing *of it* — Abner the son of Ner, captain of the army of Israel, and Ā-mā'-sā the son of Jē'-thēr, captain of the army of Judah. ³³Their blood shall therefore return upon the head of Joab, and upon the head of his seed forever. But upon David, and upon his seed, and upon his house, and upon his throne, shall there be peace forever from the LORD. ³⁴So Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā went up and fell upon him and killed him. And he was buried in his own house in the wilderness. ³⁵And the king put Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā over the army in his stead. And the king put Zā'-dōk the priest in the place of Ā-bī'-ā-thār.

³⁶And the king sent and called for Shīm'-ē-ī, and said to him, Build a house at Jerusalem and live there, and do not go forth from there anywhere. ³⁷For it shall be, on the day you go out and pass over the Kī'-drōn, you shall know for certain that you shall surely die. Your blood shall be

upon your own head. ³⁸And Shīm'-ē-ī said to the king, Your saying is good — as my lord the king has said, so will your servant do. And Shīm'-ē-ī lived in Jerusalem many days. ³⁹And at the end of three years, two of the servants of Shīm'-ē-ī ran away to Ā'-chīsh son of Mā'-ā-chāh, king of Gath. And they told Shīm'-ē-ī, saying, Behold, your servants are in Gath. ⁴⁰And Shīm'-ē-ī arose and saddled his ass, and went to Gath to Ā'-chīsh to seek his servants. And Shīm'-ē-ī went and brought his servants from Gath. ⁴¹And it was told Solomon that Shīm'-ē-ī had gone from Jerusalem to Gath, and had come again. ⁴²And the king sent and called for Shīm'-ē-ī and said to him, Did I not make you swear by the LORD, and warn you, saying, Know for certain that on the day you go out and walk abroad anywhere, that you shall surely die? And you said to me, The word that I have heard is good. ⁴³Why then have you not kept the oath of the LORD and the commandment that I have charged you with? ⁴⁴The king said moreover to Shīm'-ē-ī, You know all the wickedness that your heart knows, what you did to David my father. Therefore the LORD shall return your wickedness upon your own head. ⁴⁵And king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before the LORD forever. ⁴⁶So the king commanded Bě-naī'-āh the son of Jě-hoi'-ā-dā — who went out and fell upon him so that he died. And the kingdom was made sure in the hand of Solomon.

CHAPTER 3

¹And Solomon made an alliance with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter and brought her into the city of David until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of the LORD, and the wall around Jerusalem. ²Only the people sacrificed in high places because there was no house built to the name of the LORD until those days. ³And Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of David his father. Only he sacrificed and burnt incense in high places. ⁴And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there. For that was the great high place. Solomon offered a thousand burnt offerings on that altar.

⁵In Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night. And God said, Ask what I shall give you! ⁶And Solomon said Thou hast showed to Thy servant David my father great mercy, according as he walked before Thee in truth and in righteousness and in uprightness of heart with Thee. And Thou hast kept this great kindness for him, that Thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as *it is* this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, Thou hast made Thy servant king instead of David my father. And I am *only* a little child — I do not know *even* how to go out or come in! ⁸And Thy servant is in the midst of Thy people whom Thou hast chosen, a great people who cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. ⁹Therefore give Thy servant an understanding heart to judge Thy people, so that I may tell between good and bad — for who is able to judge this, Thy so great people?

¹⁰And the speech pleased the LORD, that Solomon had asked this thing. ¹¹And God said unto him, Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked for yourself long life, neither have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies — but have asked for yourself understanding to judge justly, — ¹²behold, I have done according to your words. Lo, I have given you a wise and an understanding heart, so that there was none like you before you, neither after you shall any arise like you. ¹³And I also have given you that which you have not asked, both riches and honor — so that there shall not be any among the kings like you all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days. ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and, behold, it was a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD and offered up burnt offerings, and offered peace offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

¹⁶Then there came two women, harlots, to the king, and stood before him. ¹⁷And the one woman said, O my lord, this woman and I live in one house. And I was delivered of a child with her in the house. ¹⁸And the third day after I was delivered, this woman was delivered also. And we were together — *there was* no stranger with us in the house, except the two of us in the house. ¹⁹And this woman's child died in the night, because she lay upon it. ²⁰And she arose at midnight and took my son from beside me, while your servant was sleeping, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. ²¹When I arose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead. And when I had looked at it in the morning, behold, it was not my son whom I bore. ²²And the other woman said, No, but the living is my son, and the dead is your son. And this one said, No, but the dead is your son, and the living is my son. So they spoke before the king. ²³Then said the king, The one says, This is my son who lives, and your son is the dead. And the other says, No, but your son is the dead, and my son is the living. ²⁴And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. ²⁵And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one and half to the other. ²⁶Then the woman to whom the living child *belonged* spoke to the king, for her bowels yearned over her son. And she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no way kill it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor yours — divide *it!* ²⁷Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no way kill it. She is the mother of it. ²⁸And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged. And they feared the king, for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him to do judgment.

CHAPTER 4

¹So king Solomon was king over all Israel. ²And these were the princes which he had — Äz-ä-rî'-äh the son of Zä'-dök the priest, ³Ë-lî-

hôr'-ëph and Ā-hī'-āh, the sons of Shī'-shā, scribes, Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the son of Ā-hī'-lūd, the recorder. ⁴And Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā was over the army. And Zā'-dōk and Ā-bī'-ā-thār were the priests. ⁵And Āz-ā-rī'-āh the son of Nathan was over the officers, and Zā'-būd the son of Nathan was principal officer, the king's friend. ⁶And Ā-hī'-shār was over the household, and Ad-ō-nī'-rām the son of Abda was over the tribute.

⁷And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided food for the king and his household. Each man had his month in a year to provide food. ⁸These are their names: the son of Hur in Mount Ephraim; ⁹the son of Dē'-kār in Mā'-kāz and in Shā-āl'-bīm, and Bēth-shē'-mēsh, and Ē'-lōn-bēth-hā'-nān; ¹⁰the son of Hē'-sēd, in Ā-rū'-bōth (to him *belonged* Sō'-cōh and all the land of Hē'-phēr); ¹¹the son of Ā-bīn'-ā-dāb in all the region of Dor, who had Tā'-phāth the daughter of Solomon for a wife; ¹²Bā'-ā-nā the son of Ā-hī'-lūd (to whom *belonged* Tā'-ā-nāch and Mē-gīd'-dō, and all Bēth-shē'-ān, which is by Zār-tā'-nāh beneath Jēz'-rēel, from Bēth-shē'-ān to Ā'-bēl-mē-hō'-lāh, to *the place that is* beyond Jōk'-nē-ām); ¹³the son of Gē'-bēr in Rā'-mōth-gīl'-ē-ād (to him *belonged* the towns of Jā'-īr the son of Mā-nās'-sēh, which are in Gilead — to him *also belonged* the region of Ār'-gōb, which is in Bā'-shān, seventy great cities with walls and brass bars); ¹⁴Ā-hīn'-ā-dāb the son of Īd'-dō had Mā-hā-nā'-īm; ¹⁵Ā-hī'-mā-āz was in Nāph'-tā-lī (he also took Bās'-ē-māth the daughter of Solomon for a wife); ¹⁶Bā'-ā-nāh the son of Hū'-shaī was in Asher and in Ā'-lōth; ¹⁷Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the son of Pā'-rū-āh, in Īs'-sā-chār; ¹⁸Shīm'-ē-ī the son of Ē'-lāh, in Benjamin; ¹⁹Gē'-bēr the son of Ū'-rī in the country of Gilead, the country of Sī'-hōn king of the Amorites and of Og the king of Bā'-shān — and *he was* the only officer who was in the land.

²⁰Judah and Israel were many, as the sand which is by the sea in multitude, eating and drinking and making merry. ²¹And Solomon reigned over all kingdoms from the river to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. They brought presents and served Solomon all the days of his life. ²²And Solomon's food for one day was thirty measures of fine flour and sixty measures of meal, ²³ten fat oxen and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep, besides harts and roebucks, and fallow deer, and fattened fowl. ²⁴For he had the rule over all on this side of the river, from Tīph'-sāh even to Āz'-zāh, over all the kings on this side the river. And he had peace on all sides round about him. ²⁵And Judah and Israel lived safely, every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, from Dan even to Bēer-shē'-bā, all the days of Solomon.

²⁶And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. ²⁷And those officers provided food for king Solomon and for all who came to king Solomon's table, every man in his month. They did not lack anything. ²⁸They also brought barley

and straw for the horses and mules, to the place where *the officers* were, every man according to his charge.

²⁹And God gave Solomon exceeding great wisdom and understanding, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the seashore. ³⁰And Solomon's wisdom was greater than the wisdom of all the children of the east country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. ³¹For he was wiser than all men — than Ē'-thăn the Ĕz'-ră-hîte, and Hē'-măn, and Chăl'-cöl, and Dăr'-dă, the sons of Mă'-höl. And his fame was in all nations round about. ³²And he spoke three thousand proverbs, and his songs were a thousand and five. ³³And he spoke of trees, from the cedar tree that is in Lēb'-ă-non even to the hyssop that springs out of the wall. He spoke also of beasts and of birds, and of creeping things, and of fish. ³⁴And there came *some* from all people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

CHAPTER 5

¹And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants to Solomon, for he had heard that they had anointed him king instead of his father — for Hiram was always a lover of David. ²And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, ³You know how David my father could not build a house to the name of the LORD his God because of the wars which were around him on every side, until the LORD put them under the soles of his feet. ⁴But now the LORD my God has given me rest on every side. *There is* neither foe nor evil happening. ⁵And behold, I purpose to build a house to the name of the LORD my God, as the LORD spoke to David my father, saying, Your son whom I will set upon your throne in your room, he shall build a house to My name. ⁶Now therefore command that they cut me cedar trees out of Lēb'-ă-non, and my servants shall be with your servants. And I will give you hire for your servants according to all that you shall say. For you know that there is not among us any who has the skill to cut timber like the Si-dō'-nī-ăns.

⁷And when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, he rejoiced greatly and said, Blessed be the LORD this day, who has given David a wise son over this great people. ⁸And Hiram sent to Solomon saying, I have considered the things which you sent to me for. I will do all your desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir. ⁹My servants shall bring *them* down from Lēb'-ă-non to the sea. And I will bring them by sea in floats to the place that you shall name. And I will cause them to be left there, and you shall receive *them*. And you shall fulfil my desire in giving food for my household. ¹⁰So Hiram gave Solomon cedar trees and fir trees *according to* all his desire. ¹¹And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat *for* food for his household, and twenty measures of pure oil. So Solomon gave to Hiram year by year. ¹²And the LORD gave Solomon wisdom, as He promised

him. And there was peace between Hiram and Solomon. And the two of them made a treaty together.

¹³And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel. And the levy was thirty thousand men. ¹⁴And he sent them to Lēb'-ā-non, ten thousand a month, by courses. They were a month in Lēb'-ā-non, *and* two months at home. And Ad-ō-nī-rām was over the levy. ¹⁵And Solomon had seventy thousand who bore burdens, and eighty thousand woodcutters in the mountains —¹⁶besides the chief of Solomon's officers who were over the work, thirty-three hundred, who ruled over the people who labored in the work. ¹⁷And the king commanded, and they brought great stones, costly stones, cut stones, to lay the foundation of the house. ¹⁸And Solomon's builders and Hiram's builders and the stone-squarers cut *them*. So they prepared timber and stones to build the house.

CHAPTER 6

¹And in the four hundred and eightieth year after the children of Israel had come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel, in the month Zif, which is the second month, he began to build the house of the LORD. ²And the house which king Solomon built for the LORD, the length of it was sixty cubits and the breadth of it was twenty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. ³And the porch before the temple of the house was twenty cubits in length, according to the breadth of the house. Ten cubits was the length of it before the house. ⁴And for the house he made windows of narrow lights.

⁵And against the wall of the house he built floors round about, *against* the walls of the house round about, of the temple and of the holy of holies. And he made rooms round about. ⁶The lowest story was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad. For around the outside of the house he made offsets so that *the beams* should not be fastened in the walls of the house. ⁷And when it was being built, the house was built of stone made ready before it was brought there — so that there was neither hammer nor axe *nor* any tool of iron heard in the house while it was being built. ⁸The door for the middle story was in the right side of the house. And they went up with winding stairs into the middle *story*, and out of the middle into the third. ⁹So he built the house and finished it. And *he* covered the house with beams and boards of cedar. ¹⁰And he built the gallery against all the house, five cubits high. And they rested on the house with timber of cedar.

¹¹And the word of the LORD came to Solomon saying, ¹²As to this house which you are building, if you will walk in My statutes and do My judgments and keep all My commandments, to walk in them, then I will perform My work with you which I spoke to David your father.

¹³And I will live among the children of Israel, and will not forsake My people Israel. ¹⁴So Solomon built the house and finished it. ¹⁵And he built the walls of the house inside with boards of cedar, both the floor of the house and the walls of the ceiling. He covered *them* on the inside with wood, and covered the floor of the house with planks of fir. ¹⁶And he built twenty cubits on the sides of the house, both the floor and the walls with boards of cedar. He even built *them* for it inside, for the holy of holies, for the most holy *place*. ¹⁷And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits *long*. ¹⁸And the cedar of the house inside was carved with gourds and open flowers. All was cedar — there was no stone seen. ¹⁹And he prepared the holy of holies in the house inside, to set there the ark of the covenant of the LORD. ²⁰And the holy of holies in the front part was twenty cubits in length and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height of it. And he overlaid it with pure gold, and covered the altar of cedar. ²¹So Solomon overlaid the house inside with pure gold. And he drew chains of gold across before the holy place. And he overlaid it with gold. ²²And he overlaid the whole house with gold, until he had finished all the house. Also the whole altar which was by the holy place, he overlaid with gold:

²³And inside the holy place he made two chēr'-ū-bīms of olive wood, ten cubits high. ²⁴And the one wing of the cherub was five cubits, and the other wing of the cherub was five cubits. From the outermost part of the one wing to the outermost part of the other were ten cubits. ²⁵And the other cherub was ten cubits. Both the cherubims were of one measure and one size. ²⁶The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was the other cherub. ²⁷And he set the chēr'-ū-bīms inside the inner house. And they stretched forth the wings of the cherubims so that the wing of the one touched the *one* wall and the wing of the other cherub touched the other wall. And their wings touched one another in the midst of the house. ²⁸And he overlaid the cherubims with gold. ²⁹And he carved all the walls of the house round about with carved figures of chēr'-ū-bīms and palm trees and open flowers, inside and out. ³⁰And the floor of the house was overlaid with gold inside and out.

³¹And for the entering of the holy place he made doors of olive wood. The lintel and side posts were a fifth part of *the wall*. ³²The two doors also were of olive wood. And he carved upon them carvings of cherubims and palm trees and open flowers, and overlaid *them* with gold and spread gold upon the cherubims and upon the palm trees. ³³So he also made for the door of the temple posts of olive wood, a fourth part of *the wall*. ³⁴And the two doors were of fir tree. The two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. ³⁵And he carved *on them* cherubims and palm trees and open flowers. And *he* covered *them* with gold fitted upon the carved work. ³⁶And he built the inner court with three rows of cut stone, and a row of cedar beams.

³⁷In the fourth year, in the month Zif, the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. ³⁸And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, which is the eighth month, the house was finished as to all the parts of it, and as to all the plans of it. So he was seven years in building it.

CHAPTER 7

¹But Solomon was thirteen years building his own house. And he finished all his house. ²He also built the house of the forest of Lěb'-ā-non. The length of it was a hundred cubits, and the breadth of it was fifty cubits, and the height of it was thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. ³And *it was* covered with cedar above upon the beams which *lay* upon forty-five pillars, fifteen in a row. ⁴And *there were* windows in three rows, and light was against light in three rows. ⁵And all the doors and posts were square, with the windows. And light was against light in three rows.

⁶And he made a porch of pillars. The length of it was fifty cubits, and the breadth of it thirty cubits. And the porch was according to them, and the other pillars and the thick beam were according to them. ⁷Then he made a porch for the throne where he might judge, *even* the porch of judgment. And it was covered with cedar from one side of the floor to the other. ⁸And his house where he lived had another court inside the porch, which was of the same kind of wood. Solomon also made a house for Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken, like this porch.

⁹All these *buildings* were of costly stones, according to the measure of cut stones, sawed with saws, inside and out, even from the foundation to the coping, and *so* on the outside toward the great court. ¹⁰And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. ¹¹And above were costly stones, cut according to measure, and cedars. ¹²And the great court round about was with three rows of cut stones, and a row of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house of the LORD and for the porch of the house.

¹³And King Solomon sent and brought Hiram out of Tyre. ¹⁴He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Nāph'-tā-lī, and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in brass. And he was filled with wisdom and understanding and cunning to work all works in brass. And he came to king Solomon and did all his work. ¹⁵For he cast two pillars of brass, each of eighteen cubits high. And a line of twelve cubits went around both of them. ¹⁶And he made two capitals of melted brass to set upon the tops of the pillars. The height of the one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits. ¹⁷And *he made* nets of checker work, and wreaths of chain work, for the capitals which were upon the top of the pillars — seven for the one capital, and seven for the other capital. ¹⁸And he made the pillars and two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the capitals which were on the top with

pōme'-grān-ātes. And so he did for the other capital. ¹⁹And the capitals which were on the top of the pillars were of lily work in the porch, four cubits. ²⁰And the capitals upon the two pillars also *had pomegranates* above, over against the network. And the pomegranates were two hundred in rows round about upon the other capital. ²¹And he set up the pillars in the porch of the temple. And he set up the right pillar and called the name of it Jā'-chīn. And he set up the left pillar and called its name Boaz. ²²And upon the top of the pillars was lily work. So the work of the pillars was finished.

²³And he made a molten sea, ten cubits from the one brim to the other. *It was* round, and its height was five cubits, and a line of thirty cubits went around it. ²⁴And under the brim of it were knobs going all around it, ten in a cubit, going all around the sea. The knobs were cast in two rows when it was cast. ²⁵It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east. The sea *was set* on top of them, and all their hinder parts were inward. ²⁶And it was a hand-breadth thick, and the brim of it was made like the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies. It contained two thousand bāths.

²⁷And he made ten bases of brass. Four cubits was the length of the one base, and four cubits the breadth of it, and three cubits was the height of it. ²⁸And the work of the bases was this way: they had borders, and the borders were between the ledges. ²⁹And on the borders that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubims. And upon the ledges *there was* a base above. And beneath the lions and oxen were certain wreaths made of thin work. ³⁰And every base had four brass wheels and plates of brass. And the four corners of it had supports. Under the laver were molded supports at the side of each wreath. ³¹And the mouth of it inside the capital and above was a cubit. But the mouth of it was round like the work of the base, a cubit and a half. And also upon the mouth of it were engravings with their borders, square, not round. ³²And under the borders were four wheels. And the axle-trees of the wheels were in the base. And the height of a wheel was a cubit and a half. ³³And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel — their axle-trees, and their rims, and their hub, and their spokes, were all cast. ³⁴And there were four supports to the four corners of one base, and the supports were of the very base itself. ³⁵And in the top of the base *there was* a round band of a half a cubit high. And on the top of the base the ledges of it and the borders of it were of the same. ³⁶For on the surfaces of the handles, and on the borders of it, he engraved cherubims, lions, and palm trees, according to the space of each one in wreaths round about. ³⁷In this way he made the ten bases. All of them had one casting, one measure, one size .

³⁸Then he made ten lavers of brass. One laver contained forty bāths. Every laver was four cubits. Upon every one of the ten bases was one

laver. ³⁹And he put five bases on the right side of the house, and five on the left side of the house. And he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward over against the south.

⁴⁰And Hiram made the lavers and the shovels and the basins. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD. ⁴¹*He made* the two pillars, and the bowls of the capitals which were on the top of the two pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were upon the top of the pillars, ⁴²and four hundred pomegranates for the two networks (two rows of pomegranates for one network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were upon the face of the pillars), ⁴³and the ten bases, and ten lavers on the bases, ⁴⁴and one sea, and twelve oxen under the sea, ⁴⁵and the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. All these vessels which Hiram made for king Solomon for the house of the LORD were of bright brass. ⁴⁶The king cast them in the plain of Jordan, in the clay ground between Sūc'-cōth and Zār'-e-thān. ⁴⁷And Solomon left all the vessels *unweighed* because they were exceeding many, neither was the weight of the brass found out. ⁴⁸And Solomon made all the vessels that *belonged* to the house of the LORD — the altar of gold, and the table of gold on which the showbread was, ⁴⁹and the lampstands of pure gold, five on the right and five on the left, in front of the holy of holies, with the flowers and the lamps and the tongs of gold, ⁵⁰and the bowls, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the fire-pans of pure gold, and the hinges of gold for the doors of the inner house, the most holy *place*, and for the doors of the house, the temple. ⁵¹So all the work that king Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the things which David his father had dedicated — the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, he put among the treasures of the house of the LORD.

CHAPTER 8

¹Then Solomon gathered together the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, to king Solomon in Jerusalem, so that they might bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. ²And all the men of Israel gathered themselves to king Solomon at the feast in the month Ēth'-ă-hīm, which is the seventh month. ³And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. ⁴And they brought up the ark of the LORD, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels which were in the tabernacle — even those the priests and the Levites brought up. ⁵And king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel who were together with him, were with him before the ark sacrificing sheep and oxen which could not be counted nor numbered for multitude.

⁶And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD into its place, into the holy place of the house, into the holy of holies, under the wings of the cherubims. ⁷For the cherubims spread forth their two wings over the place of the ark. And the cherubims covered the ark and the staves of it above. ⁸And they drew out the staves, so that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy of holies, in front of the holy place. And they were not seen outside. And there they are until this day. ⁹*There was* nothing in the ark except the two tablets of stone which Moses put there at Hôr'ëb, when the LORD made a *covenant* with the children of Israel when they came out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁰And when the priests had come out of the holy of holies, the cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud – for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of the LORD.

¹²Then Solomon said, The LORD said that He would live in the thick darkness. ¹³I have surely built Thee a house to live in, a settled place for Thee to live in forever. ¹⁴And the king turned his face around and blessed all the congregation of Israel. And all the congregation of Israel stood. ¹⁵And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who spoke with His mouth to David my father, and has fulfilled *it* with His hand, saying, ¹⁶Since the day that I brought forth My people Israel out of Egypt, I did not choose any city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house, so that My name might be in it. But I chose David to be over My people Israel. ¹⁷And it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. ¹⁸And the LORD said to David my father, Because it was in your heart to build a house to My name, you did well that it was in your heart. ¹⁹Nevertheless you shall not build the house, but your son who shall come forth out of your loins, he shall build the house to My name. ²⁰And the LORD has performed His word which He spoke, and I have risen up instead of David my father. And *I* sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised. And *I* have built a house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. ²¹And I have set there a place for the ark, in which is the covenant of the LORD which He made with our fathers when He brought them out of the land of Egypt.

²²And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven. ²³And he said, LORD God of Israel, *there is* no God like Thee, in Heaven above or on earth beneath, who dost keep covenant and mercy with Thy servants who walk before Thee with all their heart – ²⁴who hast kept with Thy servant David my father what Thou didst promise him. Thou didst also speak with Thy mouth, and hast fulfilled with Thy hand, as *it is* this day. ²⁵Therefore now, LORD God of Israel, keep with Thy servant David my father what Thou didst promise him, saying, There shall not fail you a man in My sight to sit on the throne of

Israel — if your children take heed to their way so that they walk before Me as you have walked before Me. ²⁶And now, O God of Israel, I pray Thee, let Thy word be proved to be true — *the word* which Thou didst speak to Thy servant David my father.

²⁷But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold! The heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee. How much less this house which I have built? ²⁸Yet, O LORD my God, Thou hast had respect to the prayer of Thy servant and to his request, to listen to the cry and to the prayer which Thy servant prays before Thee today, ²⁹so that Thy eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which Thou hast said, My name shall be there — so that Thou mayest listen to the prayer which Thy servant shall make toward this place. ³⁰And listen to the cry of Thy servant, and of Thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place, and hear in Heaven Thy dwelling-place, and when Thou dost hear, forgive!

³¹If any man trespass against his neighbor, and if an oath is laid upon him to cause him to swear, and if the oath comes before Thy altar in this house — ³²then hear in Heaven, and do, and judge Thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his head, and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

³³When Thy people Israel are crushed before the enemy because they have sinned against Thee, and shall turn again to Thee and confess Thy name, and pray, and cry unto Thee in this house — ³⁴then hear in Heaven and forgive the sin of Thy people Israel, and bring them again into the land which Thou didst give unto their fathers.

³⁵When the sky is shut up, and there is no rain because they have sinned against Thee, if they pray toward this place and confess Thy name, and turn from their sin when Thou dost afflict them — ³⁶then hear in Heaven and forgive the sin of Thy servants, and of Thy people Israel, that they might be taught by Thee the good way in which they should walk, and give rain upon Thy land which Thou hast given to Thy people for an inheritance.

³⁷If there is famine in the land, if there is plague, blasting, mildew, locust, *or* if there are caterpillars — if their enemy encircles them in the land of their cities — whatever plague, whatever sickness, ³⁸whatever prayer and cry is made by any man, *or* by all thy people Israel, every man of whom shall know the plague of his own heart, and shall spread forth his hands toward this house — ³⁹then hear in Heaven Thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart Thou dost know. For Thou, Thou only, dost know the hearts of all the children of men. ⁴⁰*Do this* so that they may fear Thee all the days that they live in the land which Thou hast given to our fathers. ⁴¹Moreover concerning a stranger who is not of Thy people

Israel, but who comes out of a far country for Thy name's sake — ⁴²for they shall hear of Thy great name and of Thy strong hand and of Thy stretched-out arm — when he shall come and pray toward this house, ⁴³hear in Heaven Thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calls unto Thee for — so that all the people of the earth may know Thy name, to fear Thee, as Thy people Israel *do*, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by Thy name.

⁴⁴If Thy people go out to battle against their enemy, wherever Thou shalt send them, and shall pray unto the LORD toward the city which Thou hast chosen, and the house that I have built for Thy name, ⁴⁵then hear in Heaven their prayer and their cry, and maintain their cause. ⁴⁶If they sin against thee (for there is no man who does not sin), and if Thou art angry with them and they are delivered by thee to the enemy so that they carry them away captive to the land of the enemy, far or near — ⁴⁷*yet* if they shall think within themselves in the land where they are carried captives, and repent, and pray unto Thee in the land of them who carried them away captives, saying, We have sinned and have done perversely, we have committed wickedness — ⁴⁸and so return to Thee with all their heart, and with all their soul, in the land of their enemies who led them away captive, and *if they* pray unto Thee toward their land which Thou didst give to their fathers, to the city which Thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for Thy name — ⁴⁹then hear their prayer and their cry in Heaven Thy dwelling-place, and maintain their cause, ⁵⁰and forgive Thy people who have sinned against Thee, and *forgive* all their sins which they have done against Thee, and give them pity before them who carried them away captive, so that they may have pity on them. ⁵¹For they are Thy people, and Thy inheritance, which Thou didst bring forth out of Egypt, from the middle of the furnace of iron — ⁵²so that Thy eyes may be open to the prayer of Thy servant, and to the prayer of Thy people Israel, to listen to them in all that they call for unto Thee. ⁵³For Thou didst separate them from among all the people of the earth to be Thy inheritance, as Thou didst speak by the hand of Moses Thy servant, when Thou didst bring our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord GOD.

⁵⁴And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and petition unto the LORD, he rose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven. ⁵⁵And he stood and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying, ⁵⁶Blessed be the LORD, who has given rest to His people Israel, according to all that He promised. There has not failed one word of all His good promise which He promised by the hand of Moses His servant. ⁵⁷May the LORD our God be with us as He was with our fathers. Let Him not leave us nor forsake us, ⁵⁸so that He may make our hearts go toward Him, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments which He com-

manded our fathers. ⁵⁹And let these my words, with which I have prayed before the LORD, be near the LORD our God day and night, so that He may maintain the cause of His servant, and the cause of His people Israel at all times, as any need arises, ⁶⁰so that all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God, *and there is none else.* ⁶¹Therefore let your heart be perfect with the LORD our God, to walk in His statutes, and to keep His commandments, as at this day.

⁶²And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before the LORD. ⁶³And Solomon offered a sacrifice of peace offerings, which he offered to the LORD, twenty-two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the children of Israel dedicated the house of the LORD. ⁶⁴The same day the king made the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD holy. For there he offered burnt offerings and meal offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brazen altar that was before the LORD was too little to receive the burnt offerings and meal offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings. ⁶⁵And at that time Solomon held a feast, and all Israel with him, a great congregation — from the entering in of Hā'-māth to the river of Egypt — before the LORD our God, seven days and seven days, fourteen days. ⁶⁶On the eighth day he sent the people away. And they blessed the king and went to their tents joyful and glad of heart for all the goodness that the LORD had done for David His servant, and for Israel His people.

CHAPTER 9

¹And when Solomon had finished the building of the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to do, ²the LORD appeared to Solomon the second time, as He had appeared to him at Gīb'-ē-ōn. ³And the LORD said to him, I have heard your prayer and your cry which you have made before Me. I have made this house which you have built holy, to put My name there forever. And My eyes and My heart shall be there forever. ⁴And if you will walk before Me as David your father walked, in integrity of heart and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded you — *and if you will keep My statutes and My judgments,* ⁵then I will set the throne of your kingdom upon Israel forever, as I promised to David your father, saying, There shall not fail you a man upon the throne of Israel. ⁶*But* if you shall at all turn from following Me, you or your children, and will not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, but go and serve other gods and worship them — ⁷then I will cut off Israel out of the land which I have given them. And this house which I have made holy for My name I will cast out of My sight. And Israel shall be a proverb and a byword among all

people. ⁸And at this house which has been famous, everyone who passes by it shall be amazed and shall hiss. And they shall say, Why has the LORD done this to this land and to this house? ⁹And they shall answer, Because they left the LORD their God who brought forth their fathers out of the land of Egypt, and have taken hold upon other gods and have worshipped them and served them. Therefore the LORD has brought upon them all this evil.

¹⁰And at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the LORD and the king's house ¹¹(Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desires) then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee. ¹²And Hiram came out from Tyre to see the cities which Solomon had given him. And they did not please him. ¹³And he said, What cities are these which you have given me, my brother? And he called them the land of Cā'-bûl unto this day. ¹⁴And Hiram sent to the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold.

¹⁵And this is the reason of the labor-levy which king Solomon raised – to build the house of the LORD and his own house, and Mil'-lō, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Hā'-zôr, and Mē-gîd'-dō, and Gē'-zēr. ¹⁶For Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up and had taken Gē'-zēr, and had burned it with fire, and had slain the Canaanites who lived in the city. And he had given it for a present to his daughter, Solomon's wife. ¹⁷And Solomon built Gē'-zēr, and Bēth-hôr'-ōn the lower, ¹⁸and Bā'-ā-lāth, and Tād'-môr in the wilderness, in the land. ¹⁹And *he built* all the cities of store which Solomon had, and cities for his chariots, and cities for his horsemen, and that which Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lēb'-ā-non, and in all the land of his dominion. ²⁰And all the people *who were* left of the Amorites, Hittites, Pē-rîz'-zîtes, Hî'-vîtes, and Jēb'-û-šîtes, who were not of the children of Israel ²¹(their children who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel also were not able to destroy completely) – upon those Solomon laid a tribute of bond-service unto this day. ²²But Solomon did not make any bondmen out of the children of Israel. But they were men of war, and his servants, and his princes, and his captains, and rulers of his chariots, and his horsemen. ²³These were the chief of the officers who were over Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty who ruled over the people who labored in the work.

²⁴But Pharaoh's daughter came up from the city of David to her house which had been built for her. Then he built Mil'-lō. ²⁵And three times in a year Solomon offered burnt offerings and peace offerings upon the altar which he had built unto the LORD, and he burned incense upon the altar which was before the LORD. So he finished the house.

²⁶And king Solomon made a navy of ships in Ē'-zī-ōn-gē'-bēr, which is beside Ē'-lōth, on the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Ē'-dom. ²⁷And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen who had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of Solomon. ²⁸And they came to Ō'-phīr, and brought gold from there, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon.

CHAPTER 10

¹And when the queen of Sheba heard of Solomon's fame concerning the name of the LORD, she came to test him with hard questions. ²And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bore spices, and very much gold, and precious stones. And when she had come to Solomon, she told him all that was in her heart. ³And Solomon answered all her questions for her. There was not anything hidden from the king, which he did not tell her. ⁴And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house which he had built, ⁵and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their clothing, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up to the house of the LORD — there was no more spirit in her.

⁶And she said to the king, It was a true report which I heard in my own land of your acts and of your wisdom. ⁷However, I did not believe the words until I came and my eyes had seen. And behold! The half was not told me. Your wisdom and blessings are more than the fame which I heard. ⁸Happy are your men, happy are these who are your servants, who stand always before you, and who hear your wisdom. ⁹Blessed is the LORD your God, who delighted in you, to set you on the throne of Israel. Because the LORD loved Israel forever, therefore He made you king to do judgment and justice. ¹⁰And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, a very great store of spices, and precious stones. Never any more came such an abundance of spices as these which the queen of Sheba gave to king Solomon. ¹¹And also the navy of Hiram which brought gold from Ō'-phīr, brought in from Ō'-phīr great abundance of āl'-mūg trees and precious stones. ¹²And the king made of the āl'-mūg trees pillars for the house of the LORD, and for the king's house, also harps and psāl'-tēr-ies for singers. No such āl'-mūg wood has come or been seen, to this day. ¹³And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides what Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

¹⁴Now the weight of gold which came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold, ¹⁵besides *what came* from the merchantmen, and from the trade of the spice merchants, and from all the kings of Ā-rā'-bī-ā, and from the governors of the country.

¹⁶And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold — six hundred *shekels* of gold went into one target. ¹⁷And *he made* three hundred shields of beaten gold — three pounds of gold went into one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lēb'-ā-non.

¹⁸Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold. ¹⁹The throne had six steps, and the top of the throne was round in the back part. And *there were* stays on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the stays. ²⁰And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom. ²¹And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lēb'-ā-non were of pure gold. None were of silver — it was counted nothing in the days of Solomon. ²²For the king had at sea a navy of Tār'-shish with the navy of Hiram. Once in three years the navy of Tār'-shish came bringing gold and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. ²³So king Solomon was greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom.

²⁴And all the earth sought Solomon, to hear his wisdom which God had put in his heart. ²⁵And every man brought his presents, vessels of silver and vessels of gold, and clothing and armor, and spices, horses and mules, so much year by year.

²⁶And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen. And he had fourteen hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he stationed in the cities for chariots, and with the king at Jerusalem. ²⁷And the king made silver like stones in Jerusalem, and he made cedars like the sycamore trees in the valley for abundance. ²⁸And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt, and out of Kū'-ē. The king's merchants received them from Kū'-ē at a price. ²⁹And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty. And so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, they brought *them* out by their means.

CHAPTER 11

¹But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh — women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Ē'-domites, Sī-dō'-nī-āns, and Hīt'-tites — ²of the nations which the LORD had said to the children of Israel, You shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in to you, for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods. Solomon clung to these in love. ³And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines. And his wives turned away his heart. ⁴For when Solomon was old, his wives turned away his heart after other gods. And his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father. ⁵For Solomon went after Āsh'-tō-rēth of the goddess of the Sī-dō'-nī-ans, and after Mil'-cōm the abomina-

tion of the Ammonites. ⁶And Solomon did evil in the sight of the LORD, and did not go fully after the LORD, as did David his father. ⁷Then Solomon built a high place for Chē'-mōsh, the abomination of Moab, in the hill which is before Jerusalem, and for Mō'-lēch, the abomination of the children of Ammon. ⁸And he did likewise for all his strange wives, and burned incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

⁹And the LORD was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice ¹⁰and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods — but he did not keep that which the LORD commanded. ¹¹Therefore the LORD said to Solomon, Since this is done by you, and since you have not kept My covenant and My statutes which I have commanded you, I will surely tear the kingdom from you and will give it to your servant. ¹²But I will not do it in your days, for David your father's sake, *but* I will tear it out of the hand of your son. ¹³However I will not tear away all the kingdom, *but* will give one tribe to your son for David My servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.

¹⁴And the LORD stirred up a foe to Solomon, Hā'-dād the Ē'-dom-ite. He was of the king's seed in Ē'-dom. ¹⁵For when David was in Ē'-dom, and Joab the captain of the host had gone up to bury the slain, after he had stricken every male in Ē'-dom — ¹⁶for Joab remained there six months with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom — ¹⁷it came to pass that Hā'-dād fled, he and certain Ē'-dom-ites of his father's servants with him, to go to Egypt, Hā'-dād being still a little child. ¹⁸And they arose out of Mid'-ī-ān and came to Pār'-ān. And they took men with them out of Pār'-ān, and they came to Egypt, to Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house and appointed food for him, and gave him land. ¹⁹And Hā'-dād found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him the sister of his own wife for a wife, the sister of Tāh'-pēn-ēs the queen. ²⁰And the sister of Tāh'-pēn-ēs bore him Gē-nū'-bāth his son, whom Tāh'-pēn-ēs weaned in Pharaoh's house. And Gē-nū'-bāth was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh. ²¹And when Hā'-dād heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the army was dead, Hā'-dād said to Pharaoh, Let me depart so that I may go to my own country. ²²Then Pharaoh said to him, But what have you lacked with me that, behold, you seek to go to your own country? And he answered, Nothing — however let me go in any case.

²³And God stirred him up *another* foe, Rē'-zōn the son of Ē-lī'-ā-dāh, who fled from his lord Hād'-ā-dē'-zēr king of Zō'-bāh. ²⁴And he gathered men to him, and became captain over a band when David killed the ones *from* Zō'-bāh. And they went to Damascus and lived in it, and reigned in Damascus. ²⁵And he was a foe to Israel all the days of Solo-

mon, besides the mischief which Hā'-dād *did*. And he hated Israel and reigned over Syria.

²⁶And Jēr-ō-bō'-ām the son of Nē'-bāt, an Ēph'-rā-thīte of Zēr'-ē-dā, Solomon's servant, whose mother's name was Zē-rū'-āh, a widow, he too lifted up his hand against the king. ²⁷And this was the cause that he lifted up *his* hand against the king. Solomon built Mil'-lō *and* repaired the breaks of the city of David his father. ²⁸And the man Jēr-ō-bō'-ām was a mighty man of war. And Solomon, seeing that the young man was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph.

²⁹And at that time, when Jēr-ō-bō'-ām went out of Jerusalem, the prophet Ā-hī'-jāh from Shiloh found him in the way. And he had clothed himself with a new garment. And the two of them were alone in the field. ³⁰And Ā-hī'-jāh caught hold of the new robe that was on him, and tore it in twelve pieces. ³¹And he said to Jēr-ō-bō'-ām, You take ten pieces. For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, I will tear the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon and will give ten tribes to you — ³²but he shall have one tribe for My servant David's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel — ³³because they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Āsh'-tō-rēth the goddess of the Sī-dō'-nī-āns, Chē'-mōsh the god of the Moabites, and Mil'-cōm the goddess of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways, to do what is right in My eyes, and to keep My statutes and My judgments, as David his father did. ³⁴However I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand, but I will make him prince all the days of his life for the sake of David My servant, whom I chose, because he kept My commandments and My statutes. ³⁵But I will take the kingdom out of his son's hand, and will give it to you, ten tribes. ³⁶And to his son I will give one tribe, so that David My servant may have a light always before me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen for Me to put My name there. ³⁷And I will take you, and you shall reign according to all that your soul desires, and shall be king over Israel. ³⁸And if you will listen to all that I command you, and will walk in My ways, and do what is right in My sight, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as David My servant did, it shall happen that I will be with you and build you a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel to you. ³⁹And for this I will afflict the seed of David, but not forever. ⁴⁰Therefore Solomon sought to kill Jēr-ō-bō'-ām. And Jēr-ō-bō'-ām arose and fled to Egypt, to Shī'-shāk king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

⁴¹And the rest of the acts of Solomon, and all that he did, and his wisdom, are they not written in the book of the acts of Solomon? ⁴²And the time that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel was forty years. ⁴³And Solomon slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father. And Rē'-hō-bō'-ām reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 12

¹And Rē-hō-bō'-ām went to Shē'-chēm. For all Israel had come to Shē'-chēm to make him king. ²And when Jēr-ō-bō'-ām the son of Nē'-bāt, who was still in Egypt heard (for he had fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jēr-ō-bō'-ām lived in Egypt), ³they sent and called him. And Jēr-ō-bō'-ām and all the congregation of Israel came and spoke to Rē-hō-bō'-ām, saying, ⁴Your father made our yoke hard. Now therefore make the hard service and the heavy yoke which he put upon us lighter, and we will serve you. ⁵And he said to them, Go away again for three days, *and* then come back to me. And the people went away.

⁶And king Rē-hō-bō'-ām talked with the old men who had stood before Solomon his father while he still lived, and said, How do you advise that I answer this people? ⁷And they spoke to him, saying, If you will be a servant to this people today, and will serve them and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be your servants forever. ⁸But he left the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and talked with the young men who had grown up with him, who stood before him. ⁹And he said to them, What advice do you give that we may answer this people who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke which your father put upon us lighter? ¹⁰And the young men who had grown up with him spoke to him, saying, Thus shall you speak to this people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it lighter for us — you shall say this to them — My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins. ¹¹Now my father loaded you with a heavy yoke, and I will add to your yoke. My father has whipped you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

¹²So Jēr-ō-bō'-ām and all the people came to Rē-hō-bō'-ām the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day. ¹³And the king answered the people roughly, and left the old men's advice which they gave him, ¹⁴and spoke to them according to the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke. My father whipped you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. ¹⁵Therefore the king did not listen to the people, for the cause was from the LORD, that He might perform His saying which the LORD spoke by Ā-hī'-jāh of Shiloh to Jēr-ō-bō'-ām the son of Nē'-bāt.

¹⁶So when all Israel saw that the king did not listen to them, the people answered the king, saying, What part do we have in David? Neither *do we have* inheritance in the son of Jesse. To your tents, O Israel! Now see to your own house, David! So Israel went to their own tents. ¹⁷But *as for* the children of Israel who lived in the cities of

Judah, Rē-hō-bō'-ām reigned over them. ¹⁸Then king Rē-hō-bō'-ām sent Ā-dōr'-ām, who was over the tribute. And all Israel stoned him with stones so that he died. Therefore king Rē-hō-bō'-ām made speed to go up to get to his chariot to flee to Jerusalem. ¹⁹So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day. ²⁰And when all Israel heard that Jēr-ō-bō'-ām had come again, they sent and called him to the congregation, and made him king over all Israel. There was none who followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

²¹And when Rē-hō-bō'-ām had come to Jerusalem, he gathered all the house of Judah together with the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen men, who were warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rē-hō-bō'-ām the son of Solomon. ²²But the word of God came to Shēm-aī'-āh the man of God, saying, ²³Speak to Rē-hō-bō'-ām the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, ²⁴Thus says the LORD, You shall not go up, nor fight against your brothers the children of Israel. Every man return to his house. For this thing is from Me. Therefore they listened to the word of the LORD and turned to go back, according to the word of the LORD.

²⁵Then Jēr-ō-bō'-ām built Shē'-chēm in Mount Ephraim and lived in it. And he went out from there and built Pēn'-ū-ēl. ²⁶And Jēr-ō-bō'-ām said in his heart, Now the kingdom shall return to the house of David! ²⁷If this people goes up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again to their lord, to Rē-hō-bō'-ām king of Judah, and they shall kill me and go again to Rē-hō-bō'-ām king of Judah. ²⁸For this reason the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold and said to them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Behold your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt! ²⁹And he set the one in Bethel, and he put the other in Dan. ³⁰And this thing became a sin, for the people went to *worship* before the one, *even* to Dan. ³¹And he made a house of high places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, who were not the sons of Levi. ³²And Jēr-ō-bō'-ām ordered a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like the feast that is in Judah. And he offered upon the altar. So he did in Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And he placed in Bethel the priests of the high places which he had made. ³³So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Bethel the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month which he had devised out of his own heart. And *he* ordered a feast for the children of Israel. And he offered upon the altar, and burned incense.

CHAPTER 13

¹And behold, a man of God came out of Judah, by the word of the LORD, to Bethel. And Jēr-ō-bō'-ām stood by the altar to burn incense.

²And he cried against the altar in the word of the LORD and said, O altar, altar, thus says the LORD. Behold, a child shall be born to the house of David, Jō-sī'-āh by name, and upon you he shall offer the priests of the high places who burn incense upon you, and men's bones shall be burned upon you. ³And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which the LORD has spoken. Behold, the altar shall be torn apart, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. ⁴And when king Jēr-ō-bō'-ām heard the saying of the man of God who had cried against the altar in Bethel, he put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him! And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up so that he could not pull it in again to himself. ⁵The altar also was torn apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD. ⁶And the king answered and said to the man of God, Seek now the face of the LORD your God, and pray for me so that my hand may be given back to me again. And the man of God prayed to the LORD, and the king's hand was given back to him again, and became as it was before. ⁷And the king said to the man of God, Come home with me and refresh yourself, and I will give you a reward. ⁸And the man of God said to the king, If you will give me half your house, I will not go in with you, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place. ⁹For so was it commanded me by the word of the LORD, saying, Eat no bread nor drink water, nor return again by the same way that you came. ¹⁰So he went another way, and did not return by the way he came to Bethel.

¹¹Now there lived an old prophet in Bethel, and his sons came and told him all the works that the man of God had done that day in Bethel. The words which he had spoken to the king they also told to their father. ¹²And their father said to them, What way did he go? For his sons had seen what way the man of God, who came from Judah, had gone. ¹³And he said to his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled the ass for him, and he rode on it, ¹⁴and went after the man of God and found him sitting under an oak. And he said to him, Are you the man of God who came from Judah? And he said, I am. ¹⁵Then he said to him, Come home with me and eat bread. ¹⁶And he said, I may not return with you nor go in with you, neither will I eat bread nor drink water with you in this place. ¹⁷For it was said to me by the word of the LORD, You shall eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that you came. ¹⁸He said to him, I am a prophet also as you are. And an angel spoke to me by the word of the LORD, saying, Bring him back with you into your house, so that he may eat bread and drink water. *But* he lied to him. ¹⁹So he went back with him and ate bread in his house, and drank water.

²⁰And as they sat at the table, the word of the LORD came to the prophet who brought him back. ²¹And he cried to the man of God who

came from Judah, saying, Thus says the LORD, Because you have not obeyed the mouth of the LORD and have not kept the commandment which the LORD your God commanded you, ²²but came back and have eaten bread and have drunk water in the place which *the LORD* said to you, Eat no bread and drink no water — your body shall not come to the tomb of your fathers.

²³And after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, he saddled the ass for him — for the prophet whom he had brought back. ²⁴And when he had gone, a lion met him by the way and killed him. And his dead body was thrown in the highway, and the ass stood by it, *and* the lion also stood by the body. ²⁵And behold, men passed by and saw the body thrown in the way, and the lion standing by the body. And they came and told it in the city where the old prophet lived. ²⁶And when the prophet who brought him back from the way heard, he said, It is the man of God who did not obey the word of the LORD. Therefore the LORD has delivered him to the lion, which has torn him and killed him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke to him. ²⁷And he spoke to his sons, saying, Saddle the ass for me. And they saddled it. ²⁸And he went and found his body thrown in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the body. The lion had not eaten the body nor torn the ass. ²⁹And the prophet took up the dead body of the man of God, and laid it on the ass and brought it back. And the prophet came to the city to mourn and to bury him. ³⁰And he laid his body in his own grave. And they mourned over him, *saying*, Alas, my brother! ³¹And after he had buried him, he spoke to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the tomb in which the man of God is buried. Lay my bones beside his bones — ³²for the saying which he cried by the word of the LORD against the altar in Bethel, and against all the houses of the high places which are in the cities of Sā-mâr'-î-ā, shall surely come to pass.

³³After this thing Jēr-ō-bō'-ām did not turn from his evil way, but again made priests of the high places from the lowest of the people. He made a priest of anyone who asked, and he became *one* of the priests of the high places. ³⁴And this thing became sin to the house of Jēr-ō-bō'-ām, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

CHAPTER 14

¹At that time Ā-bī'-jāh the son of Jēr-ō-bō'-ām fell sick. ²And Jēr-ō-bō'-ām said to his wife, Arise, I pray you, and disguise yourself so that you will not be known to be the wife of Jēr-ō-bō'-ām. And go to Shī'-lōh, Behold, there is Ā-hī'-jāh the prophet, who told me about being king over this people. ³And take ten loaves, and cakes, and a jar of honey with you, and go to him. And he will tell you what shall become

of the child. ⁴And Jēr-ō-bō'-ām's wife did so, and arose and went to Shī'-lōh. And *she* came to the house of Ā-hī'-jāh. But Ā-hī'-jāh could not see, for his eyes were set because of his age.

⁵And the LORD said to Ā-hī'-jāh, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam comes to ask a thing of you for her son, for he is sick. This and this you shall say to her, for when she comes in, she shall pretend to be another *woman*. ⁶And when Ā-hī'-jāh heard the sound of her feet as she came in at the door, he said, Come in, wife of Jeroboam! Why do you pretend to be another? For I am sent to you *with heavy tidings*. ⁷Go tell Jeroboam, Thus says the LORD God of Israel, I lifted you up from among the people, and made you prince over My people Israel, ⁸and tore the kingdom away from the house of David and gave it to you. And you have not been as My servant David who kept My commandments, and who followed Me with all his heart, to do *that* only *which* was right in My eyes. ⁹But you have done evil above all who were before you (for you have gone and made yourself other gods, and molded images, to provoke Me to anger, and have cast Me behind your back) – ¹⁰therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam everyone who waters against the wall, *and* everyone who is shut up and left in Israel, and will take away the rest of the house of Jeroboam, as a man takes away dung, until it is all gone. ¹¹Those of Jeroboam who die in the city, the dogs shall eat. And those who die in the field, the fowls of the air shall eat. For the LORD has spoken.

¹²Therefore arise, get down to your own house. When your feet enter into the city, the child shall die. ¹³And all Israel shall mourn for him, and bury him. For he only of Jeroboam shall come down to the grave, because in him there is found *some* good thing toward the LORD God of Israel in the house of Jeroboam. ¹⁴Moreover the LORD shall raise up a king over Israel for Himself, *a king* who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day. But what? Even now! ¹⁵For the LORD shall strike Israel like a reed is shaken in the water, and He shall root up Israel out of this good land which He gave to their fathers, and shall scatter them beyond the river, because they have made their groves, provoking the LORD to anger. ¹⁶And he shall give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, who sinned and who made Israel to sin.

¹⁷And Jeroboam's wife arose, and left, and came to Tīr'-zāh. When she came to the doorsill the child died. ¹⁸And they buried him, and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by the hand of His servant Ā-hī'-jāh the prophet. ¹⁹And the rest of the acts of Jēr-ō-bō'-ām, how he warred and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. ²⁰And the days which Jeroboam reigned were twenty-two years. And he slept with his fathers, and Nā'-dāb his son reigned in his stead.

²¹And Rē-hō-bō'-ām the son of Solomon reigned in Judah. Rē-hō-bō'-ām was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD chose out of all the tribes of Israel to put His name there. And his mother's name was Nā'-ā-māh, an Ammonitess. ²²And Judah did evil in the sight of the LORD, and they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins which they had committed, above all that their fathers had done. ²³For they also built high places for themselves, and images, and groves, on every high hill and under every green tree. ²⁴And there were also sōd'-ōm-ites in the land. They did according to all the hateful things of the nations which the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

²⁵And in the fifth year of king Rē-hō-bō'-ām, Shī'-shāk king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem. ²⁶And he took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house. He took all away. And he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. ²⁷And king Rē-hō-bō'-ām made brass shields in their stead, and committed *them* to the hands of the chief of the guard, who kept the door of the king's house. ²⁸And when the king went into the house of the LORD, the guard carried them and brought them back into the guard chamber.

²⁹Now the rest of the acts of Rē-hō-bō'-ām, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? ³⁰And there was war between Rē-hō-bō'-ām and Jeroboam all *their* days. ³¹And Rē-hō-bō'-ām slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And his mother's name was Nā'-ā-māh, an Ammonitess. And his son Ā-bī'-jām reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 15

¹Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nē'-bāt, Ā-bī'-jām reigned over Judah. ²He reigned three years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Mā'-ā-chāh, the daughter of Ā-bī'-shā-lōm. ³And he walked in all the sins of his father which he had done before him. And his heart was not perfect with the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father. ⁴Nevertheless for David's sake the LORD his God gave him a lamp in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to establish Jerusalem — ⁵because David did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, and did not turn aside from anything that He commanded him all the days of his life, except only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. ⁶And there was war between Rē-hō-bō'-ām and Jeroboam all the days of his life. ⁷Now the rest of the acts of Ā-bī'-jām, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? And there was war between Ā-bī'-jām and Jēr-ō-bō'-ām. ⁸And Ā-bī'-jām slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And his son Ā'-sā reigned in his stead.

⁹And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Asa reigned over Judah. ¹⁰And he reigned in Jerusalem forty-one years. And his *grandmother's* name was Mā'-ā-chäh, the daughter of Ā-bī'-shā-löm. ¹¹And Asa did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, as David his father did. ¹²And he took away the sodomites out of the land and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. ¹³And also he even removed his *grandmother* Mā'-ā-chäh from being queen because she had made an idol in a grove. And Asa destroyed her idol and burned it by the brook Kī'-drön. ¹⁴But the high places were not removed. Nevertheless Asa's heart was perfect with the LORD all his days. ¹⁵And he brought in the things which his father had dedicated, and the things which he himself had dedicated, into the house of the LORD — silver and gold and vessels.

¹⁶And there was war between Asa and Bā-āsh'-ā king of Israel, all their days. ¹⁷And Bā-āsh'-ā king of Israel went up against Judah and built Rā'-mäh, so that he might not allow any to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. ¹⁸Then Asa took all the silver and the gold left in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants. And king Asa sent them to Bēn-hā'-dād, the son of Tāb-rīm'-on, the son of Hé'-zī-ön, king of Syria, who lived at Damascus, saying, ¹⁹*There is a treaty between you and me, between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent to you a present of silver and gold. Come and break your treaty with Bā-āsh'-ā king of Israel, so that he may depart from me.* ²⁰So Bēn-hā'-dād listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of the armies which he had against the cities of Israel, and struck Ī'-jön, and Dan, and Ā'-bēl-bēth — mā'-ā-chäh, and all Cīn'-nē-röth, with all the land of Nāph'-tä-li. ²¹And when Bā-āsh'-ā heard, he left off building Rā'-mäh and lived in Tīr'-zäh.

²²Then king Asa made a proclamation throughout all Judah. None was free from it. And they took away the stones of Rā'-mäh, and the timber of it, with which Bā-āsh'-ā had built. And king Asa built Gē'-bā of Benjamin and Mizpah with them. ²³The rest of all the acts of Asa, and all his might, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? Nevertheless in the time of his old age he was diseased in his feet. ²⁴And Asa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father. And his son Jē-hösh'-ā-phät reigned in his stead.

²⁵And Nā'-dāb the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned over Israel two years. ²⁶And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin. ²⁷And Bā-āsh'-ā the son of Ā-hī'-jäh, of the house of Is'-sä-chär, conspired against him. And Bā-āsh'-ā struck him at Gīb'-bē-thön, which *belonged*

to the Philistines. For Nā'-dāb and all Israel laid siege to Gīb'-bē-thōn. ²⁸Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Bā-āsh'-ā kill him and reign in his stead. ²⁹And when he reigned, he struck all the house of Jeroboam. He did not leave Jeroboam any who breathed, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD which He spoke by His servant Ā-hī'-jāh the man of Shiloh, ³⁰because of the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and which he made Israel sin, by his provocation with which he provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger.

³¹Now the rest of the acts of Nā'-dāb, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ³²And there was war between Asa and Bā-āsh'-ā king of Israel all their days. ³³In the third year of Asa king of Judah, Bā-āsh'-ā the son of Ā-hī'-jāh began to reign over all Israel in Tīr'-zāh, twenty-four years. ³⁴And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin.

CHAPTER 16

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jē'-hū the son of Hā-nā'-nī against Bā-āsh'-ā, saying, ²Since I exalted you out of the dust, and made you prince over My people Israel – and *since* you have walked in the way of Jeroboam, and have made My people Israel to sin, to provoke Me to anger with their sins – ³behold, I will take away the children of Bā-āsh'-ā, and the posterity of his house. And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. ⁴Those of Bā-āsh'-ā who die in the city shall the dogs eat. And those of his who die in the fields, the fowls of the air shall eat. ⁵Now the rest of the acts of Bā-āsh'-ā, and what he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ⁶So Bā-āsh'-ā slept with his fathers, and was buried in Tīr'-zāh. And Ē'-lāh his son reigned in his stead. ⁷And also by the hand of the prophet Jē'-hū the son of Hā-nā'-nī came the word of the LORD against Bā-āsh'-ā, and against his house, even for all the evil that he did in the sight of the LORD, in provoking Him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he killed him.

⁸In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah, Ē'-lāh the son of Bā-āsh'-ā began to reign over Israel in Tīr'-zāh, *and he reigned* two years. ⁹And his servant Zīm'-rī, captain of half *his* chariots, plotted against him, as he was in Tīr'-zāh drinking himself drunk in the house of Ār'-zā the steward of *his* house in Tīr'-zāh. ¹⁰And Zīm'-rī went in and struck him, and killed him, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead.

¹¹And when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, he killed all the house of Bā-āsh'-ā. He did not leave him one who waters against a wall, neither of his kinsfolk nor of his friends. ¹²So Zīm'-rī

destroyed all the house of Bā-āsh'-ā, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke against Bā-āsh'-ā by Jē'-hû the prophet — ¹³for all the sins of Bā-āsh'-ā, and the sins of Ē'-lāh his son, by which they sinned and by which they made Israel to sin, in provoking the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities. ¹⁴Now the rest of the acts of Ē'-lāh, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

¹⁵In the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, Zīm'-rī reigned seven days in Tīr'-zāh. And the people were camped against Gib'-bē-thōn, which *belonged* to the Philistines. ¹⁶And the people that were camped heard *it* said that Zīm'-rī had plotted and had also slain the king. Therefore all Israel made Ōm'-rī, the captain of the army, king over Israel that day in the camp. ¹⁷And Ōm'-rī went up from Gib'-bē-thōn, and all Israel with him, and they laid siege to Tīr'-zāh. ¹⁸And when Zīm'-rī saw that the city was taken, he went into the palace of the king's house and burned the king's house over him with fire, and died ¹⁹for his sins which he sinned in doing evil in the sight of the LORD, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did to make Israel sin. ²⁰Now the rest of the acts of Zīm'-rī, and his treason which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

²¹Then the people of Israel were divided into two parts. Half the people followed Tīb'-nī the son of Gī'-nāth, to make him king. And half followed Omri. ²²But the people who followed Omri won out over the people who followed Tīb'-nī the son of Gī'-nāth. So Tīb'-nī died and Omri reigned.

²³In the thirty-first year of Asa king of Judah, Omri began to reign over Israel. He reigned twelve years, six years in Tīr'-zāh. ²⁴And he bought the hill Sā-mār'-ī-ā of Shē'-mēr for two talents of silver, and built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built after the name of Shē'-mēr, *the* owner of the hill, Sā-mār'-ī-ā. ²⁵But Omri did evil in the eyes of the LORD, and did worse than all who were before him. ²⁶For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sin with which he made Israel to sin, to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger with their vanities. ²⁷Now the rest of the acts of Omri which he did, and his might that he showed, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ²⁸So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria. And Ā'-hāb his son reigned in his stead.

²⁹And in the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri began to reign over Israel. And Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Sā-mār'-ī-ā twenty-two years. ³⁰And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all who were before him. ³¹And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of

Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he also took Jēz'-ē-bēl, the daughter of Ēth-bā'-āl king of the Sī-dō'-nī-āns, for a wife. And he went and served Bā'-āl, and worshipped him. ³²And he reared up an altar for Bā'-āl in the house of Bā'-āl, which he had built in Samaria. ³³And Ahab made a grove. And Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

³⁴In his days Hī'-ēl the man of Bethel built Jericho. He laid the foundation of it in Ā-bī'-rām his first-born, and set up the gates of it in his youngest son Sē'-gūb, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

CHAPTER 17

¹And Ē-lī'-jāh the Tish'-bite, who was of the inhabitants of Gilead, said to Ahab, As the LORD God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, except according to my word. ²And the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ³Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the brook Chē'-rīth that is before Jordan. ⁴And you shall drink of the brook. And I have commanded the ravens to feed you there. ⁵So he went and did according to the word of the LORD. For he went and lived by the brook Chē'-rīth that is before Jordan. ⁶And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening. ⁷And he drank of the brook. And after a while the brook dried up, because there had been no rain in the land.

⁸And the word of the LORD came to him, saying, ⁹Arise, go to Zār'-ē-phāth which *belongs* to Sī'-dōn, and live there. Behold, I have commanded a widow-woman to keep you there. ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zār'-ē-phāth. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, the widow-woman was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, I pray you, bring me a little water in a vessel so that I may drink. ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, I pray you, bring me a piece of bread in your hand. ¹²And she said, As the LORD your God lives, I do not have a cake, but *only* a handful of meal in a barrel and a little oil in a jar. And behold, I am gathering two sticks, so that I may go in and dress it for me and my son, so that we may eat it and die. ¹³And Ē-lī'-jāh said to her, Do not fear. Go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it, and bring it to me. And then make for you and for your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not be emptied, neither shall the jar of oil fail, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth. ¹⁵And she went and did according to the saying of Elijah. And she and he and her house ate *many* days. ¹⁶And the barrel of meal did not empty, neither did the jar of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by Elijah.

¹⁷And after these things the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, fell sick. And his sickness was so sore that there was no breath left in him. ¹⁸And she said to Elijah, What do I have to do with you, O man of God? Have you come to me to call my sin to remembrance and to kill my son? ¹⁹And he said to her, Give me your son. And he took him out of her bosom and carried him up into a loft, where he stayed, and laid him upon his own bed. ²⁰And he cried to the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, hast Thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I am staying, by slaying her son? ²¹And he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray Thee, let this child's soul come to him again. ²²And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah, and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. ²³And Elijah took the child and brought him down out of the room into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, See! Your son lives! ²⁴And the woman said to Elijah, Now by this I know that you are a man of God, *and* that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth.

CHAPTER 18

¹And after many days the word of the LORD came to Elijah in the third year saying, Go, show yourself to Ahab. And I will send rain upon the earth. ²And Elijah went to show himself to Ahab. And *there was* a great famine in Samaria. ³And Ahab called Ō-bā-dī'-āh, who was the governor of his house. (Now Ō-bā-dī'-āh feared the LORD greatly — ⁴for when Jēz'-ē-bēl cut off the prophets of the LORD, Ō-bā-dī'-āh took a hundred prophets and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) ⁵And Ahab said to Ō-bā-dī'-āh, Go into the land, to all fountains of water, and to all brooks. Perhaps we may find grass to save the horses and mules alive, so that we do not lose all the animals. ⁶So they divided the land between them to pass throughout it. Ahab went one way by himself, and Ō-bā-dī'-āh went another way by himself.

⁷And as Ō-bā-dī'-āh was in the way, behold, Elijah met him. And he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Are you my lord Elijah? ⁸and he answered him, I am. Go, tell your lord, behold, Elijah *is here*. ⁹And he said, What have I sinned that you would deliver your servant into the hand of Ahab to kill me? ¹⁰As the LORD your God lives, there is no nation nor kingdom where my lord has not sent to seek you. And when they said, *He* is not *there*, he took an oath of the kingdom and nation that they did not find you. ¹¹And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah is here! ¹²And as soon as I have gone from you, the Spirit of the LORD shall carry you where I know not. And when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find you, he shall kill me. But I, your servant, have feared the LORD from my youth. ¹³Was it not told

my lord what I did when Jēz'-ē-bēl killed the prophets of the LORD, how I hid a hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave and fed them with bread and water? ¹⁴And now you say, Go, tell your lord, Behold, Elijah *is here!* And he shall kill me! ¹⁵And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself to him today. ¹⁶So Ō-bā-dī'-āh went to meet Ahab and told him. And Ahab went to meet Elijah.

¹⁷And when Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, Are you he that troubles Israel? ¹⁸And he answered, I have not troubled Israel — but you and your father's house *have*, in that you have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and you have followed Bā'-ā-lim. ¹⁹Now therefore send *and* gather to me all Israel to Mount Carmel, and four hundred and fifty of the prophets of Baal, and four hundred of the prophets of the groves, who eat at Jezebel's table.

²⁰So Ahab sent to all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together to Mount Carmel. ²¹And Elijah came to all the people and said, How long will you hesitate between two opinions? If Jehovah is God, follow Him. But if Baal *is God*, then follow him. And the people did not answer him a word. ²²Then Elijah said to the people, I, I alone, remain a prophet of the LORD. But Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men. ²³Therefore let them give us two bulls, and let them choose one bull for themselves, and cut it in pieces and lay it on wood. But put no fire *under it*. And I will dress the other bull and lay it on wood, and put no fire *under it*. ²⁴And you call on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of Jehovah. And the God that answers by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken. ²⁵And Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, Choose one bull for yourselves, and dress *it* first. For you are many. And call on the name of your gods, but put no fire *under it*. ²⁶And they took the bull which was given them, and they dressed it and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But *there was* no voice, nor any who answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made. ²⁷And at noon Elijah mocked them and said, Cry with a great voice, for he is a god. Either he is meditating, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, *or* perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened! ²⁸And they cried with a great voice and cut themselves with knives and spears until the blood gushed out upon them, as is their way. ²⁹And when mid-day was past, and when they prophesied until the *time* of the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, it came to pass that *there was* neither voice, nor any to answer, nor anyone who paid attention.

³⁰And Elijah said to all the people, Come near to me. And all the people came near him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD *that was* broken down. ³¹And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be your name. ³²And with stones he built an

altar in the name of the LORD. And he made a trench around the altar big enough to contain two measures of seed. ³³And he put the wood in order, and cut the bull in pieces and laid *it* on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water and pour it on the burnt sacrifice and on the wood. ³⁴And he said, Do *it* the second time. And they did *it* the second time. And he said, Do *it* the third time. And they did *it* the third time. ³⁵And the water ran round about the altar. And he filled the trench also with water. ³⁶And at *the time of* the offering of the *evening* sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that Thou art God in Israel, and that I am Thy servant, and that I have done all these things at Thy word. ³⁷Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that Thou art the LORD God, and that Thou hast turned their heart back again. ³⁸Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the burnt sacrifice and the wood, and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. ³⁹And when all the people saw, they fell on their faces. And they said, Jehovah, He is the God! Jehovah, He is the God! ⁴⁰And Elijah said to them, Take the prophets of Baal. Do not let one of them escape. And they took them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kī'-shōn and killed them there.

⁴¹And Elijah said to Ahab, Go up, eat and drink. For *there is* a sound of plenty of rain. ⁴²So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel. And he threw himself down upon the earth and put his face between his knees. ⁴³And *he* said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up and looked and said, *There is* nothing. And he said, Go again seven times. ⁴⁴And at the seventh time, he said, Behold, there arises a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up and say to Ahab, Prepare *your chariot*, and go down, so that the rain does not stop you. ⁴⁵And in the meantime the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rose and went to Jēz'-rēel. ⁴⁶And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah. And he girded up his loins and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jēz'-rēel.

CHAPTER 19

¹And Ahab told Jēz'-ē-bēl all that Elijah had done, and with it all how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jēz'-ē-bēl sent a messenger to Elijah saying, So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time. ³And when he saw *that*, he rose and went for his life, and came to Bēer-shē'-bā, which *belongs* to Judah, and left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree. And he begged for his life, that he

might die. And *he* said, It is enough. Now, O LORD, take away my life. For I am no better than my fathers. ⁵And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him and said to him, Arise and eat. ⁶And he looked, and, behold, *there was* a cake baked on the coals, and a jug of water at his head. And he ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷And the angel of the LORD came to him the second time and touched him, and said, Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for you. ⁸And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Hôr-ëb the mount of God.

⁹And he came there to a cave and stayed there. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and He said to him, What are you doing here, Elijah? ¹⁰And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts. For the children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, thrown down Thy altars, and have slain Thy prophets with the sword. And I, I alone, am left. And they seek to take my life away. ¹¹And he said, Go forth and stand upon the mountain before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains, and broke the rocks in pieces before the LORD. *But* the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind was an earthquake, *but* the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake was a fire, *but* the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire was a still, small voice.

¹³And when Elijah heard, it happened that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And behold, a voice came to him and said, What are you doing here, Elijah? ¹⁴And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts, because the children of Israel have forsaken Thy covenant, have thrown down Thy altars, and have slain Thy prophets with the sword. And I, I alone, am left. And they seek to take my life away.

¹⁵And the LORD said to him, Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you come, anoint Hā-zā'-ël to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And you shall anoint Jehu the son of Nīm'-shī to be king over Israel. And Elisha the son of Shā'-phāt of Ā'-bēl-mē-hō'-lāh shall you anoint to be prophet in your stead. ¹⁷And whoever escapes the sword of Hā-zā'-ël, Jehu shall kill. And whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I have left *for Myself* seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth which has not kissed him.

¹⁹So he went away from there, and found Elisha the son of Shā'-phāt, who was plowing twelve yoke of *oxen* before him, and he was with the twelfth. And Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah, and said, I pray you, let me kiss my father and my mother, and *then* I will follow you. And he said

to him, Go back again — for what have I done to you? ²¹And he turned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen and killed them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah, and ministered to him.

CHAPTER 20

¹And Bēn-hā'-dād the king of Syria gathered all his army together. And *there* were thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots. And he went up and laid siege to Samaria, and warred against it. ²And he sent messengers to Ahab king of Israel, and to the city, and said to him, Bēn-hā'-dād says this: ³Your silver and your gold is mine, your wives also and your children, the best are mine. ⁴And the king of Israel answered and said, My lord, O King, according to your saying I am yours and all that I have. ⁵And the messengers came again and said, Bēn-hā'-dad speaks in this way, saying, Although I have sent to you saying, You shall deliver me your silver and your gold and your wives and your children, ⁶yet I will send my servants to you tomorrow about this time, and they shall search your house and the houses of your servants. And whatever is pleasant in your eyes, they shall put it in their hand and take it away.

⁷Then the king of Israel called all the elders of the land and said, I pray you, mark and see how this *man* seeks mischief. For he sent to me for my wives and for my children, and for my silver and for my gold. And I did not keep them back from him. ⁸And all the elders and all the people said to him, Do not listen nor consent! ⁹Therefore he said to the messengers of Bēn-hā'-dād, Tell my lord the king, All that you sent for to your servant at the first I will do, but this thing I may not do. And the messengers left and brought him word again. ¹⁰And Bēn-hā'-dād sent to him and said, May the gods do so to me, and more also, if the dust of Samaria shall be enough for handfuls for all the people who follow me. ¹¹And the king of Israel answered and said, Tell *him*, Do not let him who girds on *his armor* boast himself like the one who takes it off. ¹²And when Bēn-hā'-dād heard this message, as he was drinking, he and the kings in the pavilions, he said to his servants, Place the engines. And they placed the engines against the city.

¹³And behold, there came a prophet to Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus says the LORD, Have you seen all this great multitude? Behold, I will deliver it into your hand this day, and you shall know that I am the LORD. ¹⁴And Ahab said, By whom? And he said, Thus says the LORD, By the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then he said, Who shall order the battle? And he answered, You. ¹⁵Then he numbered the young men of the princes of the provinces, and they were two hundred and thirty-two. And after them he numbered all the people, all the

children of Israel, seven thousand. ¹⁶And they went out at noon. But Bēn-hā'-dād was drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the kings, the thirty-two kings who helped him. ¹⁷And the young men of the princes of the provinces went out first. And Bēn-hā'-dād sent out, and they told him, saying, There are men coming out of Samaria. ¹⁸And he said, If they have come out for peace, take them alive; or if they have come out for war, take them alive. ¹⁹So these young men of the princes of the provinces came out of the city, and the army which followed them. ²⁰And they each one killed his man. And the Syrians fled. And Israel pursued them. And Bēn-hā'-dād the king of Syria escaped on a horse with the horsemen. ²¹And the king of Israel went out and struck the horses and chariots, and killed the Syrians with a great slaughter.

²²And the prophet came to the king of Israel and said to him, Go, strengthen yourself, and watch and see what you do. For at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against you. ²³And the servants of the king of Syria said to him, Their gods are gods of the hills — therefore they were stronger than we were. But let us fight against them in the plain, and surely we shall be stronger than they are. ²⁴And do this thing, take the kings away, each man out of his place, and put captains in their places — ²⁵and number an army like the army that you have lost, horse for horse and chariot for chariot. And we will fight against them in the plain. Surely we shall be stronger than they are. And he listened to their voice and did so. ²⁶And at the return of the year Bēn-hā'-dād numbered the Syrians that went up to Ā'-phēk to fight against Israel. ²⁷And the children of Israel were numbered, and were all present, and went against them. And the children of Israel pitched before them like two little flocks of kids. But the Syrians filled the country.

²⁸And there came a man of God and spoke to the king of Israel, and said, Thus says the LORD, Because the Syrians have said, Jehovah is God of the hills, but He is not God of the valleys, therefore I will deliver all this great multitude into your hand, and you shall know that I am the LORD. ²⁹And they pitched over against one another seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined. And the children of Israel killed a hundred thousand footmen of the Syrians in one day. ³⁰But the rest fled to Ā'-phēk, into the city. And there a wall fell upon twenty-seven thousand of the men who were left. And Bēn-hā'-dād fled and came into the city, into an inner room.

³¹And his servants said to him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings. I pray you, let us put sackcloth on our loins and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel. Perhaps he will save your life. ³²So they bound sackcloth on their loins and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel and said, Your servant Bēn-hā'-dād says, I pray you, let me live. And he said, Is he still alive? He is my brother. ³³Now the men carefully ob-

served whether *anything would come* from him, and quickly caught it. And they said, Your brother Bēn-hā'-dād. Then he said, Go and bring him. Then Bēn-hā'-dād came forth to him, and he caused him to come up into the chariot. ³⁴And Bēn-hā'-dād said to him, The cities which my father took from your father, I will restore. And you shall make streets for you in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. Then Ahab said, I will send you away with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him and sent him away.

³⁵And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said to his neighbor in the word of the LORD, I pray you, strike me! And the man refused to strike him. ³⁶Then he said to him, Because you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, behold, as soon as you have departed from me, a lion shall kill you. And as soon as he had departed from him, a lion found him and killed him. ³⁷Then he found another man and said, I pray you, strike me. And the man struck him, so that he wounded *him* in striking *him*. ³⁸So the prophet went away and waited for the king by the wayside, and disguised himself with ashes upon his face. ³⁹And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king. And he said, Your servant went out into the middle of the battle, and, behold, a man turned aside and brought a man to me and said, Keep this man. If he is missing by any means, then your life shall be for his life, or else you shall pay a talent of silver. ⁴⁰And as your servant was busy here and there, he was gone! And the king of Israel said to him, So shall your judgment be — you yourself have decided it. ⁴¹And he hurried and took the ashes away from his face. And the king of Israel saw that he was one of the prophets. ⁴²And he said to him, Thus says the LORD, Because you have let go out of *your* hand a man whom I marked out for utter destruction, therefore your life shall be for his life, and your people for his people. ⁴³And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

CHAPTER 21

¹And it came to pass after these things *that* Nā'-bōth of Jēz'-rēel had a vineyard which was in Jēz'-rēel, close by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. ²And Ahab spoke to Nā'-bōth, saying, Give me your vineyard so that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near my house. And I will give you a better vineyard than it. *Or*, if it seems good to you, I will give you the worth of it in money. ³And Nā'-bōth said to Ahab, The LORD forbid me to do it, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you. ⁴And Ahab came to his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Nā'-bōth the Jēz'-rēel-ite had spoken to him. For he had said, I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid himself down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no bread.

⁵But his wife Jēz'-ē-bēl came to him and said to him, Why is your spirit so sad that you will not eat any bread? ⁶And he said to her, Because I spoke to Nā'-bōth of Jēz'-rēel and said to him, Give me your vineyard for money. Or else, if it pleases you, I will give you *another* vineyard for it. And he answered, I will not give you my vineyard. ⁷And his wife Jezebel said to him, Do you now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise and eat bread, and let your heart be merry. I will give you the vineyard of Naboth of Jēz'-rēel. ⁸So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed *them* with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth. ⁹And she wrote in the letter, saying, Proclaim a fast and set Naboth on high among the people. ¹⁰And set two men, sons of Bē'-lī-āl, before him to bear witness against him, saying, You blasphemed God and the king. And *then* carry him out and stone him so that he may die. ¹¹And the men of his city, the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them. ¹²They proclaimed a fast and set Naboth on high among the people. ¹³And there came in two men, children of Bē'-lī-āl, and sat before him. And the men of Bē'-lī-āl witnessed against him, against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did blaspheme God and the king. Then they carried him forth out of the city and stoned him with stones so that he died. ¹⁴Then they sent to Jēz'-ē-bel, saying, Naboth is stoned and is dead.

¹⁵And when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned and was dead, it came to pass that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth of Jēz'-rēel, which he refused to give you for money. For Naboth is not alive, but dead. ¹⁶And when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, Ahab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth of Jēz'-rēel, to take possession of it.

¹⁷And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tish'-bīte, saying, ¹⁸Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria. Behold, *he is* in the vineyard of Naboth, where he has gone to possess it. ¹⁹And you shall speak to him, saying, Thus says the LORD, Have you killed and also taken possession? And you shall speak to him saying, Thus says the LORD, In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth, dogs shall lick your blood, even yours. ²⁰And Ahab said to Elijah, Have you found me, O my enemy? And he answered, I have found *you* – because you have sold yourself to work evil in the sight of the LORD. ²¹Behold, I will bring evil upon you and will take away your children forever, and will cut off from Ahab *everyone* who waters against the wall, and *everyone* who is shut up and left in Israel. ²²And I will make your house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Bā-āsh'-ā the son of Ā-hī'-jāh, for the provocation with which you have provoked *Me* to anger, and made Israel to sin. ²³And the LORD also spoke of Jezebel saying, The dogs shall eat

Jezebel by the wall of Jēz'-rēel. ²⁴*Everyone* of Ahab who dies in the city, the dogs shall eat. And *everyone* who dies in the field, the birds of the air shall eat.

²⁵But there was none like Ahab, who sold himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. ²⁶And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all *things* like the Amorites did, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. ²⁷And when Ahab heard these words, he tore his clothes and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth and walked softly. ²⁸And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, ²⁹Do you see how Ahab humbles himself before Me? Because he humbles himself before Me, I will not bring the evil in his days. *But* in his son's days I will bring the evil upon his house.

CHAPTER 22

¹And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel. ²And it came to pass in the third year that Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the king of Judah came down *to see* the king of Israel. ³And the king of Israel said to his servants, Do you not know that Rā'-mōth in Gilead is ours, and we are quiet and do not take it out of the hand of the king of Syria? ⁴And he said to Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, Will you go with me to battle to Rā'-mōth in Gil'-ē-ād? And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt said to the king of Israel, I am as you are, my people are as your people, my horses are as your horses. ⁵And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt said to the king of Israel, I pray you, inquire at the word of the LORD today.

⁶Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said to them, Shall I go against Rā'-mōth in Gil'-ē-ād to battle, or shall I hold back? And they said, Go up! For the LORD shall deliver it into the hand of the king. ⁷And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD besides, that we might inquire of him? ⁸And the king of Israel said to Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, *There is* still one man, Mī-caī'-āh the son of Im'-lāh, by whom we may inquire of the LORD. But I hate him, for he does not prophesy good concerning me, but evil. And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt said, Let not the king say so. ⁹Then the king of Israel called an officer and said, Hurry *and bring* Mī-caī'-āh the son of Im'-lāh *here*. ¹⁰And the king of Israel and Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the king of Judah each sat on his throne, having put on their robes, in a floor in the entrance of the gate of Samaria. And all the prophets prophesied before them. ¹¹And Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the son of Chē-nā'-ā-nāh made horns of iron for himself. And he said, Thus says the LORD, With these you shall push the Syrians until you have crushed them. ¹²And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Rā'-mōth in Gil'-ē-ād and be blessed, for the LORD shall deliver it into the king's hands. ¹³And the messenger that had gone to call Mī-caī'-āh spoke to

him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets *declare* good to the king with one mouth. I pray you, let your word be like the word of one of them, and speak *that which is* good. ¹⁴And Mī-caī'-āh, said, As the LORD lives, what the LORD says to me, that I will speak.

¹⁵So he came to the king. And the king said to him, Mī-caī'-āh, Shall we go against Rā'-mōth in Gīl'-ē-ād to battle, or shall we hold off? And he answered him, Go and be blessed. For the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king. ¹⁶And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure you that you tell me nothing but *what is* true, in the name of the LORD? ¹⁷And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the hills, like sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, These have no master. Let each man return to his house in peace. ¹⁸And the king of Israel said to Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, Did I not tell you that he would prophesy no good concerning me, but evil? ¹⁹And he said, Hear therefore the word of the LORD: I saw the LORD sitting on His throne, and all the host of heaven standing by Him on His right hand and on His left. ²⁰And the LORD said, Who shall persuade Ahab that he may go up and fall at Rā'-mōth in Gīl'-ē-ād? And one said this way, and another said that way. ²¹And there came forth a spirit and stood before the LORD and said, I will deceive him. ²²And the LORD said to him, With what? And he said, I will go forth and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And He said, You shall persuade *him* and succeed also. Go forth and do so. ²³Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets, and the LORD has spoken evil concerning you. ²⁴But Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the son of Chē-nā'-ā-nāh went near and struck Mī-caī'-āh on the cheek, and said, Which way did the Spirit of the LORD go from me to speak to you? ²⁵And Mī-caī'-āh said, Behold, you shall see in that day when you shall go into an inner room to hide yourself. ²⁶And the king of Israel said Take Mī-caī'-āh and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Jō'-āsh the king's son — ²⁷and say, Thus says the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction until I come in peace. ²⁸And Mī-caī'-āh said, If you return at all in peace, the LORD has not spoken by me. And he said, Listen, O people, every one of you!

²⁹So the king of Israel and Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the king of Judah went up to Rā'-mōth in Gīl'-ē-ād. ³⁰And the king of Israel said to Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, I will disguise myself and enter into the battle. But you put on your robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself and went into the battle. ³¹But the king of Syria commanded his thirty-two captains who had rule over his chariots, saying, Do not fight with small nor great, except only with the king of Israel. ³²And when the captains of the chariots saw Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, they said, Surely it is the king of Israel. And they turned aside to fight against him. And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt cried out. ³³And when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king

of Israel, they turned back from pursuing him. ³⁴And a man drew a bow at random and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the harness. Therefore he said to the driver of his chariot, Turn your hand and carry me out of the army, for I am wounded. ³⁵And the battle increased that day. And the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died at evening. And the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot. ³⁶And there went a cry throughout the army around the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his own country.

³⁷So the king died and was brought to Samaria. And they buried the king in Samaria. ³⁸And one washed the chariot in the pool of Samaria, and the dogs licked up his blood, and they washed his armor, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke. ³⁹Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ⁴⁰So Ahab slept with his fathers. And his son Ā-hā-zī'āh reigned in his stead.

⁴¹And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the son of Asa began to reign over Judah in the fourth year of Ahab king of Israel. ⁴²Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt was thirty-five years old when he began to reign. And he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Ā-zū'bāh the daughter of Shīl'hī. ⁴³And he walked in all the ways of Asa his father. He did not turn aside from it, doing what was right in the eyes of the LORD. Nevertheless the high places were not taken away, for the people offered and burnt incense yet in the high places. ⁴⁴And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt made peace with the kings of Israel. ⁴⁵Now the rest of the acts of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, and his might which he showed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? ⁴⁶And the rest of the sodomites which remained in the days of his father Asa, he took out of the land. ⁴⁷*There was* then no king in Edom — a deputy was king. ⁴⁸Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt made ships of Tār-shīsh to go to Ō-phīr for gold. But they did not go, for the ships were broken at Ē'-zī-ōn-gē'-bēr. ⁴⁹Then Ā-hā-zī'āh the son of Ahab said to Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, Let my servants go with your servants in the ships. But Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt would not. ⁵⁰And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father. And his son Jē-hōr'-ām reigned in his stead.

⁵¹Ā-hā-zī'āh the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt king of Judah. And *he* reigned two years over Israel. ⁵²And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. ⁵³For he served Baal and worshipped him, and provoked the LORD God of Israel to anger, according to all that his father had done.

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CHAPTER 1

¹Then Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. ²And Ā-hā-zī-āh fell down through a lattice in his upper room that was in Samaria, and was sick. And he sent messengers and said to them, Go, ask of Bā'-āl-zē'-būb the god of Ēk'-rōn whether I shall recover of this disease. ³But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise! Go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria and say to them, *Is it not because there is not a God in Israel that you go to ask of Bā'-āl-zē'-būb the god of Ēk'-rōn?* ⁴Now therefore thus says the LORD, You shall not come from that bed on which you have gone up, but shall surely die. And Elijah departed.

⁵And when the messengers turned back to him, he said, Why have you now turned back? ⁶And they said to him, There came a man up to meet us and said to us, Go, turn again to the king who sent you, and say to him, Thus says the LORD, *Is it not because there is not a God in Israel that you go to ask of Bā'-āl-zē'-būb the god of Ēk'-rōn?* Therefore you shall not come down from that bed on which you have gone up, but shall surely die. ⁷And he said to them, What kind of man *was he* who came up to meet you and told you these words? ⁸And they answered him, *He was* a hairy man and was bound with a girdle of leather around his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite. ⁹Then the king sent to him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him. And, behold, he sat on the top of a hill. And he spoke to him, Man of God! The king has said, Come down. ¹⁰And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I am a man of God, then let fire come down from heaven and burn up you and your fifty. And there came down fire from heaven and burned up him and his fifty. ¹¹Again also he sent to him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said to him, O man of God, thus says the king, Come down quickly. ¹²And Elijah answered and said to him, If I am a man of God, let fire come down from heaven and burn up you and your fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven and burned up him and his fifty.

¹³And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty *men*. And the third captain of fifty came up and fell on his knees before Elijah, and begged him, and said to him, O man of God, I pray you, let my life and the life of these fifty, your servants, be precious in your sight. ¹⁴Behold, there came down fire from heaven and burned up the two captains of the former fifties with their fifties. Therefore let my life now be precious in your sight. ¹⁵And the Angel of the LORD said to Elijah, Go down with him. Do not be afraid of him. And he arose and went down with him to the king. ¹⁶And he said to him, Thus says

the LORD, Because you have sent messengers to ask of Bā'-āl-zē'-būb the god of Ēk'-rōn, *is it* not because *there is* no God in Israel to seek His word? Therefore you shall not come down off that bed on which you have gone up, but shall surely die. ¹⁷So he died according to the word of the LORD which Elijah had spoken. And Jē-hôr'-ām reigned in his stead in the second year of Jē-hôr'-ām the son of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt king of Judah, because he had no son. ¹⁸Now the rest of the acts of Ā-hā-zī'-āh which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel?

CHAPTER 2

¹And when the LORD desired to take Elijah up into Heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah went with Elisha from Gīl'-gāl. ²And Elijah said to Elisha, Stay here, I pray you, for the LORD has sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said, As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they went down to Bethel. ³And the sons of the prophets who were at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that the LORD will take away your master from your head today? And he said, Yes, I know it. Ho'd your peace. ⁴And Elijah said to him, Elisha, I pray you, stay here. For the LORD has sent me to Jericho. And he said, As the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they came to Jericho. ⁵And the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, Do you know that the LORD will take your master away from your head today? And he answered, Yes, I know it. Hold your peace. ⁶And Elijah said to him, I pray you, stay here, for the LORD has sent me to Jordan. And he said, As the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you. And the two of them went on. ⁷And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood to look afar off. And the two of them stood afar off. ⁸And Elijah took his mantle and wrapped it together, and struck the waters, and they were divided here and there, so that the two of them went over on dry ground.

⁹And when they had gone over, Elijah said to Elisha. Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken away from you. And Elisha said, I pray you, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me. ¹⁰And he said, You have asked a hard thing, *but* if you see me *when I am* taken from you, it shall be so to you — but if not, it shall not be. ¹¹And as they still went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire *appeared*, and horses of fire, and separated the two of them. And Elijah went by a whirlwind into Heaven.

¹²And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen of it! And he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. ¹³He also took up the mantle of Elijah which had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of Jordan. ¹⁴And he took the mantle of Elijah that had

fallen from him, and struck the waters, and said, Where is the LORD God of Elijah? And when he also hit the waters, they parted here and there. And Elisha went over. ¹⁵And when the sons of the prophets who had come to watch at Jericho saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah rests upon Elisha! And they came to meet him and bowed themselves to the ground before him. ¹⁶And they said to him, Behold now, there are with your servants fifty strong men. We pray you, let them go and seek your master, lest perhaps the Spirit of the LORD has taken him up and cast him upon some mountain, or into some valley. And he said, You shall not send. ¹⁷And when they urged him until he was ashamed, he said, Send. They therefore sent fifty men. And they looked for three days, but did not find him. ¹⁸And when they had come again to him — for he remained at Jericho — he said to them, Did I not say to you, Do not go?

¹⁹And the men of the city said to Elisha, Behold, I pray you, the location of this city is pleasant, as my lord sees. But the water is bad, and the ground is barren. ²⁰And he said, Bring me a new jar and put salt in it. And they brought it to him. ²¹And he went forth to the spring of the waters and threw the salt in there, and said, Thus says the LORD, I have healed these waters. There shall not be any more death or barrenness from there. ²²So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the saying of Elisha which he spoke.

²³And he went up from there to Bethel. And as he was going up by the way, there came forth little children out of the city, and mocked him and said to him, Go up, you bald head! Go up, you bald head! ²⁴And he turned back and looked upon them, and cursed them in the name of the LORD. And there came forth two she-bears out of the woods and tore forty-two children of them. ²⁵And he went from there to Mount Carmel, and from there he returned to Samaria.

CHAPTER 3

¹Now Jē-hôr'-ām the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. ²And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, but not like his father and his mother — for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made. ³Nevertheless he clung to the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. He did not depart from them.

⁴And Mē'-shā king of Moab was a sheep-master, and rendered unto the king of Israel a hundred thousand lambs, and a hundred thousand rams with the wool. ⁵But when Ahab was dead, the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. ⁶And king Jē-hôr'-ām went out of Samaria at the same time and numbered all Israel. ⁷And he went and sent to Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab

has rebelled against me — will you go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up. I am as you are, my people are as your people, my horses are as your horses. ⁸And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way through the wilderness of Edom. ⁹So the king of Israel and the king of Judah, and the king of Edom went. And they went around behind for seven days' journey.

And there was no water for the army, and for the cattle that followed them. ¹⁰And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the LORD has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab! ¹¹But Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt said, *Is there* not here a prophet of the LORD, that we may ask of the LORD by him? And one of the king of Israel's servants answered and said, Here is Elisha the son of Shaphat, who poured water on the hands of Elijah. ¹²And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt said, The word of the LORD is with him. So the king of Israel and Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt and the king of Edom went down to him. ¹³And Elisha said to the king of Israel, What do I have to do with you? Go to the prophets of your father and to the prophets of your mother. And the king of Israel said to him, No, for the LORD has called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab. ¹⁴And Elisha said, As the LORD of hosts lives, before whom I stand, surely if it were not that I regard the presence of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the king of Judah, I would not look toward you nor see you. ¹⁵But now bring me a minstrel. And when the minstrel played, the hand of the LORD came upon him. ¹⁶And he said, Thus says the LORD, Make this valley full of ditches. ¹⁷For thus saith the LORD, You shall not see wind, neither shall you see rain. Still that valley shall be filled with water, so that you may drink, both you and your cattle, and your animals. ¹⁸And this is but a light thing in the sight of the LORD. He will also deliver the Moabites into your hand. ¹⁹And you shall strike every fenced city, and every choice city. And *you* shall cut down every good tree and stop all wells of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones. ²⁰And in the morning when the meal offering was offered, behold, water came by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

²¹And when all the Moabites heard that the kings had come up to fight against them, they gathered all that were able to put on armor, and upward, and stood in the border. ²²And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water on the other side red like blood. ²³And they said, This is blood. The kings are surely slain, and they have stricken one another. Now therefore, Moab, to the spoil!

²⁴And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and struck the Moabites, so that they fled before them. But they went forward striking the Moabites, even in *their* country. ²⁵And they beat down the cities, and each man cast his stone on every good piece of land, and filled it. And they stopped all the wells of water, and cut

down all the good trees. Only in Kīr-hār'-ā-sēth did they leave the stones of it. However, the slingers went around *it* and struck it.

²⁶And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for him, he took with him seven hundred men who drew swords, in order to break through to the king of Edom. But they could not. ²⁷Then he took his oldest son, who should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt offering upon the wall. And there was great anger against Israel. And they left him, and returned to *their own* land.

CHAPTER 4

¹Now a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried to Elisha, saying, Your servant my husband is dead. And you know that your servant feared the LORD. And the creditor has come to take my two sons to be bondmen to him. ²And Elisha said to her, What shall I do for you? Tell me, what do you have in the house? And she said, Your handmaid has not a thing in the house except a pot of oil. ³Then he said, Go out *and* borrow vessels from all your neighbors, empty vessels. Do not borrow just a few. ⁴And when you have come in, you shall shut the door upon you and your sons, and shall pour out into all those vessels. And you shall set aside that which is full. ⁵So she went from him and shut the door upon her and upon her sons who had brought *the vessels* to her. And she poured out. ⁶And when the vessels were full, she said to her son, Bring me still another vessel. And he said to her, *There is* not a vessel left. And the oil stopped. ⁷Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil and pay your debt, and you and your children live from the rest.

⁸And there came a day when Elisha passed over to Shû'-nēm, where there was a great woman. And she laid hold on him to eat bread. And so it was that, as often as he passed by, he turned in there to eat bread. ⁹And she said to her husband, Behold now, I see that this is a holy man of God who passes by us continually. ¹⁰I pray you, let us make a little room on the wall. And let us set a bed for him there, and a table, and a stool, and a lampstand. And when he comes to us, he shall turn in there. ¹¹And there came a day when he came in there, and he turned into the room and lay there. ¹²And he said to Gē-hā'-zī his servant, Call this Shû-nām'-mīte. And when he had called her, she stood before him. ¹³And he said to him, Say now to her, Behold, you have been thoughtful for us with all this care. What is to be done for you? Would you be spoken for to the king or to the captain of the army? And she answered, I dwell among my own people. ¹⁴And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gē-hā'-zī answered, Verily she has no child, and her husband is old. ¹⁵And he said, Call her! And when he had called her, she stood in the door. ¹⁶And he said, About this time, according to the time of life, you shall embrace a son. And she said, No, my lord, O man

of God, do not lie to your handmaid. ¹⁷And the woman conceived and bore a son at that time that Elisha had said to her, according to the time of life.

¹⁸And when the child had grown, there came a day when he went out to his father to the reapers. ¹⁹And he said to his father, My head, my head! And he said to a lad, Carry him to his mother. ²⁰And when he had taken him and brought him to his mother, he sat on her knees until noon and *then* died. ²¹And she went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and shut *the door* upon him and went out. ²²And she called to her husband and said, I pray you, send me one of the young men and one of the asses so that I may run to the man of God and come again. ²³And he said, Why will you go to him today? *It is* neither new moon nor sabbath. And she said, *Yet it shall be* well. ²⁴Then she saddled an ass and said to her servant, Drive and go forward! Do not hold back your riding for me unless I tell you.

²⁵So she went and came to the man of God, to Mount Carmel. And when the man of God saw her afar off, it came to pass that he said to Gě-hā'-zī his servant, Behold, *there is* that Shû-nām'-mīte. ²⁶I pray you, run now to meet her, and say to her, *Is it* well with you? *and* well with your husband? *and* well with the child? And she answered, *It is* well. ²⁷And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught him by the feet. But Gě-hā'-zī came near to push her away. And the man of God said, Let her alone, for her soul is troubled within her. And the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me. ²⁸Then she said, Did I desire a son from my lord? Did I not say, Do not deceive me? ²⁹Then he said to Gě-hā'-zī, Bind up your loins and take my staff in your hand, and go your way. If you meet any man, do not greet him. And if any greet you, do not answer him again. And lay my staff upon the face of the child. ³⁰And the mother of the child said, *As* the LORD lives, and *as* your soul lives, I will not leave you. And he arose and followed her.

³¹And Gě-hā'-zī passed on before them and laid the staff upon the face of the child. But *there was* neither voice nor hearing. Therefore he went again to meet him and told him, saying, The child has not awakened. ³²And when Elisha had come to the house, behold, the child was dead, and lay upon his bed. ³³He therefore went in and shut the door upon the two of them, and prayed unto the LORD. ³⁴And he went up and lay upon the child, and put his mouth upon his mouth and his eyes upon his eyes, and his hands upon his hands. And he stretched himself upon the child. And the flesh of the child became warm. ³⁵Then he returned and walked in the house to and fro. And *then he* went up and stretched himself upon him. And the child sneezed seven times, and the child opened his eyes. ³⁶And he called Gě-hā'-zī and said, Call this Shû-nām'-mīte. So he called her. And when she had come in unto him, he said, Take up your son! ³⁷Then she went in and fell at his

feet and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out.

³⁸And Elisha came again to Gīl-gāl. And *there was* a drouth in the land. And the sons of the prophets were sitting before him. And he said to his servant, Set on the great pot and boil pottage for the sons of the prophets. ³⁹And one went out into the field to gather herbs. And *he* found a wild vine and gathered his lap full of wild gourds from it, and came and cut them up into the pot of pottage. For they did not know *them*. ⁴⁰So they poured out *pottage* for the men to eat. And as they were eating of the pottage, they cried out and said, O man of God, *there is death in the pot!* And they could not eat of it. ⁴¹But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot. And he said, Pour out for the people, so that they may eat. And there was no evil thing in the pot.

⁴²And there came a man from Bā'-āl-shāl'-ī-shā, and brought the man of God bread from the first-fruits, twenty loaves of barley and full ears of grain in the husk of it. And he said, Give to the people that they may eat. ⁴³And his servant said, What? Should I set this before a hundred men? He said again, Give to the people so that they may eat — for thus says the LORD, They shall eat and shall leave *some of it*. ⁴⁴So he set *it* before them, and they did eat, and left *some of it*, according to the word of the LORD.

CHAPTER 5

¹Now Nā'-ā-mān, captain of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man with his master. And *he* was in high favor because the LORD had given deliverance to Syria by him. He was also a mighty man, *but he was a leper*. ²And the Syrians had gone out by companies, and had brought away a little maid as *a captive* out of the land of Israel. And she waited on Nā'-ā-mān's wife. ³And she said to her mistress, I wish my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! For he would recover him from his leprosy. ⁴And *one* went in and told his lord, saying, This and this said the maid who is from the land of Israel. ⁵And the king of Syria said, Go now, and I will send a letter to the king of Israel. And he departed and took with him ten talents of silver and six thousand *pieces* of gold, and ten changes of clothing. ⁶And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, Now when this letter has come to you, behold, I have sent Nā'-ā-mān my servant to you so that you may recover him of his leprosy. ⁷And when the king of Israel had read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man sends to me to recover a man from his leprosy? Therefore, I pray you, consider and see how he seeks a quarrel against me.

⁸And when Elisha the man of God had heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent to the king, saying, Why have you torn your clothes? Let him now come to me, and he shall know that there

is a prophet in Israel. ⁹So Nā'-ā-mān came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. ¹⁰And Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall come to you, and you shall be clean. ¹¹But Nā'-ā-mān was angry, and went away. And *he* said, Behold, I said within myself, He will surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place and recover the leper. ¹²Are not Ab'-ā-nā and Phār'-pār, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? May I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. ¹³And his servants came near and spoke to him and said, My father, *if* the prophet had told you *to do some* great thing, would you not have done *it*? How much rather then, when he says to you, Wash and be clean? ¹⁴Then he went down and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God. And his flesh came again like the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

¹⁵And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company. And *he* came and stood before him. And he said, Behold, now I know that *there is* no God in all the earth, but in Israel. Now therefore I pray you, take a blessing from your servant. ¹⁶But he said, As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take *it*, but he refused. ¹⁷And Nā'-ā-mān said, I pray you, shall there not then be given to your servant two mules' burden of earth? For your servant will from now on offer neither burnt offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto the LORD. ¹⁸In this thing *may* the LORD pardon your servant, *that* when my master was bowing in the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaned upon my hand, and I bowed myself in the house of Rimmon — for my bowing down in the house of Rimmon, *may* the LORD pardon your servant in this thing. ¹⁹And he said to him, Go in peace. So he went away from him a little way.

²⁰But Gē-hā'-zī, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master has spared Nā'-ā-mān the Syrian, in not receiving at his hand that which he brought. But, as the LORD lives, I will run after him and take something from him. ²¹So Gē-hā'-zī followed after Nā'-ā-mān. And when Nā'-ā-mān saw *him* running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him. And *he* said, Is all well? ²²And he said, All is well. My master has sent me, saying, Behold, even now there have come to me from Mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets. I pray you, give them a talent of silver and two changes of clothing. ²³And Nā'-ā-mān said, Be content, take two talents. And he urged him and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of clothing. And *he* laid *them* upon two of his servants. And they carried *them* before him. ²⁴And when he had come to the tower, he took *them* from their hand and stowed *them* in the house. And he let the men go, and they departed. ²⁵But he went in and stood before his mas-

ter. And Elisha said to him, Where do you come from, Gě-hā'-zī? And he said, Your servant did not go anywhere. ²⁶And he said to him, Did not my heart go *with you* when the man turned again from his chariot to meet you? *Is it* a time to receive money and to receive clothing and olive-yards and vineyards and sheep and oxen and menservants and maidservants? ²⁷Therefore the leprosy of Nā'-ā-mān shall cling to you and to your seed forever. And he went out from his presence *as* a leper *white* as snow.

CHAPTER 6

¹And the sons of the prophets said to Elisha, Behold now, the place where we live with you is too small for us. ²We pray you, let us go unto Jordan. And let each man take a beam from there. And let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go. ³And one said, Be content, I pray you, and go with your servants. And he answered them, I will go. ⁴So he went with them. And when they came to Jordan, they cut down wood. ⁵But as one was felling a log, the axe-head fell into the water. And he cried and said, Alas, master! For it was borrowed. ⁶And the man of God said, Where did it fall? And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick and threw it in there. And the iron swam. ⁷Then he said, take it up unto you. And he put out his hand and took it.

⁸Then the king of Syria warred against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. ⁹And the man of God sent to the king of Israel, saying, Beware that you do not pass such a place—for the Syrians have come down there. ¹⁰And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of, and saved himself there, not once nor twice. ¹¹Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was full of trouble for this thing. And he called his servants and said to them, Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel? ¹²And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king — but Elisha the prophet, who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in your bedroom. ¹³And he said, Go and spy where he is so that I may send and bring him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, *he is* in Dō'-thān. ¹⁴Therefore he sent there horses and chariots and a great army. And they came by night and surrounded the city. ¹⁵And when the servant of the man of God had risen early, and had gone forth, behold, an army surrounded the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said to him, Alas my master! What shall we do? ¹⁶And he answered, Do not fear — for those who are with us are more than those who are with them. ¹⁷And Elisha prayed and said, I pray Thee, LORD, open his eyes so that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw. And behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. ¹⁸And when they had come down to him, Elisha prayed to the LORD and said,

I pray Thee, strike this people with blindness. And He struck them with blindness according to the word of Elisha.

¹⁹And Elisha said to them, This is not the way, neither is this the city. Follow me and I will bring you to the man whom you seek. But he led them to Samaria. ²⁰And when they had come into Samaria, it came to pass that Elisha said, LORD, open the eyes of these *men* so that they may see. And the LORD opened their eyes, and they saw. And behold, *they were* in the middle of Samaria. ²¹And when he saw them, the king of Israel said to Elisha, My father, shall I strike *them*? Shall I strike *them*? ²²And he answered, You shall not strike *them*. Would you strike those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them so that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. ²³And he prepared a great feast for them. And when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. So the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

²⁴And after this Bēn-hā'-dād king of Syria gathered all his army and went up and lay siege to Samaria. ²⁵And there was a great famine in Samaria. And, behold, they besieged it until an ass's head was *sold* for eighty *pieces* of silver, and the fourth part of a cab of dove's dung for five *pieces* of silver. ²⁶And as the king of Israel was passing by upon the wall, there cried a woman to him, saying, Help, my lord, O king! ²⁷And he said, if the LORD does not help you, from where shall I help you? Out of the barn-floor, or out of the wine-press? ²⁸And the king said to her, What ails you? And she said, This woman said to me, Give your son so that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow. ²⁹So we boiled my son and ate him. And I said to her on the other day, Give your son so that we may eat him. And she has hidden her son. ³⁰And when the king heard the words of the woman, he tore his clothes. And he passed by upon the wall, and the people looked, and, behold, *he had* sackcloth inside upon his flesh. ³¹Then he said, May God do so, and more also, to me, if the head of Elisha the son of Shā'-phāt shall stand on him this day. ³²But Elisha sat in his house, and the elders sat with him. And *the king* sent a man from before him. But before the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, Do you see how this son of a murderer has sent to take away my head? Look, when the messenger comes, shut the door and hold him fast at the door — is not the sound of his master's feet behind him? ³³And while he still talked with them, behold, the messenger came down to him. And he said, Behold, this evil is from the LORD. Why should I wait for the LORD any longer?

CHAPTER 7

¹Then Elisha said, Hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the LORD, Tomorrow about this time a measure of fine flour shall be *sold*

for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. ²Then a lord upon whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, *if* the LORD would make windows in heaven, *then* this thing might be. And he said, Behold, you shall see *it* with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it.

³And there were four men who were lepers at the entering in of the gate. And they said to one another, Why do we sit here until we die? ⁴If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there. And if we still sit here, we also shall die. Now therefore come and let us fall to the army of the Syrians. If they save us alive, we shall live. And if they kill us, we shall only die. ⁵And they rose up in the twilight to go to the camp of the Syrians. And when they had come to the outermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, no man was there! ⁶For the LORD had made the army of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots and a noise of horses, the noise of a great army. And they said to one another, Lo, the king of Israel has hired the kings of the Hittites and the kings of the Egyptians against us, to come upon us. ⁷Therefore they arose and fled in the twilight and left their tents and their horses and their asses, even the camp, as it was, and fled for their life. ⁸And when these lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent and ate and drank, and carried silver and gold and clothing from there, and went and hid *it*. And *they* came again and entered into another tent and carried from there, and went and hid *it*. ⁹Then they said to one another, We are not doing right. This day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace. If we stay until the morning light, some punishment will come upon us. Now therefore come, so that we may go and tell the king's household. ¹⁰So they came and called unto the porter of the city. And they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, *there was* no man there, neither voice of man, but horses tied, and asses tied, and the tents as they were. ¹¹And he called the porters. And they told *it* to the king's house inside.

¹²And the king arose in the night and said to his servants, I will now show you what the Syrians have done to us. They know that we are hungry. Therefore they have gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall catch them alive and get into the city. ¹³And one of his servants answered and said, I pray you, let *some* take five of the horses which remain, which are left in the city (behold, they are like all the multitude of Israel that are left in it – behold, they are even as all the multitude of the Israelites that are consumed) and let us send and see. ¹⁴They therefore took two chariot horses. And the king sent after the army of the Syrians, saying, Go and see. ¹⁵And they went after them to Jordan. And, lo, all the way was full of clothing and vessels which the Syrians had thrown away in their haste. And the messengers returned and told the

king. ¹⁶And the people went out and spoiled the tents of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

¹⁷And the king appointed the lord upon whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate. And the people trampled upon him in the gate, and he died, as the man of God had said, who spoke when the king came down to him. ¹⁸And the man of God had spoken to the king, saying, Two measures of barley for a shekel, and a measure of fine flour for a shekel — it shall be tomorrow about this time in the gate of Samaria. ¹⁹And that lord answered the man of God and said, Now, behold, *if* the LORD should make windows in heaven, *then* such a thing might be. And he said, Behold, you shall see it with your eyes, but you shall not eat of it. ²⁰So it happened to him, for the people trampled upon him in the gate, and he died.

CHAPTER 8

¹Then Elisha spoke to the woman whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise and go, you and your household, and live wherever you can live. For the LORD has called for a famine. And it shall also come upon the land seven years. ²And the woman arose and did what the saying of the man of God was. And she went with her household, and lived in the land of the Philistines seven years. ³And at the end of seven years, the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines. And she went forth to cry to the king for her house and for her land. ⁴And the king talked with Gē-hā'-zī the servant of the man of God, saying, I pray you, tell me all the great things which Elisha has done. ⁵And as he was telling the king how he had restored a dead body to life, behold, the woman whose son he had restored to life cried to the king for the house and for her land. And Gē-hā'-zī said, My lord O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha restored to life. ⁶And when the king asked the woman, she told him. So the king appointed to her a certain officer saying, Restore all that was hers, and all the fruits of the field since the day when she left the land, even until now.

⁷And Elisha came to Damascus. And Bēn-hā'-dād the king of Syria was sick. And they told him, saying, The man of God has come here. ⁸And the king said unto Hā-zā'-ēl, Take a present in your hand and go to meet the man of God, and ask of the LORD by him, saying, Shall I recover of this disease. ⁹So Hā-zā'-ēl went to meet him and took a present with him, even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels' burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Your servant Bēn-hā'-dād, king of Syria, has sent me to you, saying, Shall I recover from this disease? ¹⁰And Elisha said to him, Go and say to him, You may certainly recover. However, the LORD has showed me that he shall surely die. ¹¹And he settled his face steadfastly until he was ashamed.

And the man of God wept. ¹²And Hā-zā'-ēl said, Why does my lord weep? And he answered, Because I know the evil that you will do to the children of Israel – you will set their strongholds on fire, and you will kill their young men with the sword, and will dash their children, and rip up their women with child. ¹³And Hā-zā'-ēl said, What, is your servant a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, The LORD has showed me that you shall be king over Syria. ¹⁴So he departed from Elisha and came to his master, who said to him, What did Elisha say to you? And he answered, He told me that you would surely recover. ¹⁵And on the next day he took a thick cloth and dipped it in water, and spread it upon his face so that he died. And Hā-zā'-ēl reigned in his stead.

¹⁶And in the fifth year of Jē-hôr'-ām the son of Ahab king of Israel, Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt being then king of Judah, Jē-hôr'-ām the son of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt king of Judah began to reign. ¹⁷He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. ¹⁸And he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, as the house of Ahab did – for the daughter of Ahab was his wife. And he did evil in the sight of the LORD. ¹⁹Yet the LORD would not destroy Judah for David His servant's sake, as He promised him to give him always a light, and to his children.

²⁰In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. ²¹So Jē-hôr'-ām went over to Zā'-īr, and all the chariots with him. And he rose by night and struck the Edomites who were all around him, and the captains of the chariots. And the people fled into their tents. ²²Yet Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. Then Līb'-nāh revolted at the same time. ²³And the rest of the acts of Jē-hôr'-ām, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? ²⁴And Jē-hôr'-ām slept with his fathers and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Ā-hā-zī'-āh his son reigned in his stead.

²⁵In the twelfth year of Jē-hôr'-ām the son of Ahab king of Israel Ā-hā-zī'-āh the son of Jē-hôr'-ām king of Judah began to reign. ²⁶Ā-hā-zī'-āh was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Āth-ā-lī'-āh, the daughter of Omri king of Israel. ²⁷And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did evil in the sight of the LORD, as did the house of Ahab. ²⁸For he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab. And he went with Jē-hôr'-ām the son of Ahab to the war against Hā-zā'-ēl king of Syria in Rā'-mōth of Gil'-ē-ād. And the Syrians wounded Jē-hôr'-ām. ²⁹And king Jē-hôr'-ām went back to be healed in Jēz'-rēel from the wounds which the Syrians had given him in Rā'-māh, when he fought against Hā-zā'-ēl king of Syria. And Ā-hā-zī'-āh the son of Jē-hôr'-ām king of Judah went down to see Jē-hôr'-ām the son of Ahab in Jēz'-rēel, because he was sick.

CHAPTER 9

¹And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said to him, Bind up your loins and take this box of oil in your hand, and go to Rā'-mōth in Gil'-ē-ād. ²And when you come there, find Jehu the son of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the son of Nīm'-shī, and go in and make him rise up from among his brothers, and take him to an inner room. ³Then take the box of oil and pour it upon his head, and say, Thus says the LORD, I have anointed you king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and do not stay.

⁴So the young man, *even* the young man the prophet, went to Rā'-mōth in Gil'-ē-ād. ⁵And when he came, behold, the captains of the army were sitting. And he said, I have an errand to you, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which one of us all? And he said, To you, O captain. ⁶And he arose and went into the house. And he poured the oil upon his head and said unto him, Thus says the LORD God of Israel, I have anointed you king over the people of the LORD, over Israel. ⁷And you shall strike the house of Ahab your master, so that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD at the hand of Jēz'-ē-bēl. ⁸For the whole house of Ahab shall perish. And I will cut off from Ahab *everyone* that waters against the wall, and *everyone* that is shut up and left in Israel. ⁹And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Bā-āsh'-ā the son of Ā-hī'-jāh. ¹⁰And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in a part of Jēz'-rēel, and none shall be there to bury *her*. And he opened the door and fled.

¹¹Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord. And *one* said to him, Is all well? Why did this mad *fellow* come to you? And he said to them, You know the man and what he had to say. ¹²And they said, *It is false*. Tell us now! And he said, This and this he spoke to me, saying, Thus says the LORD, I have anointed you king over Israel. ¹³Then they hurried and each man took his garment and put it under him on the top of the stairs, and blew with trumpets, saying, Jehu is king. ¹⁴So Jehu the son of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the son of Nīm'-shī plotted against Jē-hōr'-ām. (Now Jē-hōr'-ām was watching Rā'-mōth in Gil'-ē-ād, he and all Israel, because of Hā-zā'-ēl king of Syria. ¹⁵But king Jē-hōr'-ām had returned to be healed in Jēz'-rēel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him when he fought with Hā-zā'-ēl the king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If it is your minds, *then* let no one go forth nor escape out of the city to go to tell *it* in Jēz'-rēel. ¹⁶So Jehu rode in the chariot and went to Jēz'-rēel. For Jē-hōr'-ām lay there. And Ā-hā-zī'-āh king of Judah had come down to see Jē-hōr'-ām.

¹⁷And there stood a watchman on the tower in Jēz'-rēel. And he saw the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Jē-

hòr'-ām said, Take a horseman and send to meet them, and let him say, *Is it peace?* ¹⁸So there went one on horseback to meet him and said, Thus says the king, *Is it peace?* And Jehu said, What do you have to do with peace? Turn behind me! And the watchman reported, saying, The messenger came to them, but he does not come again. ¹⁹Then he sent out a second *man* on horseback, who came to them and said, Thus says the king, *Is it peace?* And he answered, What do you have to do with peace? Turn behind me! ²⁰And the watchman reported, saying, He came up to them, but does not come again. And the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of Nīm'-shī, for he drives furiously.

²¹And Jē-hòr'-ām said, Make ready. And his chariot was made ready. And Jē-hòr'-ām king of Israel and Ā-hā-zī'-āh king of Judah went out, each in his own chariot, and they went out against Jehu, and met him in the portion of Nā'-bōth of Jēz'-rēel. ²²And when Jē-hòr'-ām saw Jehu, he said, *Is it peace, Jehu?* And he answered, What peace, so long as the fōr-nī-cā'-tions of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are *so many?* ²³And Jē-hòr'-ām turned his hands and fled and said to Ā-hā-zī'-āh, *There is treachery, O Ā-hā-zī'-āh!* ²⁴And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength and struck Jē-hòr'-ām between his arms, and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sank down in his chariot. ²⁵Then *Jehu* said to Bīd'-kār his captain, Take *him* up and throw him in the portion of the field of Naboth of Jēz'-rēel — for remember that when you and I rode together after Ahab his father, the LORD laid this burden upon him. ²⁶Surely yesterday I have seen the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons, says the LORD — and I will repay you in this portion, says the LORD. Now therefore, take *him* and throw him into the portion, according to the word of the LORD.

²⁷But when Ā-hā-zī'-āh the king of Judah saw *this*, he fled by the way of the garden-house. And Jehu followed after him and said, Strike him also in the chariot! *And they did so* at the going up to Gur, which is by Īb'-lē-ām. And he fled to Mē-gīd'-dō, and died there. ²⁸And his servants carried him in a chariot to Jerusalem, and buried him in his tomb with his fathers in the city of David. ²⁹And in the eleventh year of Jē-hòr'-ām the son of Ahab, Ā-hā-zī'-āh began to reign over Judah.

³⁰And when Jehu had come to Jēz'-rēel, Jezebel heard. And she painted her face and adorned her head, and looked out at a window. ³¹And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, *Did Zīm'-rī*, who slew his master, have peace? ³²And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? Who? And two or three eū'-nūchs looked out at him. ³³And he said, Throw her down! So they threw her down. And *some* of her blood was sprinkled on the wall and on the horses. And he trampled her under foot. ³⁴And when he had come in, he ate and drank, and said, Go, now see this cursed *woman* and bury her. For she is a king's daughter. ³⁵And they went to bury her, but they found no more

of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of *her* hands. ³⁶Therefore they came again and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tish'-bīte, saying, In the portion of Jēz'-rēel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel. ³⁷And the dead body of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jēz'-rēel — so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

CHAPTER 10

¹And Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters and sent *them* to Samaria to the rulers of Jēz'-rēel, to the elders, and to those who brought up Ahab's *children*, saying, ²Now as soon as this letter comes to you, since your master's sons are with you, and *there are* with you chariots and horses, also a fenced city and armor, ³even look for the best and fittest of your master's sons, and set *him* on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house. ⁴But they were exceedingly afraid and said, Behold, two kings did not stand before him — how then shall we stand? ⁵And he who was over the house, and he who was over the city, the elders also, and the guardians, sent to Jehu saying, We are your servants and will do all that you shall bid us — we will not make any king. Do *what* is good in your eyes. ⁶Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If you are mine, and if you will listen to my voice, take the heads of the men who are your master's sons, and come to me to Jēz'-rēel by this time tomorrow. Now the king's sons, seventy persons, were with the great men of the city who brought them up. ⁷And when the letter came to them, they took the king's sons and killed *them*, seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets and sent *them* to him in Jēz'-rēel.

⁸And there came a messenger and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he said, Lay them in two heaps at the entering in of the gate until the morning. ⁹And in the morning it came to pass that he went out and stood, and said to all the people, You are righteous. Behold, I plotted against my master and killed him. But who killed all these? ¹⁰Now know that there shall fall to the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spoke concerning the house of Ahab. For the LORD has done that which He spoke by His servant Elijah. ¹¹So Jehu killed all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jēz'-rēel, and all his great men, and his familiar friends, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

¹²And he arose and departed, and came to Samaria. As he was at the shearing-house in the way, ¹³Jehu met with the brothers of Ā-hā-zī'-āh king of Judah, and said, Who are you? And they answered, We are the brothers of Ā-hā-zī'-āh. And we go down to greet the children of the king and the children of the queen. ¹⁴And he said, Take them alive! And they took them alive and killed them at the pit of the shearing-

house, forty-two men. Neither did he leave any of them. ¹⁵And when he had departed from there, he found Jē-hōn'-ā-dāb the son of Rē'-chāb coming to meet him. And he greeted him and said to him, Is your heart right, as my heart is with your heart? And Jē-hōn'-ā-dāb answered, It is. If it is so, give me your hand. And he gave him his hand. And he took him up to him into the chariot. ¹⁶And he said, Come with me and see my zeal for the LORD. So they made him ride in his chariot. ¹⁷And when he came to Samaria, he killed all that remained to Ahab in Samaria, until he had destroyed him, according to the saying of the LORD which he spoke to Elijah.

¹⁸And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said to them, Ahab served Baal a little, *but* Jehu shall serve him much. ¹⁹Now therefore call to me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants and all his priests. Let no one be lacking. For I have a great sacrifice *to do* to Baal. Whoever shall be lacking, he shall not live. But Jehu did *it* in subtlety, to the end that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal. ²⁰And Jehu said, Call a solemn feast for Baal. And they called *it*. ²¹And Jehu sent through all Israel. And all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left who did not come. And they came into the house of Baal. And the house of Baal was full from one end to another. ²²And he said to him who was over the robe-room, Bring out robes for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them out. ²³And Jehu went, and Jē-hōn'-ā-dāb the son of Rē'-chāb, into the house of Baal. And he said to the worshippers of Baal, Search and look, that there may not be here with you any of the servants of the LORD, but only the worshippers of Baal. ²⁴And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed eighty men outside, and said, *If* any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escapes, his life shall be for the life of him. ²⁵And as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in and kill them! Do not let any come out! And they struck them with the edge of the sword. And the guard and the captains threw *them* out. And they went to the city, to the house of Baal. ²⁶And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal and burned them. ²⁷And they broke down the image of Baal, and broke down the house of Baal and made it a sewer-house until this day. ²⁸So Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

²⁹However Jehu did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, *going* after them, the golden calves which were in Bethel and in Dan. ³⁰And the LORD said to him, Jehu, because you have done well in doing what is right in My eyes, *and* have done to the house of Ahab according to all that was in My heart, your children of the fourth *generation* shall sit on the throne of Israel. ³¹But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the LORD God of Israel with all his heart, for he did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin.

³²In those days the LORD began to cut Israel short. And Hā-zā'-ēl struck them in all the coasts of Israel, ³³from Jordan toward the rising of the sun, all the land of Gilead, the men of Gad and of Reuben and of Mā-nās'-sēh, from Ā-rō'-ēr, which is by the river Arnon, even Gilead and Bā'-shān. ³⁴Now the rest of the acts of Jehu and all that he did, and all his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ³⁵And Jehu slept with his fathers. And they buried him in Samaria. And Jē-hō'-ā-hāz his son reigned in his stead. ³⁶And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel and Samaria was twenty-eight years.

CHAPTER 11

¹And when Āth-ā-lī'-āh the mother of Ā-hā-zī'-āh saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed of the kingdom. ²But Jē-hōsh'-ē-bā the daughter of king Jē-hōr'-ām, sister of Ā-hā-zī'-āh, took Jō'-āsh the son of Ā-hā-zī'-āh and stole him from among the king's sons *which* were killed. And they hid him from Āth-ā-lī'-āh in the bedroom, him and his nurse, so that he was not killed. ³And he was hidden with her in the house of the LORD six years. And Āth-ā-lī'-āh reigned over the land.

⁴And the seventh year Jē-hoi'-ā-dā sent and brought the rulers over hundreds, with the captains and the guards, and brought them to him into the house of the LORD. And *he* made a covenant with them and took an oath from them in the house of the LORD, and showed them the king's son. ⁵And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that you shall do. A third part of you who enter in on the sabbath shall be keepers of the watch of the king's house. ⁶And a third part shall be at the gate of Sur. And a third part shall be at the gate behind the guard. So you shall keep the watch of the house, so that it may not be broken down. ⁷And two parts of you who go forth on the sabbath, even they shall keep the watch of the house of the LORD around the king. ⁸And you shall surround the king, every man with his weapons in his hand. And he who comes inside the ranks, let him be killed. And you be with the king as he goes out and as he comes in.

⁹And the captains over the hundreds did according to all that Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the priest commanded. And each one of them took his man that was to come in on the sabbath with them that should go out on the sabbath, and came to Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the priest. ¹⁰And the priest gave king David's spears and shields, which were in the temple of the LORD, to the captains over hundreds. ¹¹And the guard stood, each man with his weapons in his hand, around the king, from the right corner of the temple to the left corner of the temple, by the altar and the temple. ¹²And he brought forth the king's son, and put the crown upon him. And *he gave him* the testimony. And they made him king and anointed him. And they clapped their hands and

said, Let the king live! ¹³And when Āth-ā-lī'-āh heard the noise of the guard *and* of the people, she came to the people into the temple of the LORD. ¹⁴And when she looked, behold, the king stood by a pillar as usually was done, and the princes and the trumpeters were by the king. And all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew with trumpets. And Āth-ā-lī'-āh tore her clothes, and cried, Treason! Treason! ¹⁵But Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the priest commanded the captains of the hundreds, the officers of the army, and said to them, Take her out between the ranks, and *let* the one who follows her kill her with the sword. For the priest had said, Let her not be slain in the house of the LORD. ¹⁶And they laid hands on her, and she went by the way which the horses came into the king's house. And she was killed there.

¹⁷And Jē-hoi'-ā-dā made a covenant between the LORD and the king and the people, that they should be the LORD's people — also between the king and the people. ¹⁸And all the people of the land went into the house of Baal and broke it down. They broke his altars and his images completely in pieces. And *they* killed Māt'-tān the priest of Baal before the altars. And the priest appointed officers over the house of the LORD. ¹⁹And he took the rulers over hundreds, and the captains, and the guard, and all the people of the land. And they brought the king down from the house of the LORD and came by the way of the gate of the guard to the king's house. ²⁰And he sat on the throne of the kings. And all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. And they killed Āth-ā-lī'-āh with the sword *beside* the king's house. ²¹Joash was seven years old when he began to reign.

CHAPTER 12

¹And in the seventh year of Jehu, Joash began to reign. And he reigned in Jerusalem forty years. And his mother's name was Zī'-bī-āh of Bēer-shē'-bā. ²And Joash did that which was right in the sight of the LORD all his days in which Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the priest instructed him. ³But the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places.

⁴And Joash said to the priests, All the money from the things given *unto God*, which is brought into the house of the LORD, the money from everyone who passes, the money from the persons for whom each man is taxed, and all the money that comes into any man's heart to bring to the house of the LORD — ⁵let the priests take it to themselves, each man from those he knows. And let them repair the breaks in the house, wherever any break shall be found. ⁶But it happened in the twenty-third year of king Joash, the priests had not repaired the breaks of the house. ⁷Then king Joash called for Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the priest, and the *other* priests, and said to them, Why are you not repairing the breaks of the house? Now therefore take no money from those you

know, but deliver it for the breaks of the house. ⁸And the priests agreed to take no money from the people, neither to repair the breaks of the house. ⁹But Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the priest took a chest and bored a hole in the lid of it. And *he* set it beside the altar, on the right side as one comes into the house of the LORD. And the priests who kept the door put in it all the money *that was* brought into the house of the LORD. ¹⁰And when they saw that there was much money in the chest, it happened that the king's scribe and the high priest came up. And they put it up in bags, and counted the money that was found in the house of the LORD. ¹¹And they gave the money which was counted into the hands of those who did the work, who had the oversight of the house of the LORD. They laid it out to the carpenters and builders who worked upon the house of the LORD, ¹²and to masons and cutters of stone, and to buy timber and cut stone to repair the breaks of the house of the LORD, and for all that went forth for the house, to repair *it*.

¹³However there were no bowls of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, or any vessels of gold or vessels of silver, made for the house of the LORD from the money which was brought into the house of the LORD. ¹⁴But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired the house of the LORD with it. ¹⁵Moreover, they did not make an accounting with the men into whose hands they delivered the money to be given to the workmen. For they dealt faithfully. ¹⁶The trespass money and sin money was not brought into the house of the LORD. It was the priests'.

¹⁷Then Hā-zā'-ēl king of Syria went up and fought against Gath, and took it. And Hā-zā'-ēl set his face to go up to Jerusalem. ¹⁸And Joash king of Judah took all the holy things which Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt and Jē-hōr'-ām and Ā-hā-zī'-āh, his fathers, kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own holy things, and all the gold which was found in the treasures of the house of the LORD, and in the king's house, and sent it to Hā-zā'-ēl king of Syria. And he went away from Jerusalem.

¹⁹And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? ²⁰And his servants arose and made a plot. And they killed Joash in the house of Mīl'-lō, which goes down to Sil'-lā. ²¹For Jō'-zā-chār the son of Shīm'-ē-āth, and Jē-hō'-zā-bād the son of Shō'-mēr, his servants, struck him, and he died. And they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. And Ām-ā-zī'-āh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 13

¹In the twenty-third year of Joash the son of Ā-hā-zī'-āh king of Judah, Jē-hō'-ā-hāz the son of Jehu began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* seventeen years. ²And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, and followed the sins of Jeroboam

the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. And he did not depart from them.

³And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He delivered them into the hand of Hā-zā'-ēl king of Syria, and into the hand of Bēn-hā'-dād the son of Hā-zā'-ēl, all *their* days. ⁴And Jē-hō'-ā-hāz sought the LORD, and the LORD listened to him. For He saw the oppression of Israel, because the king of Syria oppressed them. ⁵And the LORD gave Israel a deliverer, so that they went out from under the Syrians. And the children of Israel lived in their tents, as before. ⁶Nevertheless they did not depart from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, who made Israel to sin, *but* walked in them. And also the grove in Samaria stood. ⁷For He had not left a people remaining to Jē-hō'-ā-hāz, but only fifty horsemen and ten chariots and ten thousand footmen — for the king of Syria had destroyed them and had made them like the dust at threshing-time.

⁸Now the rest of the acts of Jē-hō'-ā-hāz, and all that he did, and his might, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ⁹And Jē-hō'-ā-hāz slept with his fathers. And they buried him in Samaria. And Jē-hō'-āsh his son reigned in his stead.

¹⁰In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah, Jē-hō'-āsh the son of Jē-hō'-ā-hāz began to reign over Israel in Samaria, *and reigned* sixteen years. ¹¹And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, *but* he walked in them. ¹²And the rest of the acts of Jē-hō'-āsh, and all that he did, and his might which he fought against Ām-ā-zī'-āh king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ¹³And Jē-hō'-āsh slept with his fathers, and Jeroboam sat upon his throne. And Jē-hō'-āsh was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel.

¹⁴Now Elisha had fallen sick of his sickness of which he was about to die. And Jē-hō'-āsh the king of Israel came down to him and wept over his face. And *he* said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel and the horsemen of it! ¹⁵And Elisha said to him, Take bow and arrows. ¹⁶And he took bow and arrows to himself. And he said to the king of Israel, Put your hand upon the bow. And he put his hand *upon it*. And Elisha put his hands upon the king's hands. ¹⁷And he said, Open the window eastward. And he opened *it*. Then Elisha said, Shoot! And he shot. And he said, The arrow of the LORD's deliverance, and the arrow of deliverance from Syria. For you shall strike the Syrians in Ā-phēk until you have crushed *them*. ¹⁸And he said, Take the arrows. And he took *them*. And he said to the king of Israel, Strike upon the ground. And he struck three times and stopped. ¹⁹And the man of God was angry with him, and said, You should have stricken five or six

times, then you would have stricken Syria until you had crushed *it*. But now you shall strike Syria *only* three times.

²⁰And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at first of the year. ²¹And as they were burying a man, it came to pass that, behold, they spied a band. And they threw the man into the grave of Elisha. And when the man went down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood up on his feet.

²²But Hā-zā'-ēl crushed Israel all the days of Jē-hō'-ā-hāz. ²³And the LORD was gracious to them, and had pity on them, and had respect to them, because of His covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And *He* would not destroy them, neither did He cast them from His presence as yet. ²⁴So Hā-zā'-ēl king of Syria died. And his son Bēn-hā'-dād reigned in his stead. ²⁵And Jē-hō'-āsh the son of Jē-hō'-ā-hāz returned and took out of the hand of Bēn-hā'-dād the son of Hā-zā'-ēl the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jē-hō'-ā-hāz his father by war. Jē-hō'-āsh beat him three times and recovered the cities of Israel.

CHAPTER 14

¹In the second year of Jē-hō'-āsh the son of Jē-hō'-ā-hāz king of Israel, Ām-ā-zī'-āh the son of Joash king of Judah reigned. ²He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and *he* reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jē-hō'-ād'-dān of Jerusalem. ³And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, yet not like David his father. He did according to all things that Joash his father did. ⁴However the high places were not taken away. The people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

⁵And as soon as the kingdom was confirmed in his hand, it came to pass that he killed his servants who had slain his father the king. ⁶But he did not kill the children of the servants — according to that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, in which the LORD commanded, saying, The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor shall the children be put to death for the fathers, but every man shall be put to death for his own sin. ⁷He killed ten thousand of Edom in the valley of salt, and took Sē'-lāh by war, and called the name of it Jōk'-thēel until this day.

⁸Then Ām-ā-zī'-āh sent messengers to Jē-hō'-āsh the son of Jē-hō'-ā-hāz son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come, let us look one another in the face. ⁹And Jē-hō'-āsh the king of Israel sent to Ām-ā-zī'-āh king of Judah, saying, The thistle which was in Lēb'-ā-non sent to the cedar which was in Lēb'-ā-non, saying, Give your daughter to my son for a wife. And there passed by a wild beast which was in Lēb'-ā-non, and trampled the thistle down. ¹⁰You have indeed stricken Edom, and your

heart has lifted you up. Rejoice and stay at home — for why should you meddle to *your* harm, so that you should fall, you and Judah with you?

¹¹But Ām-ā-zī'-āh would not hear. Therefore Jē-hō'-āsh king of Israel went up. And he and Ām-ā-zī'-āh king of Judah looked one another in the face at Bēth-shē'-mēsh, which *belongs* to Judah. ¹²And Judah was put to the worse before Israel. And every man fled to his tent. ¹³And Jē-hō'-āsh king of Israel took Ām-ā-zī'-āh king of Judah, the son of Joash the son of Ā-hā-zī'-āh, at Bēth-shē'-mēsh, and *he* came to Jerusalem and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. ¹⁴And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels which were found in the house of the LORD, and in the treasures of the king's house, and hostages, and returned to Samaria.

¹⁵Now the rest of the acts of Jē-hō'-āsh which he did, and his might, and how he fought with Ām-ā-zī'-āh king of Judah, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ¹⁶And Jē-hō'-āsh slept with his fathers and was buried in Samaria with the kings of Israel. And Jeroboam his son reigned in his stead.

¹⁷And Ām-ā-zī'-āh the son of Joash king of Judah lived after the death of Jē-hō'-āsh son of Jē-hō'-ā-hāz king of Israel fifteen years. ¹⁸And the rest of the acts of Ām-ā-zī'-āh, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? ¹⁹Now they made a plot against him at Jerusalem, and he fled to Lā'-chish. But they sent after him to Lā'-chish and killed him there. ²⁰And they brought him on horses, and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David.

²¹And all the people of Judah took Ūz-zī'-āh, who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Ām-ā-zī'-āh. ²²He built Ē'-lāth, and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers.

²³In the fifteenth year of Ām-ā-zī'-āh the son of Joash king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Jē-hō'-āsh king of Israel began to reign in Samaria. *And he reigned* forty-one years. ²⁴And he did *that which* was evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat who made Israel to sin. ²⁵He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hā'-māth to the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel which He spoke by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Ā-mīt'-taī, the prophet, who was from Gāth-hē'-phēr. ²⁶For the LORD saw that the affliction of Israel was very bitter. For there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel. ²⁷And the LORD did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven, but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Jē-hō'-āsh. ²⁸Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, and how he recovered Damascus and Hā'-māth, *which belonged* to Judah, for Israel, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of

Israel? ²⁹And Jeroboam slept with his fathers, with the kings of Israel. And his son Zäch-ä-rī-äh reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 15

¹In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel, Ūz-zī-äh son of Ām-ä-zī-äh king of Judah began to reign. ²He was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jēch-ō-lī-äh of Jerusalem. ³And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Ām-ä-zī-äh had done — ⁴except that the high places were not removed. The people still sacrificed and burned incense on the high places.

⁵And the LORD struck the king, so that he was a leper until the day of his death, and lived in a separate house. And the king's son, Jō'-thām, was over the house, judging the people of the land. ⁶And the rest of the acts of Ūz-zī-äh, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? ⁷So Ūz-zī-äh slept with his fathers. And they buried him with his fathers in the city of David. And his son Jō'-thām reigned in his stead.

⁸In the thirty-eighth year of Ūz-zī-äh king of Judah, Zäch-ä-rī-äh the son of Jeroboam reigned over Israel in Samaria, six months. ⁹And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as his fathers had done. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. ¹⁰And Shāl'-lūm the son of Jā'-bēsh plotted against him. And *he* struck him before the people, and killed him, and reigned in his stead. ¹¹And the rest of the acts of Zäch-ä-rī-äh, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. ¹²This was the word of the LORD which He spoke to Jehu, saying, Your sons shall sit on the throne of Israel until the fourth *generation*. And so it came to pass.

¹³Shāl'-lūm the son of Jā'-bēsh began to reign in the thirty-ninth year of Ūz-zī-äh king of Judah. And he reigned in Samaria *only* one month. ¹⁴For Mēn'-ä-hēm the son of Gā'-dī went up from Tīr'-zäh, and came to Samaria and struck Shāl'-lūm the son of Jā'-bēsh in Samaria. And *he* killed him and reigned in his stead. ¹⁵And the rest of the acts of Shāl'-lūm, and the plot which he made, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

¹⁶Then Mēn'-ä-hēm struck Tīph'-säh, and all that were in it, and the borders of it from Tīr'-zäh. Because they did not open *to him*, therefore he struck it. He ripped up in it all the women who were with child. ¹⁷In the thirty-ninth year of Āz-ä-rī-äh king of Judah, Mēn'-ä-hēm the son of Gā'-dī began to reign over Israel. And *he reigned* ten years in Samaria. ¹⁸And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who

made Israel to sin, all his days. ¹⁹And Pul the king of Ās-syr'-ī-ā came against the land. And Mēn'-ā-hēm gave Pul a thousand talents of silver so that his hand might be with him to confirm the kingdom in his hand. ²⁰And Mēn'-ā-hēm exacted the money from Israel, from all the mighty men of wealth (fifty shekels of silver from each man) to give to the king of Ās-syr'-ī-ā. So the king of Ās-syr'-ī-ā turned back and did not stay there in the land.

²¹And the rest of the acts of Mēn'-ā-hēm, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? ²²And Mēn'-ā-hēm slept with his fathers. And Pēk-ā-hī'-āh his son reigned in his stead.

²³In the fiftieth year of Ūz-zī'-āh king of Judah, Pēk-ā-hī'-āh the son of Mēn'-ā-hēm began to reign over Israel in Samaria. *And he reigned* two years. ²⁴And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. ²⁵But Pē'-kāh the son of Rēm-ā-lī'-āh, a captain of his, conspired against him and struck him in Samaria, in the palace of the king's house, with Ār'-gōb and Ār'-ī-ēh, and fifty men from Gilead with him. And he killed him and reigned in his stead. ²⁶And the rest of the acts of Pēk-ā-hī'-āh, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

²⁷In the fifty-second year of Ūz-zī'-āh king of Judah, Pē'-kāh the son of Rēm-ā-lī'-āh began to reign over Israel in Samaria. *And he reigned* twenty years. ²⁸And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD. He did not depart from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin. ²⁹In the days of Pē'-kāh king of Israel, Tig'-lāth-pī-lē'-šēr king of Ās-syr'-ī-ā came and took Ī'-jōn, and Ā'-bēl-bēth-mā'-ā-chāh, and Jā-nō'-āh, and Kē'-dēsh, and Hā'-zōr, and Gilead, and Galilee, all the land of Nāph'-tā-li. And *he* carried them away captive to Assyria. ³⁰And Hō-shē'-ā the son of Ē'-lāh made a plot against Pē'-kāh the son of Rēm-ā-lī'-āh. And *he* struck him and killed him and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jō'-thām the son of Ūz-zī'-āh. ³¹And the rest of the acts of Pē'-kāh (and all that he did, behold, they are written in the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

³²In the second year of Pē'-kāh the son of Rēm-ā-lī'-āh king of Israel, Jō'-thām the son of Ūz-zī'-āh, king of Judah, began to reign. ³³He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jē-rû'-shā, the daughter of Zā'-dōk. ³⁴And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD. He did according to all that his father Ūz-zī'-āh had done.

³⁵However the high places were not removed. The people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. He built the higher gate of the house of the LORD. ³⁶Now the rest of the acts of Jō'-thām, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of

the kings of Judah? ³⁷In those days the LORD began to send Rē'-zīn the king of Syria against Judah, and *also* Pē'-kāh the son of Rēm-ā-lī'-āh. ³⁸And Jō'-thām slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father. And his son Ahaz reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 16

¹In the seventeenth year of Pē'-kāh the son of Rēm-ā-lī'-āh, Ahaz the son of Jō'-thām king of Judah began to reign. ²Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and *he* reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. And *he* did not do *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD his God, like David his father. ³But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel. Yes, and *he* made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel. ⁴And he sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

⁵Then Rē'-zīn king of Syria and Pē'-kāh son of Rēm-ā-lī'-āh king of Israel came up to Jerusalem for war. And they besieged Ahaz, but could not overcome *him*. ⁶At that time Rē'-zīn king of Syria recovered Ē'-lāth to Syria, and drove the Jews from Ē'-lāth. And the Syrians came to Ē'-lāth and lived there until this day. ⁷So Ahaz sent messengers to Tīg'-lāth-pī-lē'-šēr king of Ās-syr'-ī-ā, saying, I am your servant and your son. Come up and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up against me. ⁸And Ahaz took the silver and gold which was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasures of the king's house, and sent a present to the king of Ās-syr'-ī-ā. ⁹And the king of Assyria listened to him, for the king of Assyria went up against Damascus and took it. And *he* carried it away captive to Kīr, and killed Rē'-zīn.

¹⁰And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tīg'-lāth-pī-lē'-šēr king of Assyria. And *he* saw an altar which was at Damascus. And king Ahaz sent to Ū-rī'-jāh the priest the pattern of the altar, and the form of it, according to all the workmanship of it. ¹¹And Ū-rī'-jāh the priest built an altar according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus. So Ū-rī'-jāh the priest made *it* for the time when king Ahaz came from Damascus. ¹²And when the king had come from Damascus, the king saw the altar. And the king approached to the altar and offered on it. ¹³And he burned his burnt offering and his meal offering, and poured his drink offering, and sprinkled the blood of his peace offerings, upon the altar. ¹⁴And he also brought the brass altar which was before the LORD, from the forefront of the house, from between the altar and the house of the LORD, and put it on the north side of the altar. ¹⁵And king Ahaz commanded Ū-rī'-jāh the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning offering and the evening meal offering, and the king's burnt sacrifice and his meal offering, with the burnt offering of

all the people of the land, and their meal offerings, and their drink offerings. And sprinkle all the blood of the burnt offerings upon it, and all the blood of the sacrifice. And the brass altar shall be for me to inquire *by*. ¹⁶So Ū-rī'-jäh the priest did, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

¹⁷And king Ahaz cut off the borders of the bases, and removed the laver from off them. And *he* took down the sea from off the brass oxen which were under it, and put it upon a pavement of stones. ¹⁸And the covered way for the sabbath which they had built in the house, and the king's entry outside, he turned from the house of the LORD for the king of Assyria. ¹⁹Now the rest of the acts of Ahaz which he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? ²⁰And Ahaz slept with his fathers in the city of David. And his son Hëz-ë-kī'-äh reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 17

¹In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah Hō-shë'-ä the son of Ē'-läh began to reign over Israel in Samaria. And *he reigned* nine years. ²And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, but not like the kings of Israel who were before him.

³Shäl-män-ë'-sër king of Assyria came up against him. And Hō-shë'-ä became his servant and gave him taxes. ⁴And the king of Assyria found treachery in Hō-shë'-ä — for he had sent messengers to So, king of Egypt, and had brought no taxes to the king of Assyria, as *he had done* year by year. Therefore the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in prison. ⁵Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land. And *he* went up to Samaria and besieged it three years.

⁶In the ninth year of Hō-shë'-ä, the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria. And *he* placed them in Hā'-läh and in Hā'-bôr *by* the river of Gō'-zän, and in the cities of the Mëdës. ⁷And *so* it was, that the children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, ⁸and walked in the statutes of the heathen whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which *the heathen* had made. ⁹And the children of Israel secretly did things that were not right against the LORD their God. And they built high places in all their cities for themselves, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city. ¹⁰And they set up images and groves for themselves in every high hill, and under every green tree. ¹¹And they burned incense in all the high places, as the heathen whom the LORD carried away from before them had done. And *they* worked wicked things to provoke the LORD to anger. ¹²For they served idols, of which the LORD had said to them, You shall not do this thing.

¹³Yet the LORD testified against Israel, and against Judah, by all the prophets *and* all the seers, saying, Turn from your evil ways and keep My commandments, *and* My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets. ¹⁴But they would not hear, but hardened their necks, like the neck of their fathers who did not believe in the LORD their God. ¹⁵And they rejected His statutes and His covenant which He made with their fathers, and His testimonies which He testified against them. And they followed vanity and became vain. And *they* went after the heathen who were round about them, *concerning* whom the LORD had charged them that they should not do like them. ¹⁶And they left all the commandments of the LORD their God, and made molten images, two calves, for themselves. And *they* made a grove and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. ¹⁷And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire. And *they* used fortune-telling and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.

¹⁸Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of His sight. There was none left but the tribe of Judah only. ¹⁹Also Judah did not keep the commandments of the LORD their God, but walked in the statutes which Israel made. ²⁰And the LORD turned away from all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until He had cast them out of His sight. ²¹For He tore Israel from the house of David. And they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king. And Jeroboam drove Israel away from following the LORD, and made them sin a great sin. ²²For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did. They did not depart from them ²³until the LORD removed Israel out of His sight, as He had said by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria until this day.

²⁴And the king of Assyria brought *men* from Bāb'-y-lōn, and from Cū'-thāh, and from Ā'-vā, and from Hā'-māth, and from Sē-phār-vā'-īm, and placed *them* in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel. And they possessed Samaria and lived in the cities of it. ²⁵And so it was at the beginning of their dwelling there, *that* they did not fear the LORD. Therefore the LORD sent lions among them, who killed them. ²⁶Therefore they spoke to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which you have removed and placed in the cities of Samaria do not know the manner of the God of the land. Therefore He has sent lions among them, and, behold, they kill them because they do not know the way of the God of the land. ²⁷Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry there one of the priests whom you brought from there. And let them go and live there, and let him teach them the way of the God of the land. ²⁸Then one of the priests whom they had carried away

from Samaria came and lived in Bethel. And *he* taught them how they should fear the LORD.

²⁹However, every nation made gods of their own, and put *them* in the houses of the high places which the Samaritans had made, every nation in their cities in which they lived. ³⁰And the men of Babylon made Sūc'-cōth-bē'-nōth, and the men of Cūth made Nēr'-gāl, and the men of Hā'-māth made Ā-shī'-mā, ³¹and the Ā'-vītes made Nīb'-hāz and Tartak, and the Sē-phār'-vītes burned their children in fire to Ā-drām'-mē-lēch and Ā-nām'-mē-lēch, the gods of Sē-phār'-vā'-īm. ³²So they feared the LORD, and made unto themselves, of the lowest of them, priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. ³³They feared the LORD and served their own gods, according to the custom of the nations whom they carried away from there.

³⁴Until this day they do according to their former ways. They do not fear the LORD, neither do they *follow* after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law and commandment which the LORD commanded the children of Jacob, whom He named Israel— ³⁵with whom the LORD had made a covenant and charged them, saying, You shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them. ³⁶But the LORD, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and a stretched-out arm, you shall fear Him, and you shall worship Him, and you shall do sacrifice to Him. ³⁷And the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the commandment, which He wrote for you, you shall be careful to do forever. And you shall not fear other gods. ³⁸And the covenant that I have made with you, you shall not forget. Neither shall you fear other gods. ³⁹But you shall fear the LORD your God. And He shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. ⁴⁰However, they did not listen, but they followed after their former way. ⁴¹So these nations feared the LORD and served their graven images, both their children and their children's children. As their fathers did, so they do until this day.

CHAPTER 18

¹Now in the third year of Hō-shē'-ā son of Ē'-lāh king of Israel, Hēz-ē-kī'-āh the son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. ²He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Abi, the daughter of Zāch-ā-rī'-āh. ³And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father did. ⁴He removed the high places, and broke the images, and cut down the groves. And he broke in pieces the brass serpent which Moses had made— for until those days the children of Israel burned incense to it. And he called it Nē-hūsh'-tān. ⁵He trusted in the LORD God of Israel, so that after him was none like

him among all the kings of Judah, nor *any* who were before him. ⁶For he clung to the LORD, *and* did not depart from following Him, but kept His commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses. ⁷And the LORD was with him. He was blessed wherever he went. And he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and did not serve him. ⁸He struck the Philistines to Gá'-zâ, and the borders of it, from the tower of the watchmen to the fenced city.

⁹And in the fourth year of king Hêz-ê-kî'-âh, which was the seventh year of Hô-shê'-â son of Ê'-lâh king of Israel, Shâl-mân-ê'-sêr king of Assyria came up against Samaria and warred against it. ¹⁰And at the end of three years they took it — in the sixth year of Hêz-ê-kî'-âh, that is, the ninth year of Hô-shê'-â king of Israel, Samaria was taken. ¹¹And the king of Assyria carried away Israel to Assyria, and put them in Hâ'-lâh and in Hâ'-bôr *by* the river of Gô'-zân, and in the cities of the Mēdes — ¹²because they did not obey the voice of the LORD their God, but broke His covenant, *and* all that Moses the servant of the LORD commanded, and would not listen *to them*, nor do *them*.

¹³Now in the fourteenth year of king Hêz-ê-kî'-âh, Sën-nâch'-êr-îb king of Assyria came up against all the fenced cities of Judah and took them. ¹⁴And Hêz-ê-kî'-âh king of Judah sent to the king of Assyria to Lâ'-chîsh, saying, I have offended — return from me. Whatever you put upon me I will bear. And the king of Assyria appointed to Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver, and thirty talents of gold. ¹⁵And Hezekiah gave *him* all the silver which was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasures of the king's house. ¹⁶At that time Hezekiah cut off *the gold from* the doors of the temple of the LORD, and from the pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid. And *he* gave them to the king of Assyria.

¹⁷And the king of Assyria sent Tartan and Râb'-sâ-rîs and Râb'-shâ-kêh from Lâ'-chîsh to king Hezekiah with a great army against Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they had come up, they came and stood by the water pipe of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the Fuller's Field. ¹⁸And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Ê-lî'-â-kîm the son of Hîl-kî'-âh, who was over the household, and Shêb'-nâ the scribe, and Jô'-âh the son of Ā'-sâph the recorder. ¹⁹And Râb'-shâ-kêh said to them, Speak now to Hezekiah, Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, What hope is this in which you trust? ²⁰Do you say that a mere word of the lips is wisdom and strength for the war? Now on whom do you trust that you rebel against me? ²¹Now, behold, you trust upon the staff of this bruised reed, upon Egypt, on which if a man leans, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust on him. ²²But if you say to me, We trust in Jehovah our God — is He not the one whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah has taken away, and has said to Judah and Jerusalem, You shall worship

before this altar in Jerusalem? ²³Now therefore, I pray you, give pledges to my lord the king of Assyria, and I will deliver two thousand horses to you if you are able on your part to set riders upon them. ²⁴How then will you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust in Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? ²⁵Have I now come up against this place to destroy it without Jehovah? Jehovah said to me, Go up against this land and destroy it.

²⁶Then Ē-lī'-ā-kīm the son of Hil-kī'-āh, and Shēb'-nā, and Jō'-āh, said to Rāb'-shā-kēh, I pray you, Speak to your servants in the Syrian language, for we understand. And do not talk with us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people who are on the wall. ²⁷But Rāb'-shā-kēh said to them, Has my master sent me to your master and to you, to speak these words? *Has he not sent me to the men who sit on the wall, so that they may eat their own dung and drink the water of their feet with you?*

²⁸Then Rāb'-shā-kēh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language. And he spoke, saying, Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria — ²⁹thus says the king, Do not let Hezekiah fool you. For he shall not be able to deliver you out of his hand. ³⁰Neither let Hezekiah make you trust in Jehovah, saying, Jehovah will surely deliver us, and this city shall not be delivered into the hands of the king of Assyria. ³¹Do not listen to Hezekiah. For thus says the king of Assyria, Seek my favor by a present, and come out to me, and every man of you shall eat of his vine, and everyone from his own fig-tree, and everyone shall drink the waters of his own cistern — ³²until I come and take you away to a land like your own, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive oil and of honey, so that you may live and not die. And do not listen to Hezekiah when he deceives you, saying, Jehovah will deliver us. ³³Has any of the gods of the nations at all delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? ³⁴Where are the gods of Hā'-māth and of Ār'-pād? Where are the gods of Sē-phār-vā'-im, Hē'-nā, and I'-vāh? Have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? ³⁵Who are they among all the gods of the countries, who have delivered their country out of my hand, that Jehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? ³⁶But the people held their peace and did not answer him a word. For the king's commandment was, saying, Do not answer him. ³⁷Then Ē-lī'-ā-kīm the son of Hil-kī'-āh, who was over the household, and Shēb'-nā the scribe, and Jō'-āh the son of Ā'-sāph the recorder, came to Hēz-ē-kī'-āh with their clothes torn. And *they* told him the words of Rāb'-shā-kēh.

CHAPTER 19

¹And when king Hezekiah heard, he tore his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth. And *he* went into the house of the LORD.

²And he sent Ē-lī'-ā-kīm, who was over the household, and Shēb-nā the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Ī-sā'-iāh the prophet, the son of Amoz. ³And they said to him, Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble and of rebuke and of reviling. For the children have come to the birth, and *there is* no strength to bring forth. ⁴It may be the LORD your God will hear all the words of Rāb'-shā-kēh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to reproach the living God — and *perhaps He will* reprove the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up *your* prayer for the rest who are left. ⁵So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Ī-sā'-iāh.

⁶And Ī-sā'-iāh said to them, So you shall say to your master, Thus says the LORD, Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me. ⁷Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor and shall return to his own land. And I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

⁸So Rāb'-shā-kēh returned. And *he* found the king of Assyria warring against Līb'-nāh — for he had heard that he had departed from Lā'-chīsh. ⁹And when he heard it said of Tīr-hā'-kāh king of Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ā, Behold, he has come out to fight against you, he sent messengers again to Hezekiah, saying, ¹⁰So you shall speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be delivered into the hand of the king of Assyria. ¹¹Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by completely destroying them. And shall you be delivered? ¹²Have the gods of the nations delivered them, *nations* which my fathers have destroyed — Gō'-zān, and Hār'-ān, and Rē'-zēph, and the children of Eden who were in Thēl'-ā-sār? ¹³Where is the king of Hā'-māth, and the king of Ār'-pād, and the king of the city of Sē-phār-vā'-īm, of Hē'-nā, and of Ī'-vāh?

¹⁴And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it. And Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD, and spread it before the LORD. ¹⁵And Hezekiah prayed before the LORD and said, O LORD God of Israel, who lives *between* the chēr'-ū-bīm, Thou art the God, Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth. Thou hast made heaven and earth. ¹⁶LORD, bow down Thy ear and hear. O LORD, open Thy eyes and see, and hear the words of Sēn-nāch'-ēr-īb, who has sent him to taunt the living God. ¹⁷Truly, LORD, the kings of Assyria have destroyed the nations and their lands, ¹⁸and have thrown their gods into the fire — for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. Therefore they have destroyed them. ¹⁹Now therefore, O LORD our God, I beseech Thee, save us out of his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the LORD God, *and* Thou only.

²⁰Then Ī-sā'-iäh the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus says the LORD God of Israel, I have heard that which you have prayed to Me against Sën-näch'-ër-ib king of Assyria. ²¹This is the word that the LORD has spoken concerning him. The virgin, the daughter of Zion, has despised you *and* laughed you to scorn. The daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you. ²²Whom have you mocked and blasphemed? And against whom have you exalted your voice and lifted up your eyes on high? *Even* against the Holy *One* of Israel! ²³You have mocked the LORD by your messengers, and have said, With the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lëb'-ä-non, and will cut down the tall cedar trees of it, the choice fir trees of it. And I will enter into the lodgings of its borders, into the forest and its fruitful field. ²⁴I have dug and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet I have dried up all the rivers of fenced places. ²⁵Have you not heard? Long ago I have made it, in ancient times I fashioned it! Now I have brought it to pass, yea, it is done — that fortified cities should be laid waste *into* heaps of ruins. ²⁶Therefore their people were of small power, they were fearful and put to shame. They were *like* the grass of the field, and *like* the green herb, *like* the grass on the house-tops, and *like* grain blasted before it was grown up. ²⁷But I know your sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against Me. ²⁸Because your rage against Me and your noise has come up into My ears, therefore I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips. And I will turn you back by the way by which you came. ²⁹And this shall be a sign to you — you shall eat this year such things as grow of themselves, and in the second year that which springs up of the same. And in the third year, sow and reap and plant vineyards and eat the fruits of them. ³⁰And the remnant that has escaped of the house of Judah shall yet again take root downward and bear fruit upward. ³¹For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they who escape out of Mount Zion. The zeal of the LORD shall do this. ³²Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria. He shall not come into this city, nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shield, nor throw up a bank against it. ³³By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and shall not come into this city, says the LORD. ³⁴For I will defend this city, to save it for My own sake and for My servant David's sake.

³⁵And that night it came to pass that the Angel of the LORD went out and struck a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the camp of the Assyrians. And when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. ³⁶So Sën-näch'-ër-ib king of Assyria departed. And *he* went and returned and lived at Nïn'-ë-vëh. ³⁷And as he was worshipping in the house of Nis'-röch his god, it came to pass that Ä-dräm'-më-lëch and Shä-rë'-zër his sons struck him with the sword. And they

escaped into the land of Ār-mē'-nī-ă. And Ē-sār-hād'-dōn his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 20

¹In those days Hezekiah was sick unto death. And the prophet Ī-sā'-iäh the son of Amoz came to him and said to him, Thus says the LORD, Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live. ²Then he turned his face to the wall and prayed to the LORD, saying, ³O LORD, I pray Thee, remember now how I have walked before Thee in truth and with a sincere heart, and have done good in Thy sight. And Hezekiah wept with a great weeping. ⁴And before Isaiah had gone out into the middle of the court, the word of the LORD came to him saying, ⁵Return again and tell Hezekiah the captain of My people, Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears. Behold, I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. ⁶And I will add fifteen years to your days. And I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria. And I will defend this city for My own sake, and for My servant David's sake. ⁷And Isaiah said, Take a lump of figs. And they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered.

⁸And Hezekiah said to Ī-sā'-iäh, What shall be the sign that the LORD will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the LORD the third day? ⁹And Ī-sā'-iäh said, You shall have this sign from the LORD, that the LORD will do the thing which He has spoken. Shall the shadow go forward ten steps, or go back ten steps? ¹⁰And Hezekiah answered, It is a light thing for the shadow to go down ten steps. No, but let the shadow go backward ten steps. ¹¹And Isaiah the prophet cried unto the LORD. And He brought the shadow ten steps backward, by which it had gone down on the steps of Ahaz.

¹²At that time Bēr-ō'-däch-bäl'-ă-dän, the son of Bäl'-ă-dän, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah. For he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. ¹³And Hezekiah listened to them, and showed them all the house of his precious things — the silver and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his jewels, and all that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his house nor in all his dominion which Hezekiah did not show them. ¹⁴Then Ī-sā'-iäh the prophet came to king Hezekiah and said to him, What did these men say? And where did they come to you from? And Hezekiah said, They have come from a far country, from Babylon. ¹⁵And he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, They have seen all that is in my house. There is nothing among my treasures which I have not shown to them. ¹⁶And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD. ¹⁷Behold, the days come when all that is in

your house, and which your fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried into Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the LORD.¹⁸ And of your sons which shall issue from you, which you shall father, they shall take away. And they shall be eunuchs [you'- nūcks] in the palace of the king of Babylon.¹⁹ Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which you have spoken. And he said, Shall there not be peace and truth in my days?

²⁰And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made a pool and a water pipe, and brought water into the city, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

²¹And Hezekiah slept with his fathers. And Mā-nās'-sēh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 21

¹Mā-nās'-sēh was twelve years old when he began to reign. And *he* reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hēph'-zī-bāh.² And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.³ For he built up again the high places which his father Hezekiah had destroyed. And he reared up altars for Baal, and made a grove, as Ahab king of Israel did. And *he* worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them.⁴ And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD said, In Jerusalem I will put My name.⁵ And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD.⁶ And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times and used fortune-tellers. And *he* dealt with familiar spirits and wizards. He worked much wickedness in the sight of the LORD, to provoke *Him* to anger.⁷ And he set a graven image of the grove which he had made in the house, of which the LORD had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever.⁸ Neither will I make the feet of Israel move any more out of the land which I gave their fathers — only if they will be careful to do according to all that I have commanded them, and according to all the law that My servant Moses commanded them.⁹ But they did not listen. And Mā-nās'-sēh seduced them to do more evil than the nations *ever* did, whom the LORD destroyed before the children of Israel.

¹⁰And the LORD spoke by His servants the prophets, saying, ¹¹Because Mā-nās'-sēh king of Judah has done these abominations, *and* has done wickedly above all that the Amorites who were before him did, and has made Judah also to sin with his idols — ¹²therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel, Behold, I am bringing evil upon Jerusalem and Judah, so that whoever hears of it, both his ears shall tingle.¹³ And

I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the measuring line of the house of Ahab. And I will wipe Jerusalem like a dish is wiped, wiping it and turning it upside down. ¹⁴And I will forsake the remnant of My inheritance, and deliver them into the hand of their enemies. And they shall become a prey and a spoil to all their enemies, ¹⁵because they have done *that which was* evil in My sight, and have provoked Me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt even until this day. ¹⁶Moreover Mă-nās'-sēh shed very much innocent blood, until he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another — besides his sin with which he made Judah to sin, in doing *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD.

¹⁷Now the rest of the acts of Mă-nās'-sēh, and all that he did, and his sin which he sinned, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? ¹⁸And Mă-nās'-sēh slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of his own house, in the garden of Ūz'-zā. And his son Amon reigned in his stead.

¹⁹Amon was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Mē-shūl'-lē-mēth, the daughter of Hār'-ūz of Jōt'-bāh. ²⁰And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, as his father Mă-nās'-sēh did. ²¹And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols which his father served, and worshipped them. ²²And he left the LORD God of his fathers, and did not walk in the way of the LORD.

²³And the servants of Amon plotted against him and killed the king in his own house. ²⁴And the people of the land killed all those who had plotted against king Amon. And the people of the land made his son Jō-sī'-āh king in his stead. Now the rest of the acts of Amon which he did, are they not written in the books of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? ²⁶And he was buried in his tomb in the garden of Ūz'-zā. And his son Jō-sī'-āh reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 22

¹Jō-sī'-āh was eight years old when he began to reign. And he reigned thirty-one years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jē-dī'-dāh, the daughter of Ā-dāī'-āh of Bōs'-cāth. ²And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in all the way of David his father, and did not turn aside to the right hand or to the left.

³And in the eighteenth year of Jō-sī'-āh, the king sent Shā'-phān the son of Āz-ā-lī'-āh, the son of Mē-shūl'-lām the scribe, to the house of the LORD, saying, ⁴Go up to Hil-kī'-āh the high priest, so that he may count the silver which is brought into the house of the LORD, which the doorkeepers have gathered from the people. ⁵And let them deliver it into the hand of the workers who have the oversight of the house of

the Lord. And let them give it to the workers who are in the house of the LORD, in order to repair the breaks of the house — ⁶to carpenters, and builders, and masons, and to buy timber and cut stone to repair the house. ⁷However there was no accounting made with them of the money which was delivered into their hand, because they dealt faithfully.

⁸And Hil-kī-āh the high priest said to Shā'-phān the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hil-kī-āh gave the book to Sha'-phān, and he read it. ⁹And Shā'-phān the scribe came to the king and brought the king word again, and said, Your servants have gathered the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workers, who have the oversight of the house of the LORD. ¹⁰And Shā'-phān the scribe showed the king, saying, Hil-kī-āh the priest has delivered me a book. And Shā'-phān read it before the king. ¹¹And when the king had heard the words of the book of the law, he tore his clothes. ¹²And the king commanded Hil-kī-āh the priest, and Ā-hī-kām the son of Shā'-phān, and Āch'-bôr the son of Mī-chai'-āh, and Shā'-phān the scribe, and Ās-ā-hī'-āh a servant of the king, saying, ¹³Go inquire of the LORD for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book which is found. For great is the wrath of the LORD which is kindled against us, because our fathers have not listened to the words of this book, to do according to all which is written concerning us. ¹⁴So Hil-kī-āh the priest, and Ā-hī-kām, and Āch'-bôr, and Shā'-phān, and Ās-ā-hī'-āh, went to Hül'-dāh the prophetess, the wife of Shāl'-lüm the son of Tik'-vāh, the son of Hār'-hās, keeper of the wardrobe. Now she lived in Jerusalem in the second part. And they talked with her.

¹⁵And she said to them, Thus says the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man who sent you to me, ¹⁶Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place and upon the people of it, all the words of the book which the king of Judah has read — ¹⁷because they have forsaken Me, and have burned incense to other gods, so that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore My wrath shall be kindled against this place, and shall not be quenched. ¹⁸But to the king of Judah who sent you to inquire of the LORD, so you shall say to him, Thus says the LORD God of Israel *regarding* the words which you have heard — ¹⁹because your heart was tender and you have humbled yourself before the LORD, when you heard what I spoke against this place, and against the people of it (that they should become a waste and a curse) and have torn your clothes and wept before Me, I have heard *you*, says the LORD. ²⁰Behold therefore, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace. And your eyes shall not see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

CHAPTER 23

¹And the king sent. And they gathered to him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. ²And the king went up into the house of the LORD. And all the men of Judah and all the people of Jerusalem were with him, and the priests and the prophets, and all the people, from the small even to the great. And he read all the words of the book of the covenant which was found in the house of the LORD in their ears. ³And the king stood by a pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies and His statutes with all *his* heart and all *his* soul, to perform the words of this covenant which was written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

⁴And the king commanded Hil-kī-āh the high priest, and the priests of the second order, and the doorkeepers, to bring forth out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels which were made for Baal, and for the grove, and for all the host of heaven. And he burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of Kī-drōn, and carried the ashes of them to Bethel. ⁵And he put down the idol-worshipping priests, whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense in the high places in the cities of Judah, and in the places around Jerusalem. *He also put down* those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. ⁶And he brought out the grove from the house of the LORD outside Jerusalem, to the brook Kī-drōn, and burned it at the brook Kī-drōn, and stamped *it* to powder, and threw the powder of it upon the graves of the children of the people. ⁷And he broke down the houses of the sodomites, which were by the house of the LORD, where the women wove coverings for the grove. ⁸And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Gē-bā to Bēer-shē-bā. And he broke down the high places of the gates which were in the entering in of the gate of Joshua the governor of the city, which were on a man's left hand at the gate of the city. ⁹But the priests of the high places did not come up to the altar of the LORD in Jerusalem, but they ate of the unleavened bread among their brothers.

¹⁰And he defiled Tō-phēth, which is in the valley of the children of Hīn-nom, so that no man might make his son or his daughter to pass through the fire to Molech. ¹³And he took away the horses which the kings of Judah had given to the sun, at the entering in of the house of the LORD, by the chamber of Nā-thān-mē-lēch the chamberlain, which was in the suburbs. And he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. ¹²And the altars which were on the top of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Mā-nās-sēh had made, and the two courts of the house of the LORD, the

king beat *them* down, and broke *them* down from there. And *he* threw the dust of them into the brook Kī'-drōn. ¹³And the high places which were before Jerusalem, which were on the right hand of the mount of Olives, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for Āsh'-tō-rēth the abomination of the Sī-dō'-nī-āns, and for Chē'-mōsh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Mil'-cōm the abomination of the children of Ammon, the king defiled. ¹⁴And he broke the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and filled their places with the bones of men.

¹⁵Moreover the altar which was at Bethel, *and* the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin, had made — both that altar and the high place he broke down. And *he* burned the high place *and* stamped *it* to powder, and burned the grove. ¹⁶And as Jō-sī'-āh turned, he spied the tombs which were there in the mountain. And *he* sent and took the bones out of the tombs, and burned *them* upon the altar and defiled it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God had spoken, who spoke these words. ¹⁷Then he said, What title is that which I see? And the men of the city told him, *It* is the grave of the man of God who came from Judah and spoke these things which you have done against the altar of Bethel. ¹⁸And he said, Let him alone — let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came out of Samaria. ¹⁹And also all the houses of the high places which were in the cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made to provoke *the LORD* to anger, Jō-sī'-āh took away, and did to them according to all the acts which he had done in Bethel. ²⁰And he killed all the priests of the high places which were there upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them, and returned to Jerusalem.

²¹And the king commanded all the people saying, Keep the Passover unto the LORD your God, as it is written in the book of this covenant. ²²Surely there was not held such a Passover from the days of the judges who judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah — ²³but in the eighteenth year of king Jō-sī'-āh, this Passover was held to the LORD in Jerusalem.

²⁴Moreover Jō-sī'-āh put away those with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the hateful things which were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, so that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book which Hīl-kī'-āh the priest found in the house of the LORD. ²⁵And there was no king like him before him, who turned to the LORD with all his heart and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses. Neither did any like him arise after him. ²⁶Nevertheless the Lord did not turn from the heat of His great wrath, with which His anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations which Mā-nās'-sēh had provoked Him with. ²⁷And the LORD said, I will also remove Judah out of My sight, as I have removed Israel, and will cast

off this city Jerusalem which I have chosen, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there. ²⁸Now the rest of the acts of Jō-sī'-āh, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah?

²⁹In his days Phâr'-āōh-nē'-chōh king of Egypt went up against the king of Assyria to the river Eû-phrā'-tēs. And king Jō-sī'-āh went against him. And he killed him at Mē-gīd'-dō, when he had seen him. ³⁰And his servants carried him away dead in a chariot from Mē-gīd'-dō, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own tomb. And the people of the land took Jē-hō'-ā-hāz the son of Jō-sī'-āh, and anointed him, and made him king in his father's stead.

³¹Jē-hō'-ā-hāz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign. And he reigned three months in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hā-mū'-tāl, the daughter of Jeremiah of Lib'-nāh. ³²And he did *that which was evil* in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done. ³³And Phâr'-āōh-nē'-chōh put him in bonds at Rib'-lāh in the land of Hā'-māth, so that he might not reign in Jerusalem. And *he* put the land to a tax of a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. ³⁴And Phâr'-āōh-nē'-chōh made Ē-lī'-ā-kīm the son of Jō-sī'-āh king instead of Jō-sī'-āh his father. And *he* changed his name to Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm, and took Jē-hō'-ā-hāz away. And he came to Egypt and died there. ³⁵And Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh. But he taxed the land to give the money according to the commandment of Pharaoh. He exacted the silver and the gold from the people of the land, from everyone according to his taxation, in order to give it to Phâr'-āōh-nē'-chōh.

³⁶Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm was twenty-five years old when he began to reign. And he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Zē-bū'-dāh, the daughter of Pē-daī'-āh of Rū'-māh. ³⁷And he did *that which was evil* in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his fathers had done.

CHAPTER 24

¹In his days Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon came up, and Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm became his servant three years. Then he turned and rebelled against him. ²And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chaldees [Kāl'-dēez], and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon. And He sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD which He spoke by His servants the prophets. ³Surely at the commandment of the Lord *this* came upon Judah, to remove *them* out of His sight, for the sins of Mā-nās'-sēh, according to all that he did — ⁴and also for the innocent blood which he shed, for he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, which the LORD would not pardon.

⁵Now the rest of the acts of Jě-hoi'-ă-kīm, and all that he did, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? ⁶So Jě-hoi'-ă-kīm slept with his fathers. And Jě-hoi'-ă-chīn his son reigned in his stead. ⁷And the king of Egypt did not come again out of his land any more. For the king of Babylon had taken from the river of Egypt to the river Eû-phră'-tēs all that belonged to the king of Egypt.

⁸Jě-hoi'-ă-chīn was eighteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem three months. And his mother's name was Nē-hūsh'-tā, the daughter of Ēl-nā'-thān of Jerusalem.

⁹And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father had done. ¹⁰At that time the servants of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. ¹¹And Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon came against the city, and his servants besieged it. ¹²And Jě-hoi'-ă-chīn the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his officers. And the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. ¹³And he carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said. ¹⁴And he carried away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of war, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and smiths. None remained except the poorest sort of the people of the land. ¹⁵And he carried away Jě-hoi'-ă-chīn to Babylon, and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his officers. And the mighty of the land he carried into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. ¹⁶And the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon all the men of might, seven thousand *of them*, and a thousand craftsmen and smiths, all who were strong and able for war.

¹⁷And the king of Babylon made Măt-tā-nī'-ăh, his father's brother, king in his stead. And *he* changed his name to Zēd-ē-kī'-ăh. ¹⁸Zēd-ē-kī'-ăh was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hā-mū'-tāl, the daughter of Jeremiah of Lib'-nāh. ¹⁹And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, according to all that Jě-hoi'-ă-kīm had done. ²⁰For it was through the anger of the LORD that Zēd-ē-kī'-ăh happened to rebel against the king of Babylon in Jerusalem and in Judah — until God had put them out of His presence.

CHAPTER 25

¹And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon came. He and all his army *came* against Jerusalem and pitched against it. And they built forts against it round about. ²And the city was besieged until the

eleventh year of king Zēd-ē-kī'-āh. ³And on the ninth day of the *fourth* month the famine reigned in the city, and there was no bread for the people of the land. ⁴And the city was broken up, and all the men of war *fled* by night by the way of the gate between two walls, which is by the king's garden. Now the Chāl'-dēēs were against the city all round. And *the king* went the way toward the plain. ⁵And the army of the Chāl'-dēēs pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho. And all his army were scattered from him. ⁶So they took the king and brought him up to the king of Babylon, unto Rīb'-lāh. And they gave judgment upon him. ⁷And they killed the sons of Zēd-ē-kī'-āh before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zēd-ē-kī'-āh, and bound him with chains of brass and carried him to Babylon.

⁸And in the fifth month, on the seventh day of the month, which is the nineteenth year of king Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon, Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān, captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, came to Jerusalem. ⁹And he burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house, and all the houses of Jerusalem. And every great *man's* house he burned with fire. ¹⁰And all the army of the Chāl'-dēēs who were with the captain of the guard broke down the walls of Jerusalem all around. ¹¹Now the rest of the people who were left in the city, and the runaways who fell away to the king of Babylon, with the rest of the multitude, Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān the captain of the guard carried away. ¹²But the captain of the guard left *a few* of the poor of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen. ¹³And the pillars of brass which were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and brass sea which was in the house of the LORD, the Chāl'-dēēs broke into pieces and carried the brass from them to Babylon. ¹⁴And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass with which they ministered, they *also* took away. ¹⁵And the captain of the guard took away the fire-pans, and the bowls, such things as were of gold, *in* gold, and of silver, *in* silver — ¹⁶*also* the two pillars, the one sea, and the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the LORD. The brass of all these vessels was without weight. ¹⁷The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and the capital upon it was brass. And the height of the capital was three cubits. And the lattice-work and the pomegranates upon the capital all around, were all of brass. And the second pillar *had* lattice-work like these.

¹⁸And the captain of the guard took Sē-raī'-āh the chief priest, and Zēph-ā-nī'-āh the second priest, and the three doorkeepers. ¹⁹And he took an officer, who was set over the men of war, out of the city, and five men of those who were in the king's presence, who were found in the city, and the chief scribe of the army (who called the people of the land together), and sixty men of the people of the land who were found in the city. ²⁰And Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān captain of the guard took these and brought them to the king of Babylon to Rīb'-lāh. ²¹And the king of

Babylon struck them and killed them at Rib'-lāh in the land of Hā'-māth. So Judah was carried away out of their land.

²²And he made Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām, the son of Shā'-phān, ruler over the people who remained in the land of Judah, whom Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon had left. ²³And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gēd-ā-lī'-āh governor, there came to Gēd-ā-lī'-āh unto Mizpah Ish'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh, and Jō-hā'-nān the son of Cā-rē'-āh, and Sē-raī'-āh the son of Tān-hū'-mēth the Nē-tōph'-ā-thīte, and Jā-āz-ā-nī'-āh the son of a Mā-āch'-ā-thīte, they and their men. ²⁴And Gēd-ā-lī'-āh swore to them and to their men, and said to them, Do not fear to be the servants of the Chāl'-dēēs. Dwell in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. ²⁵But in the seventh month Ish'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh, the son of Ē-lī'-shā-mā, of the seed of the kingdom, and ten men with him, came and struck Gēd-ā-lī'-āh so that he died — and *also* the Jews and the Chāl'-dēēs who were with him at Mizpah. ²⁶And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the armies, arose and came to Egypt. For they were afraid of the Chāl'-dēēs.

²⁷And in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jē-hoi'-ā-chīn king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the twenty-seventh of the month, Ē'-vīl-mēr'-ō-dāch king of Babylon — in the year that he began to reign — lifted up the head of Jē-hoi'-ā-chīn king of Judah out of prison. ²⁸And he spoke kindly to him and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon. ²⁹And *he* changed his prison clothes. And he always ate bread before him all the days of his life. ³⁰And his allowance was a regular allowance given him from the king, a daily ration for every day, all the days of his life.

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CHAPTER 1

¹Adam, Seth, Ē'-nōsh, ²Kē'-nān, Mā-hāl'-ā-lēel, Jē'-rēd, ³Hē'-nōch, Mē-thū'-sē-lāh, Lā'-mēch, ⁴Noah, Shem, Ham, and Jā'phēth.

⁵The sons of Jā'-phēth were Gō'-mēr, and Mā'-gōg, and Mā'-daī, and Jā'-vān, and Tū'-bāl, and Mē'-shēch, and Tī'-rās. ⁶And the sons of Gō'-mēr were Āsh-chē'-nāz, and Rī'-phāth, and Tō-gār'-māh. ⁷And the sons of Jā'-vān were Ē-lī'-shāh, and Tār'-shish, Kit'-tīm, and Dō'-dā-nim.

⁸The sons of Ham were Cūsh, and Mīz'-rā-īm, Pūt, and Cā'-nā-ān. ⁹And the sons of Cūsh were Sē'-bā, and Hāv'-ī-lāh, and Sāb'-tā, and Rā'-ā-māh, and Sāb-tē'-chā. And the sons of Rā'-ā-māh were Shē'-bā and Dē-dān. ¹⁰And Cūsh fathered Nim'-rōd. He began to be mighty upon the earth. ¹¹And Mīz'-rā-īm fathered Lū'-dīm, and Ān'-ā-mīm, and Lē-hā'-bīm, and Nāph-tū'-hīm, ¹²and Pāth-rū'-sīm, and Cās-lū'-hīm (from whom came the Philistines), and Cāph'-thō-rīm. ¹³And Cā'-nā-ān fathered Zī'-dōn his first-born, and Heth, ¹⁴the Jēb'-ū-sīte also, and the Ām'-ōr-īte, and the Gīr'-gā-shīte, ¹⁵and the Hī'-vīte, and the Ār'-kīte, and the Sī'-nīte, ¹⁶and the Ār'-vā-dīte, and the Zēm'-ā-rite, and the Hā'-māth-ite.

¹⁷The sons of Shem were Ē'-lām, and Āssh'-ur, and Ār-phāx'-ād, and Lud, and Ār'-ām, and Uz, and Hul, and Gē'-thēr, and Mē'-shēck. ¹⁸And Ār-phāx'-ād fathered Shē'-lāh, and Shē'-lāh fathered Ē'-bēr. ¹⁹And to Ē'-bēr were born two sons. The name of the one was Pē'-lēg (because in his days the earth was divided), and his brother's name was Jōk'-tān. ²⁰And Jōk'-tān fathered Āl-mō'-dād, and Shē'-lēph, and Hā-zār-mā'-vēth, and Jē'-rāh, ²¹Hā-dōr'-ām also, and Ū'-zāl, and Dik'-lāh, ²²and Ē'-bāl, and Ā-bīm'-ā-ēl, and Shē'-bā, ²³and Ō'-phīr, and Hāv'-ī-lāh, and Jō'-bāb. All these were the sons of Jōk'-tān.

²⁴Shem, Ār-phāx'-ād, Shē'-lāh, ²⁵Ē'-bēr, Pē'-lēg, Rē'-ū, ²⁶Sē'-rūg, Nā'-hōr, Tē'-rāh, ²⁷Ā'-brām (the same is Abraham). ²⁸The sons of Abraham were Isaac and Īsh'-mā-ēl.

²⁹These are their generations. The first-born of Īsh'-mā-ēl was Nē-baī'-ōth, then Kē'-dār, and Ād'-bēel, and Mīb'-sām, ³⁰Mīsh'-mā, and Dū'-māh, Mās'-sā, Hā'-dād, and Tē'-mā, ³¹Jē'-tur, Nā'-phīsh, and Kē'-dē-māh. These are the sons of Īsh'-mā-ēl.

³²Now *these are* the sons of Kē-tū'-rāh, Abraham's concubine. She bore Zimran, and Jōk'-shān, and Mē'-dān, and Mīd'-ī-ān, and Īsh'-bāk, and Shū'-āh. And the sons of Jōk'-shān were Shē'-bā and Dē'-dān. ³³And the sons of Mīd'-ī-ān were Ē'-phāh, and Ē'-phēr, and Hē'-nōch, and Ā-bī'-dā, and Ēl-dā'-āh. All these are the sons of Kē-tū'-rāh. ³⁴And Abraham fathered Isaac. The sons of Isaac were Esau and Israel.

³⁵The sons of Esau were Ê-lî'-phāz, Reū'-ēl, and Jē'-ūsh, and Jā'-ā-lām, and Kôr'-āh. ³⁶The sons of Ê-lî'-phāz were Tē'-mān, and Ō'-mār, Zē'-phī, and Gā'-tām, Kē'-nāz, and Tīm'-nā, and Ām'-ā-lēk. ³⁷The sons of Reū'-ēl were Nahath, Zē'-rāh, Shām'-māh, and Mīz'-zāh. ³⁸And the sons of Sē'-ir were Lō'-tān, and Shō'-bāl, and Zīb'-ē-on, and Ā'-nāh, and Dī'-shōn, and Ê'-zēr, and Dī'-shān. ³⁹And the sons of Lō'-tān were Hōr'-ī and Hō'-mām. And Tīm'-nā was Lō'-tān's sister. ⁴⁰The sons of Shō'-bāl were Āl'-ī-ān, and Mān'-ā-hāth, and Ê'-bāl, Shē'-phī, and Ō'-nām. And the sons of Zīb'-ē-on were Aī'-āh and Ā'-nāh. ⁴¹The son of Ā'-nāh was Dī'-shōn. And the sons of Dī'-shōn were Ām'-rām, and Êsh'-bān, and Īth'-rān, and Chē'-rān. ⁴²The sons of Ê'-zēr were Bīl'-hān, and Zā'-vān, and Jā'-kān. The sons of Dī'-shān were Uz and Ār'-ān.

⁴³Now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the children of Israel — Bē'-lā the son of Bē'-ōr, and the name of his city was Dīn'-hā-bāh. ⁴⁴And when Bē'-lā was dead, Jō'-bāb the son of Zē'-rāh of Bōz'-rāh reigned in his stead. ⁴⁵And when Jō'-bāb was dead, Hū'-shām of the land of the Tē'-mān-ites reigned in his stead. ⁴⁶And when Hū'-shām was dead, Hā'-dād the son of Bē'-dād, who struck Mīd'-ī-ān in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead. And the name of his city was Ā'-vīth. ⁴⁷And when Hā'-dād was dead, Sām'-lāh of Mās-rē'-kāh reigned in his stead. ⁴⁸And when Sām'-lāh was dead, Shā'-ūl of Rē'-hō-bōth by the river reigned in his stead. ⁴⁹And when Shā'-ūl was dead, Bā'-āl-hā'-nān the son of Āch'-bōr reigned in his stead. ⁵⁰And when Bā'-āl-hā'-nān was dead, Hā'-dād reigned in his stead. And the name of his city was Pā'-ī. And his wife's name was Mē'-hēt'-ā-bēl, the daughter of Mā'-trēd, the daughter of Mē'-zā-hāb.

⁵¹Hā'-dād also died. And the princes of Edom were: prince Tīm'-nāh, prince Āl'-ī-āh, prince Jē'-hēth, ⁵²prince Ā-hōl'-ī-bā'-māh, prince Ê'-lāh, prince Pī'-nōn, ⁵³prince Kē'-nāz, prince Tē'-mān, prince Mīb'-zār, ⁵⁴prince Māg'-dī-ēl, prince Ī'-rām. These are the princes of Edom.

CHAPTER 2

¹These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Īs'-sā-chār, and Zē'-bū'-lūn, ²Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Nāph'-tā-li, Gad, and Asher.

³The sons of Judah were Er and Ō'-nān, and Shē'-lāh. *These* three were born to him from the daughter of Shū'-ā the Canaanitess. And Er, the first-born of Judah, was evil in the sight of the LORD, and He killed him. ⁴And Tā'-mār his daughter-in-law bore him Phār'-ēz and Zē'-rāh. All the sons of Judah were five. ⁵The sons of Phār'-ēz were Hēz'-rōn and Hām'-ūl. ⁶And the sons of Zē'-rāh were Zīm'-rī, and Ê'-thān, and Hē'-mān, and Cāl'-cōl, and Dār'-ā — five of them in all. ⁷And the sons of Cār'-mī were Ā'-chān, the troubler of Israel, who sinned in the cursed thing. ⁸And the son of Ê'-thān was Āz'-ā-rī'-āh.

⁹The sons also of Hēz'-rōn, who were born to him, were Jē-rāh'-mēel, and Ram, and Chē-lū'-baī. ¹⁰And Ram fathered Ām-mīn'-ā-dāb. And Ām-mīn'-ā-dāb fathered Nāh'-shōn, prince of the children of Judah. ¹¹And Nāh'-shōn fathered Sāl'-mā, and Sāl'-mā fathered Bō'-āz, ¹²and Bō'-āz fathered Ō'-bēd, and Ō'-bēd fathered Jesse.

¹³And Jesse fathered his first-born Ē-lī'-āb, and Ā-bīn'-ā-dāb the second, and Shīm'-mā the third, ¹⁴Nēth'-ā-nēel the fourth, Rād'-dā-ī the fifth, ¹⁵Ō'-zēm the sixth, David the seventh. ¹⁶Their sisters were Zēr-ū-ī'-āh and Āb'-ī-gāil. And the sons of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh were Āb'-ī-shaī, and Jō'-āb, and Ās'-ā-hēl, three. ¹⁷And Āb'-ī-gāil bore Ā-mā'-sā. And the father of Ā-mā'-sā was Jē'-thēr, the Ish'-mēe-lite.

¹⁸And Caleb the son of Hēz'-rōn fathered *children* of Ā-zū'-bāh his wife, and of Jēr'-ī-ōth. Her sons are these, Jē'-shēr, and Shō'-bāb, and Ār'-dōn. ¹⁹And when Ā-zū'-bāh was dead, Caleb took Ē'-phrāth to himself, who bore him Hur. ²⁰And Hur fathered Ū'-rī, and Ū'-rī fathered Bēz'-ā-lēel.

²¹And afterward Hēz'-rōn went in to the daughter of Mā'-chīr the father of Gilead, whom he married when he was sixty years old. And she bore him Sē'-gūb. ²²And Sē'-gūb fathered Jā'-īr, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead. ²³And he took Gē'-shur, and Ār'-ām, with the towns of Jā'-īr, from them, with Kē'-nāth, and the towns of it, sixty cities. All these *belonged to* the sons of Mā'-chīr the father of Gilead. ²⁴And after Hēz'-rōn was dead in Cā'-lēb-ēph'-rā-tāh, then Ā-bī'-āh Hēz'-rōn's wife bore him Ashur the father of Tē'-kō'-ā.

²⁵And the sons of Jē-rāh'-mēel the first-born of Hēz'-rōn were, Ram the first-born, and Bū'-nāh, and Ō'-rēn, and Ō'-zēm, and Ā-hī'-jāh. ²⁶Jē-rāh'-mēel also had another wife, whose name was Āt'-ā-rāh. She was the mother of Ō'-nām. ²⁷And the sons of Ram the first-born of Jē-rāh'-mēel were Mā'-āz, and Jā'-mīn, and Ē'-kēr. ²⁸And the sons of Ō'-nām were Shām'-mā-ī and Jā'-dā. And the sons of Shām'-mā-ī were Nadab and Ā-bī'-shur. ²⁹And the name of the wife of Ā-bī'-shur was Āb'-ī-hāil, and she bore him Āh'-bān and Mō'-līd. ³⁰And the sons of Nadab were Sē'-lēd and Āp'-pā-īm. But Sē'-lēd died without children. ³¹And the son of Āp'-pā-īm was Ish'-ī. And the son of Ish'-ī was Shē'-shān. And the child of Shē'-shān was Āh'-lā-ī. ³²And the sons of Jā'-dā the brother of Shām'-mā-ī were Jē'-thēr and Jonathan, and Jē'-thēr died without children. ³³And the sons of Jonathan were Pē'-lēth and Zā'-zā. These were the sons of Jē-rāh'-mēel.

³⁴Now Shē'-shān had no sons, but daughters. And Shē'-shān had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jār'-hā. ³⁵And Shē'-shān gave his daughter to Jār'-hā his servant for a wife, and she bore him Āt'-tā-ī. ³⁶And Āt'-tā-ī fathered Nathan, and Nathan fathered Zā'-bād, ³⁷and Zā'-bād fathered Ēph'-lāl, and Ēph'-lāl fathered Ō'-bēd, ³⁸and Ō'-bēd fathered Jehu, and Jehu fathered Āz'-ā-rī'-āh, ³⁹and Āz'-ā-rī'-āh fathered

Hē'-lēz, and Hē'-lēz fathered Ēl-ē-ā'-sāh, ⁴⁰and Ēl-ē-ā'-sāh fathered Sis'-ā-māi, and Sis'-ā-māi fathered Shāl'-lūm, ⁴¹and Shāl'-lūm fathered Jēk-ā-mī'-āh, and Jēk-ā-mī'-āh fathered Ē-lī'-shā-mā.

⁴²Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jē-rāh'-mēel were, Mē'-shā his first-born, who was the father of Ziph, and the sons of Mā-rē'-shāh the father of Hebron. ⁴³And the sons of Hebron were Kōr'-āh, and Tāp'-pū-āh, and Rē'-kēm, and Shē'-mā. ⁴⁴And Shē'-mā fathered Rā'-hām, the father of Jōr'-kō-ām. And Rē'-kēm fathered Shām'-mā-i. ⁴⁵And the son of Shām'-mā-i was Mā'-ōn. And Mā'-ōn was the father of Bēth'-zur. ⁴⁶And Ē'-phāh, Caleb's concubine, bore Hār'-ān, and Mō'-zā, and Gā'-zēz. And Hār'-ān fathered Gā'-zēz. ⁴⁷And the sons of Jāh'-dā-i were Rē'-gēm and Jō'-thām and Gē'-shān and Pē'-lēt and Ē'-phāh and Shā'-āph. ⁴⁸Mā'-ā-chāh, Caleb's concubine, bore Shē'-bēr, and Tīr-hā'-nāh. ⁴⁹She also bore Shā'-āph the father of Mād-mān'-nāh, Shē'-vā the father of Māch-bē'-nāh, and the father of Gib'-ē-ā. And the daughter of Caleb was Āch'-sāh.

⁵⁰These were the sons of Caleb the son of Hur, the first-born of Eph'-rā-tāh — Shō'-bāl the father of Kīr'-jāth-jē'-ā-rīm, ⁵¹Sāl'-mā the father of Bethlehem, Hār'-ēph the father of Bēth-gā'-dēr. ⁵²And Shō'-bāl the father of Kīr'-jāth-jē'-ā-rīm had sons — Hā-rō'-ēh, and half of the Mān-ā-hē'-thītes. ⁵³And the families of Kīr'-jāth-jē'-ā-rīm were the Ith'-rītes, and the Pū'-hītes, and the Shū'-mā-thītes, and the Mīsh'-rā-ītes. From them came the Zā-rē'-ā-thītes, and the Ēsh-tā-ū'-lītes. ⁵⁴The sons of Sāl'-mā were Bethlehem, and the Nē-tōph'-ā-thītes, Āt'-ā-rōth, the house of Joab, and half the Mān-ā-hē'-thītes, the Zōr'-ītes. ⁵⁵And the families of the scribes who lived at Jā'-bēz were the Tī'-rā-thītes, the Shīm'-ē-ā-thītes, and Sū'-chā-thītes. These are the Kē'-nītes who came from Hē'-māth, the father of the house of Rē'-chāb.

CHAPTER 3

¹Now these were the sons of David, who were born to him in Hebron. The first-born was Amnon, of Ā-hīn'-ō-ām of Jēz'-rēel. The second was Daniel, of Āb'-ī-gāil of Carmel. ²The third was Absalom the son of Mā'-ā-chāh the daughter of Tāl'-māi king of Gē'-shur. The fourth was Ād-ō-nī'-jāh the son of Hāg'-gīth. ³The fifth was Shēph-ā-tī'-āh of Ā-bī'-tāl. The sixth was Ith'-rē-ām by Ēg'-lāh his wife. ⁴These six were born to him in Hebron. And there he reigned seven years and six months. And he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-three years. ⁵And these were born to him in Jerusalem — Shīm'-ē-ā, and Shō'-bāb, and Nathan, and Solomon, four of Bāth'-shē-bā the daughter of Ām'-mī-ēl — ⁶Ib'-hār also, and Ē-lī'-shā-mā, and Ē-līph'-ē-lēt, ⁷and Nō'-gāh, and Nēph'-ēg, and Jā-phī'-ā, ⁸and Ē-lī'-shā-mā, and Ē-lī'-ā-dā, and Ē-līph'-ē-lēt, nine. ⁹These were all the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines and Tā'-mār their sister.

¹⁰And Solomon's son was Rē-hō-bō'-ām, Ā-bī'-ā his son, Asa his son, Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt his son, ¹¹Jē-hōr'-ām his son, Ā-hā-zī'-āh his son, Jō'-āsh his son, ¹²Am-ā-zī'-āh his son, Āz-ā-rī'-āh his son, Jō'-thām his son, ¹³Ahaz his son, Hēz-ē-kī'-āh his son, Mā-nās'-sēh his son, ¹⁴Amon his son, Jō-sī'-āh his son. ¹⁵And the sons of Jō-sī'-āh were Jō-hā'-nān the first-born, Jē-hoi'-ā-kim the second, Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the third, Shāl'-lūm the fourth. ¹⁶And the sons of Jē-hoi'-ā-kim were Jēc-ō-nī'-āh his son, and Zēd-ē-kī'-āh his son.

¹⁷And the sons of Jēc-ō-nī'-āh were Ās'-sīr, Sā-lā'-thī-ēl his son, ¹⁸Māl-chī'-rām also, and Pē-dai'-āh, and Shēn-ā'-zār, Jēc-ā-mī'-āh, Hō'-shā-mā, and Nēd-ā-bī'-āh. ¹⁹And the sons of Pē-dai'-āh were Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl and Shīm'-ē-i. And the sons of Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl were Mē-shūl'-lām and Hān-ā-nī'-āh, and Shē-lō'-mīth their sister, ²⁰and Hā-shū'-bāh, and Ō'-hēl, and Bēr-ē-chī'-āh, and Hās-ā-dī'-āh, Jū-shāb-hēs'-ēd, five. ²¹And the sons of Hān-ā-nī'-āh were Pēl-ā-tī'-āh, and Jē-sai'-āh. *They were* the sons of Rē-phaī'-āh, the sons of Ār'-nān, the sons of Ō-bā-dī'-āh, the sons of Shēch-ā-nī'-āh. ²²And the sons of Shēch-ā-nī'-āh were Shēm-aī'-āh. And the sons of Shēm-aī'-āh were Hāt'-tūsh, and Ī'-gē-āl, and Bā-rī'-āh, and Nē-ā-rī'-āh, and Shā'-phāt, six. ²³And the sons of Nē-ā-rī'-āh were Ēl-ī-ō-ē'-naī, and Hēz-ē-kī'-āh, and Āz-rī'-kām, three. ²⁴And the sons of Ēl-ī-ō-ē'-naī were Hō-dai'-āh, and Ē-lī-āsh'-ib, and Pē-lai'-āh, and Āk'-kūb, and Jō-hā'-nān, and Dā-lai'-āh, and Ā-nā'-nī, seven.

CHAPTER 4

¹The sons of Judah were Phār'-ēz, Hēz'-rōn, and Cār'-mī, and Hur, and Shō'-bāl. ²And Rē-aī'-āh the son of Shō'-bāl fathered Jā'-hāth. And Jā'-hāth fathered Ā-hū'-maī, and Lā'-hād. These are the families of the Zōr'-ā-thites. ³And these were of the father of Ē'-tām — Jēz'-rēel, and Īsh'-mā, and Īd'-bāsh — and the name of their sister was Hāz-ēl-ēl-pō'-nī — ⁴and Pēn'-ū-ēl the father of Gē'-dōr, and Ē'-zēr the father of Hū'-shāh. These are the sons of Hur, the first-born of Ēph'-rā-tāh, the father of Bethlehem.

⁵And Ashur the father of Tē-kō'-ā had two wives, Hē'-lāh and Nā'-ā-rāh. ⁶And Nā'-ā-rāh bore him Ā-hū'-zām, and Hē'-phēr, and Tē'-mē-nī, and Hā-ā-hāsh'-tā-rī. These were the sons of Nā'-ā-rāh. ⁷And the sons of Hē'-lāh were Zē'-rēth, and Jē-zō'-ār, and Ēth'-nān. ⁸And Cōz fathered Anub, and Zō-bē'-bāh, and the families of Hār'-ūm.

⁹And Jā'-bēz was more honorable than his brothers. And his mother called his name Jā'-bēz, saying, Because I bore him with sorrow. ¹⁰And Jā'-bēz called on the God of Israel, saying, O that Thou wouldst bless me indeed, and make my border larger, and that Thy hand might be with me, and that Thou wouldst keep me from evil, so that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he asked.

¹¹And Chē'-lūb the brother of Shū'-āh fathered Mē'-hīr, who was the father of Ēsh'-tōn. ¹²And Ēsh'-tōn fathered Bēth-rā'-phā, and Pā-sē'-āh, and Tē-hīn'-nāh the father of Īr-nā'-hāsh. These are the men of Rē'-chāh. ¹³And the sons of Kē'-nāz were Ōth'-nī-ēl and Sē-raī'-āh. And the son of Ōth'-nī-ēl was Hā'-thāth. ¹⁴And Mē'-ō'-nō-thaī fathered Ōph'-rāh. And Sē-raī'-āh fathered Joab, the father of the valley of Chā-rā'-shīm. For they were craftsmen. ¹⁵And the sons of Caleb the son of Jē-phūn'-nēh were Ī'-rū, Ē'-lāh, and Nā'-ām. And the son of Ē'-lāh was Kē'-nāz. ¹⁶And the sons of Jē-hāl'-ē-lēel were Ziph, and Zī'-phāh, Tī'-rī-ā, and Ās'-ā-rēel. ¹⁷And the sons of Ezra were Jē'-thēr, and Mē'-rēd, and Ē'-phēr, and Jā'-lōn. And she bore Mīr'-ī-ām, and Shām'-mā-ī, and Ish'-bāh the father of Ēsh-tē-mō'-ā. ¹⁸And his wife Jē-hū-dī'-jāh bore Jē'-rēd the father of Gē'-dōr, and Hē'-bēr the father of Sō'-chō, and Jē-kū'-thī-ēl the father of Zā-nō'-āh. And these are the sons of Bīth'-ī-āh the daughter of Pharaoh, whom Mē'-rēd took. ¹⁹And the sons of his wife were Hō-dī'-āh the sister of Nā'-hām, the father of Kē'-ī-lāh the Gār'-mite, and Ēsh-tē-mō'-ā the Mā-āch'-ā-thīte. ²⁰And the sons of Shī'-mōn were Ām'-nōn and Rin'-nāh, Bēn-hā'-nān, and Tī'-lōn. And the sons of Īsh'-ī were Zō'-hēth and Bēn-zō'-hēth.

²¹The sons of Shē'-lāh the son of Judah were Er the father of Lē'-cāh, and Lā'-ā-dāh the father of Mā-rē'-shāh, and the families of the house of them who worked fine linen, from the house of Āsh-bē'-ā, ²²and Jō'-kīm, and the men of Chō-zē'-bā, and Jō'-āsh, and Sār'-āph, who had the rule over Moab, and Jē-shū'-bī-lē'-hēm. And *these are* ancient things. ²³These were the potters and those who lived among plants and hedges. They lived there with the king for his work.

²⁴The sons of Simeon were Nēm'-ū-ēl, and Jā'-mīn, Jār'-īb, Zē'-rāh, Shā'-ūl — ²⁵Shāl'-lūm his son, Mīb'-sām his son, Mīsh'-mā his son. ²⁶And the sons of Mīsh'-mā were Hām'-ū-ēl his son, Zāc-chur his son, Shīm'-ē-ī his son. ²⁷And Shīm'-ē-ī had sixteen sons and six daughters. But his brothers did not have many children, neither did all their family multiply like the children of Judah. ²⁸And they lived at Bēer-shē'-bā, and Mō-lā'-dāh, and Hā'-zār-shū'-āl, ²⁹and at Bīl'-hāh, and at Ē'-zēm, and at Tō'-lād, ³⁰and at Bē-thū'-ēl, and at Hōr'-māh, and at Zīk'-lāg, ³¹and at Bēth-mār'-cā-bōth, and Hā'-zār-sū'-sīm, and at Bēth-bīr'-ē-ī, and at Shā-ā-rā'-īm. These were their cities until the reign of David. ³²And their villages were Ē'-tām, and Ā'-īn, Rimmon, and Tō'-chēn, and Āsh'-ān, five cities, ³³and all their villages that were all around the same cities, to Baal. These were their homes and their family line. ³⁴And Mē-shō'-bāb, and Jām'-lēch, and Jō'-shāh the son of Ām'-ā-zī'-āh, ³⁵and Jō'-ēl, and Jehu the son of Jōs'-ī-bī'-āh, the son of Sē-raī'-āh, the son of Ās'-ī-ēl, ³⁶and Ēl'-ī-ō-ē'-naī, and Jā'-ā-kō'-bāh, and Jēsh-ō-haī'-āh, and Ā-saī'-āh, and Ād'-ī-ēl, and Jē-sīm'-ī-ēl, and Bē-naī'-āh, ³⁷and Zī'-zā the son of Shī'-phī, the son of Āl'-lōn, the son of Jē-dai'-āh, the son of Shīm'-rī, the son of Shēm-aī'-āh. ³⁸These mentioned by name were

princes in their families. And the house of their fathers increased greatly.

³⁹And they went to the entrance of Gē'-dôr, to the east side of the valley, to look for pasture for their flocks. ⁴⁰And they found fat pasture and good, for the land was wide and quiet and peaceable. For *some of the children* of Ham had lived there of old. ⁴¹And these written by name came in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and struck their tents, and the homes that were found there, and completely destroyed them until this day, and lived in their places — because there was pasture there for their flocks. ⁴²And *some* of them, of the sons of Simeon — five hundred men — went to Mount Sē'-ir, having for their captains Pēl-ā-tī'-āh, and Nē-ā-rī'-āh, and Rē-phaī'-āh, and Ūz'-zī-ēl, the sons of Ish'-ī. ⁴³And they struck the rest of the Ā-māl'-ēk-ites who had escaped, and lived there until this day.

CHAPTER 5

¹Now the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel (for he was the first-born. But, since he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given to the sons of Joseph the son of Israel, and the genealogy is not to be counted according to the birth-right. ²For Judah became mighty above his brothers, and from him came the chief ruler — but the birth-right was Joseph's), ³the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel were Hā'-nōch, and Pāl'-lū, Hēz'-rōn, and Cār-mī. ⁴The sons of Joel were Shēm-aī'-āh his son, Gog his son, Shīm'-ē-ī his son, ⁵Mī'-cāh his son, Rē-aī'-ā his son, Bā'-āl his son, ⁶Bēer'-āh his son, whom Til'-gāth-pīl-nē'-šēr king of Assyria carried away *captive*. He was prince of the men of Reuben. ⁷And his brothers by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was counted, were Jē'-ī-ēl the chief, and Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, ⁸and Bē'-lā the son of Ā'-zāz, the son of Shē'-mā, the son of Joel, who lived in Ā-rō'-ēr, even to Nebo and Bā'-āl-mē'-on. ⁹And he lived as far to the east as the entrance of the wilderness from the river Eû-phrā'-tēs, because their cattle were multiplied in the land of Gilead. ¹⁰And in the days of Saul they made war with the Hāg'-ā-rites, who fell by their hand. And they lived in their tents throughout all the east *land* of Gilead.

¹¹And the children of Gad lived over against them, in the land of Bā'-shān to Sāl'-chāh — ¹²Joel the chief, and Shā'-phām the next, and Jā'-ā-naī, and Shā'-phāt in Bā'-shān. ¹³And their brothers from the house of their fathers were Mī'-chāel, and Mē-shūl'-lām, and Shē'-bā, and Jō'-rā-ī, and Jā'-chān, and Zī'-ā, and Hē'-bēr, seven. ¹⁴These are the children of Āb'-ī-hāil the son of Hū'-rī, the son of Jā'-rō'-āh, the son of Gilead, the son of Mī'-chāel, the son of Jē-shīsh'-aī, the son of Jāh'-dō, the son of Buz, ¹⁵Ā'-hī the son of Āb'-dī-ēl, the son of Gū'-nī, chief of the house of their fathers. ¹⁶And they lived in Gilead in Bā'-shān, and in

her towns, and in all the suburbs of Shâr'-on, upon their borders. ¹⁷All these were counted by genealogies in the days of Jô'-thâm king of Judah, and in the days of Jêr-ö-bö'-âm king of Israel.

¹⁸The sons of Reuben, and the sons of Gad, and half the tribe of Mă-năs'-sêh, (sons of valor, men able to carry shield and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skillful in war), were four hundred forty-seven thousand, seven hundred and sixty who went out to the war. ¹⁹And they made war with the Hăg'-ă-rites, with Jê'-tur, and Nêph'-ish, and Nô'-dăb. ²⁰And they were helped against them, and the Hăg'-ă-rites were delivered into their hand, and all who were with them. For they cried to God in the battle, and He was pleased to hear them, because they put their trust in Him. ²¹And they took away their cattle — of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred fifty thousand, and of assessm two thousand, and of men a hundred thousand. ²²For many fell down slain, because the war was of God. And they lived in their places until the captivity.

²³And the children of the half tribe of Mă-năs'-sêh lived in the land. They increased from Bă'-shăn to Bă'-ăl-hêr'-mon and Sê'-nîr, and to Mount Hêr'-mon. ²⁴And these were the heads of the house of their fathers, even Ê'-phêr, and Ish'-î, and Ê-lî'-êl, and Ăz'-rî-êl, and Jeremiah, and Hô-dă-vî'-ăh, and Jăh'-dî-êl, mighty men of war, famous men, heads of the house of their fathers.

²⁵And they sinned against the God of their fathers, and went lusting after the gods of the people of the land, whom God destroyed before them. ²⁶And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pül king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tîl'-găth-pîl-nê'-șêr king of Assyria. And he carried them away, even the people of Reuben and the people of Gad, and the half tribe of Mă-năs'-sêh, and brought them to Hă'-lăh, and Hă'-bôr, and Hâr'-ă, and to the river Gô'-zăn, unto this day.

CHAPTER 6

¹The sons of Levi were Gêr'-shôn, Kô'-hăth, and Mě-râr'-î. ²And the sons of Kô'-hăth were Ăm'-răm, İz'-hăr, and Hê'-brôn, and Ūz'-zî-êl. ³And the children of Ăm'-răm were Aaron and Moses and Mîr'-î-ăm. The sons also of Aaron were Nă'-dăb and Ă-bî'-hû, Êl-ê-ă'-zăr and İth'-ă-măr.

⁴Êl-ê-ă'-zăr fathered Phîn'-ê-hăs. Phîn'-ê-hăs fathered Ă-bî'-shù-ă. ⁵And Ă-bî'-shù-ă fathered Bük'-kî. And Bük'-kî fathered Ūz'-zî. ⁶And Ūz'-zî fathered Zêr'-ă-hî'-ăh. And Zêr'-ă-hî'-ăh fathered Mě-raî'-ôth. ⁷Mě-raî'-ôth fathered Ăm-ă-rî'-ăh. And Ăm-ă-rî'-ăh fathered A-hî'-tüb. ⁸And A-hî'-tüb fathered Ză'-dök. And Ză'-dök fathered Ă-hî'-mă-ăz. ⁹And Ă-hî'-mă-ăz fathered Ăz-ă-rî'-ăh. And Ăz-ă-rî'-ăh fathered Jô-hă'-năn. ¹⁰And Jô-hă'-năn fathered Ăz-ă-rî'-ăh — he who acted in the priest's office in the temple that Solomon built in Jerusalem — ¹¹and Ăz-ă-rî'-ăh

fathered Ām-ā-rī'-āh. And Ām-ā-rī'-āh fathered A-hī'-tūb. ¹²And A-hī'-tūb fathered Zā'-dōk. And Zā'-dōk fathered Shāl'-lūm. ¹³And Shāl'-lūm fathered Hil-kī'-āh. And Hil-kī'-āh fathered Āz-ā-rī'-āh. ¹⁴And Āz-ā-rī'-āh fathered Sē-raī'-āh. And Sē-raī'-āh fathered Jē-hō'-zā-dāk. ¹⁵And Jē-hō'-zā-dāk went *into captivity* when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār.

¹⁶The sons of Levi were Gēr'-shōm, Kō'-hāth and Mē-rār'-ī. ¹⁷And these are the names of the sons of Gēr'-shōm — Lib'-nī and Shīm'-ē-ī. ¹⁸And the sons of Kō'-hāth were Ām'-rām, and Īz'-hār, and Hē'-brōn, and Ūz'-zī-ēl. ¹⁹The sons of Mē-rār'-ī were Mäh'-lī and Mū'-shī. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers. ²⁰The sons of Gēr'-shōm were Lib'-nī his son, Jā'-hāth his son, Zim'-māh his son, ²¹Jō'-āh his son, Id'-dō his son, Zē'-rāh his son, Jē-āt'-ē-rai his son. ²²The sons of Kō'-hāth were Ām-mīn'-ā-dāb his son, Kōr'-āh his son, Ās'-sīr his son, ²³Ēl-kā'-nāh his son, and Ē-bī'-ā-sāph his son, and Ās'-sīr his son, ²⁴Tā'-hāth his son, Ū'-rī-ēl his son, Ūz-zī'-āh his son, and Shā'-ūl his son. ²⁵And the sons of Ēl-kā'-nāh were Ā-mā'-saī and Ā-hī'-mōth. ²⁶Ēl-kā'-nāh, the sons of Ēl-kā'-nāh — Zō'-phaī his son, and Nā'-hāth his son, ²⁷Ē-lī'-āb his son, Jē-rō'-hām his son, Ēl-kā'-nāh his son. ²⁸And the sons of Samuel were Joel Vāsh'-nī, the first-born, and Ā-bī'-jāh.

²⁹The sons of Mē-rār'-ī were Mäh'-lī, Lib'-nī his son, Shīm'-ē-ī his son, Ūz'-zā his son, ³⁰Shīm'-ē-ā his son, Hāg-gī'-āh his son, Ā-saī'-āh his son. ³¹And these are the men whom David set over the service of song in the house of the LORD, after the ark had rest. ³²And they ministered before the dwelling-place of the tabernacle of the congregation with singing, until Solomon had built the house of the LORD in Jerusalem. And they waited on their office according to their order. ³³And these are the ones who waited with their children. Of the sons of the Kō'-hāth-ites — Hē'-mān a singer, the son of Jō'-ēl, the son of Samuel, ³⁴the son of Ēl-kā'-nāh, the son of Jē-rō'-hām, the son of Ē-lī'-ēl, the son of Tō'-āh, ³⁵the son of Zuph, the son of Ēl-kā'-nāh, the son of Mā'-hāth, the son of Ā-mā'-saī, ³⁶the son of Ēl-kā'-nāh, the son of Jō'-ēl, the son of Āz-ā-rī'-āh, the son of Zēph-ā-nī'-āh, ³⁷the son of Tā'-hāth, the son of Ās'-sīr, the son of Ē-bī'-ā-sāph, the son of Kōr'-āh, ³⁸the son of Iz'-hār, the son of Kō'-hāth, the son of Levi, the son of Israel. ³⁹And his brother Ā'-sāph, who stood on his right hand, *even* Ā'-sāph the son of Bēr-ā-chī'-āh, the son of Shīm'-ē-ā, ⁴⁰the son of Michael, the son of Bā-ā-seī'-āh, the son of Māl-chī'-āh, ⁴¹the son of Ēth'-nī, the son of Zē'-rāh, the son of Ā-dai'-āh, ⁴²the son of Ē'-thān, the son of Zim'-māh, the son of Shīm'-ē-ī, ⁴³the son of Jā'-hāth, the son of Gēr'-shōm, the son of Levi. ⁴⁴And their brothers the sons of Mē-rār'-ī *stood* on the left hand — Ē'-thān the son of Kīsh'-ī, the son of Āb'-dī, the son of Māl'-lūch, ⁴⁵the son of Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh, the son of Ām-ā-zī'-āh, the son of Hil-kī'-āh, ⁴⁶the son of Ām'-zī, the son of Bā'-nī, the son of Shā'-mēr, ⁴⁷the son of Mäh'-lī,

the son of Mū'-shī, the son of Mě-râr'-ī, the son of Levi. ⁴⁸Their brothers also, the Levites, were appointed for all kinds of service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

⁴⁹But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt offering, and on the altar of incense, and were appointed for all the work of the place most holy, and to make an atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded. ⁵⁰And these are the sons of Aaron — El-ē-ā'-zâr his son, Phîn'-ê-häs his son, Ā-bī'-shû-ā his son, ⁵¹Bük'-kī his son, Ūz'-zī his son, Zēr-ā-hī'-äh his son, ⁵²Mě-raī'-ōth his son, Ām-ä-rī'-äh his son, Ā-hī'-tüb his son, ⁵³Zä'-dök his son, Ā-hī'-mā-āz his son.

⁵⁴Now these are their dwelling-places throughout their camps, within their borders, of the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kō'-hāth-ites — for the lot was theirs. ⁵⁵And they gave them Hē'-brōn in the land of Judah, and its suburbs all around it. ⁵⁶But the fields of the city, and the villages of it, they gave to Caleb the son of Jē-phūn'-nēh. ⁵⁷And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of Judah — Hebron, a city of refuge, and Lib'-nāh with its suburbs, and Jāt'-tīr, and Ēsh-tē-mō'-ā with their suburbs, ⁵⁸and Hī'-lēn with its suburbs, Dē'-bīr with its suburbs, ⁵⁹and Āsh'-ān with its suburbs, and Bēth-shē'-mēsh with its suburbs. ⁶⁰And out of the tribe of Benjamin — Gē'-bā with its suburbs, and Āl'-ē-mēth with its suburbs, and Ān'-ā-thōth with its suburbs. All their cities throughout their families were thirteen cities. ⁶¹And to the sons of Kō'-hāth, who were left of the family of that tribe, cities were given out of the half tribe, the half of Mā-nās'-sēh, by lot, ten cities. ⁶²And to the sons of Gēr'-shōm throughout their families out of the tribe of Is'-sä-chär, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Nāph'-tä-lī, and out of the tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh in Bā'-shän, thirteen cities. ⁶³And to the sons of Mě-râr'-ī were given by lot, throughout their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zē-bū'-lūn, twelve cities. ⁶⁴And the children of Israel gave these cities to the Levites, with their suburbs. ⁶⁵And they gave these cities which are called by their names, out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin.

⁶⁶And the rest of the families of the sons of Kō'-hāth had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ē'-phrā-īm. ⁶⁷And they gave to them, for the cities of refuge, Shē'-chēm in Mount Ē'-phrā-īm, with its suburbs, also Gē'-zēr with its suburbs, ⁶⁸and Jök'-mē-ām with its suburbs, and Bēth-hōr'-ōn with its suburbs, ⁶⁹and Aī'-jä-lōn with its suburbs, and Gāth-rīm'-mon with its suburbs. ⁷⁰And out of the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh they gave Aner with its suburbs, and Bī'-lē-ām with its suburbs, for the family of the rest of the sons of Kō'-hāth. ⁷¹To the sons of Gēr'-shōm were given out of the family of the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh, Gō'-län in Bā'-shän with its suburbs, and Āsh'-tä-rōth with its

suburbs. ⁷²And out of the tribe of Is'-sā-chār, Kedesh with its suburbs, Dāb'-ē-rāth with its suburbs, ⁷³and Rā'-mōth with its suburbs, and Anem with its suburbs *were given*. ⁷⁴And out of the tribe of Asher *they gave* Mā'-shāl with its suburbs, and Āb'-dōn with its suburbs, ⁷⁵and Hū'-kōk with its suburbs, and Rē'-hōb with its suburbs. ⁷⁶And out of the tribe of Nāph'-tā-lī, Kē'-dēsh in Galilee with its suburbs, and Hām'-mōn with its suburbs, and Kīr-jā-thā'-īm with its suburbs.

⁷⁷To the rest of the children of Mē-rār'-ī *were given* out of the tribe of Zē-bū'-lūn, Rimmon with its suburbs, Tā'-bōr with its suburbs. ⁷⁸And on the other side Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of Jordan *they gave them* out of the tribe of Reuben, Bē'-zēr in the wilderness, with its suburbs, and Jāh'-zāh with its suburbs, ⁷⁹Kē'-dē-mōth also with its suburbs, and Mēph'-ā-āth with its suburbs. ⁸⁰And out of the tribe of Gad *they gave* Rā'-mōth in Gilead with its suburbs, and Mā-hā-nā'-īm with its suburbs, ⁸¹and Hēsh'-bōn with its suburbs, and Jā'-zēr with its suburbs.

CHAPTER 7

¹Now the sons of Is'-sā-chār were Tō'-lā, and Pū'-āh, and Jāsh'-ūb, and Shīm'-rōn, four. ²And the sons of Tō'-lā were Ūz'-zī, and Rē-pahā'-āh, and Jēr'-ī-ēl, and Jāh'-mā-ī, and Jīb'-sām, and Shē-mū'-ēl, heads of their father's house, *that is*, of Tō'-lā — great men of might in their generations. *Their* number in the days of David was twenty-two thousand and six hundred. ³And the son of Ūz'-zī was Īz-rā-hī'-āh. And the sons of Īz-rā-hī'-āh were Mī'-chāel, and Ō-bā-dī'-āh, and Joel, Īsh-ī'-āh, five. All of them were chief men. ⁴And with them, by their generations, after the house of their fathers, were bands of soldiers for war, thirty-six thousand *men*. For they had many wives and sons. ⁵And their brothers among all the families of Is'-sā-chār were great men of might, numbering in all, by their genealogies, eighty-seven thousand.

⁶*The sons* of Benjamin were Bē'-lā, and Bē'-chēr, and Jēd-ī-ā'-ēl, three. ⁷And the sons of Bē'-lā were Ēz'-bōn, and Ūz'-zī, and Ūz'-zī-ēl, and Jēr'-ī-mōth, and Ī'-rī, five — heads of the house of *their* fathers, mighty men of valor. And *they* were counted by their genealogies twenty-two thousand and thirty-four. ⁸And the sons of Bē'-chēr were Zē-mī'-rā, and Jō'-āsh, and Ēl-ī-ē'-zēr, and Ēl-ī-ō-ē'-nai, and Omri, and Jēr'-ī-mōth, and Ā-bī'-āh, and Ān'-ā-thōth, and Āl'-ā-mēth. All these are the sons of Bē'-chēr. ⁹And the number of them, after their genealogy by their generations, heads of the house of their fathers, mighty men of valor, was twenty thousand and two hundred. ¹⁰The son also of Jēd-ī-ā'-ēl was Bil'-hān. And the sons of Bil'-hān were Jē'-ūsh, and Benjamin, and Ē'-hūd, and Chē-nā'-ā-nāh, and Zē'-thān, and Tār'-shish, and Ā-hī'-shā-hār. ¹¹All these the sons of Jēd-ī-ā'-ēl, by the heads of their fathers, mighty men of valor, were seventeen thousand and two

hundred *men*, fit to go out for war *and* battle. ¹²Shūp'-pīm also, and Hūp'-pīm, the children of Ir, *and* Hū'-shīm, the sons of Ā'-hēr.

¹³The sons of Nāph'-tā-lī were Jāh'-zī-ēl, and Gū'-nī, and Jē'-zēr, and Shāl'-lūm, the sons of Bil'-hāh.

¹⁴The sons of Mā-nās'-sēh were Āsh'-rī-ēl, whom she bore — *but* his concubine the Ār-ām-ī-tēss bore Mā'-chīr the father of Gilead, ¹⁵and Mā'-chīr took to wife *the sister* of Hūp'-pīm and Shūp'-pīm, whose sister's name was Mā'-ā-chāh — and the name of the second was Zē-lōph'-ē-hād. And Zē-lōph'-ē-hād had daughters. ¹⁶And Mā'-ā-chāh the wife of Mā'-chīr bore a son, and she called his name Pē'-rēsh. And the name of his brother was Shē'-rēsh, and his sons were Ū'-lām and Rā'-kēm. ¹⁷And the sons of Ū'-lām were Bē'-dān. These were the sons of Gilead, the son of Mā'-chīr, the son of Mā-nās'-sēh. ¹⁸And his sister Hām-mō'-lē-kēth bore Ī'-shōd, and Ā-bī-ē'-zēr, and Mā-hā'-lāh. ¹⁹And the sons of Shēm-ī'-dā were Ā-hī'-ān, and Shē'-chēm, and Lik'-hī, and Ā-nī'-ām.

²⁰And the sons of Ephraim were Shū-thē'-lāh, and Bē'-rēd his son, and Tā'-hāth his son, and Ēl'-ā-dāh his son, and Tā'-hāth his son, ²¹and Zā'-bād his son, and Shū-thē'-lāh his son, and Ē'-zēr, and Ēl'-ē-ād, whom the men of Gath *who were* born in *that* land killed, because they came down to take away their cattle. ²²And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brothers came to comfort him.

²³And when he went in to his wife, she conceived and bore a son, and he called his name Bē-rī'-āh, because it went evil with his house. ²⁵And his daughter was Shē'-rāh, who built Bēth-hōr'-ōn the lower, and the upper, and Ūz'-zēn-shē'-rāh. ²⁵And Rē'-phāh was his son, also Rē'-shēph, and Tē'-lāh his son, and Tā'-hān his son, ²⁶Lā'-ā-dān his son, Am'-mī-hūd his son, Ē-lī'-shā-mā his son, ²⁷Non his son, Jē-hōsh'-ū-ā his son.

²⁸And their possessions and habitations were: Bethel and the towns of it, and eastward to Nā'-ā-rān, and westward to Gē'-zēr, with the towns of it — Shē'-chēm also and the towns of it, to Gā'-zā and the towns of it. ²⁹And by the borders of the children of Mā-nās'-sēh *their possessions were* Bēth-shē'-ān and its towns, Tā'-ā-nāch and its towns, Mē-gīd'-dō and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these lived the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

³⁰The sons of Asher were Īm'-nāh, and Is'-ū-āh, and Ish'-ū-aī, and Bē-rī'-āh, and Sē'-rāh their sister. ³¹And the sons of Bē-rī'-āh were Hē'-bēr, and Māl'-chī-ēl, who is the father of Bīr-zā'-vīth. ³²And Heber fathered Jāph'-lēt, and Shō'-mēr, and Hō'-thām, and Shū'-ā their sister. ³³And the sons of Jāph'-lēt were Pā'-sāch, and Bīm'-hāl, and Āsh'-vāth. These are the children of Jāph'-lēt. ³⁴And the sons of Shā'-mēr were Ā'-hī, and Rōh'-gāh, Jē-hūb'-bāh, and Ār'-ām. ³⁵And the sons of his brother Hē'-lēm were Zō'-phāh, and Īm'-nā, and Shē'-lēsh, and Ā'-māl.

³⁶The sons of Zō'-phāh were Sū'-āh, and Hār'-ně-phēr, and Shū'-āl, and Bē'-rī, and Im'-rāh, ³⁷Bē'-zēr, and Hod, and Shām'-mā, and Shīl'-shāh, and Ith'-rān, and Bēer'-ā. ³⁸And the sons of Jē'-thēr were Jē-phūn'-nēh, and Pis'-pāh, and Ār'-ā. ³⁹And the sons of Ūl'-lā were Ār'-āh, and Hān'-i-ēl, and Rē'-zī-ā. ⁴⁰All these were the children of Asher, heads of *their* father's house, choice and mighty men of valor, chief of the princes. And the number throughout the generation of those who were able for war, for battle, was twenty-six thousand men.

CHAPTER 8

¹Now Benjamin fathered Bē'-lā his first-born, Āsh'-bēl the second, and Ā-hār'-āh the third, ²Nō'-hāh the fourth, and Rā'-phā the fifth. ³And the sons of Bē'-lā were Ād'-dār, and Gē'-rā, and Ā-bī'-hūd, ⁴and Ā-bī'-shū-ā, and Nā'-ā-mān, and Ā-hō'-āh, ⁵and Gē'-rā, and Shē-phū'-phān, and Hū'-rām. ⁶And these are the sons of Ē'-hūd (these are the heads of the fathers of the people of Gē'-bā, and they carried them captive to Mān'-ā-hāth). ⁷And as for Nā'-ā-mān and Ā-hī'-āh and Gē'-rā, they carried them away. And *Ehud* fathered Ūz'-zā and Ā-hī'-hūd. ⁸And Shā-hā-rā'-īm fathered *children* in the country of Moab, after he had sent them away. Hū'-shīm and Bā'-ā-rā were his wives. ⁹And by Hō'-dēsh his wife he had Jō'-bāb, and Zī'-bī-ā, and Mē'-shā, and Māl'-chām, ¹⁰and Jē'-ūz, and Shā-chī'-ā, and Mīr'-mā. These were his sons, heads of the fathers. ¹¹And by Hū'-shīm he had Ā-bī'-tūb, and Ēl-pā'-āl. ¹²The sons of Ēl-pā'-āl were Ē'-bēr, and Mī'-shām, and Shā'-mēd, who built Ō'-nō and Lod, with their towns — ¹³Bē-rī'-āh also, and Shē'-mā, who were heads of the fathers of the people of Aī'-jā-lōn, who drove away the people of Gath — ¹⁴and Ā-hī'-ō, Shā'-shāk, and Jēr'-ē-mōth, ¹⁵and Zēb-ā-dī'-āh, and Ār'-ād, and Ā'-dēr, ¹⁶and Mī'-chāel, and Īs'-pāh, and Jō'-hā, the sons of Bē-rī'-āh, ¹⁷and Zēb-ā-dī'-āh, and Mē-shūl'-lām, and Hēz'-ē-kī, and Hē'-bēr, ¹⁸Ish'-mē-raī also, and Jēz-lī'-āh, and Jō'-bāb, the sons of Ēl-pā'-āl; ¹⁹and Jā'-kīm, and Zīch'-rī, and Zāb'-dī, ²⁰and Ēl-i-ē'-nāī, and Zīl'-thai, and Ē-lī'-ēl, ²¹and Ā-dai'-āh, and Bē-raī'-āh, and Shīm'-rāth, the sons of Shīm'-hī; ²²and Īsh'-pān, and Hē'-bēr, and Ē-lī'-ēl, ²³and Āb'-dōn, and Zīch'-rī, and Hā'-nān, ²⁴and Hān-ā-nī'-āh, and Ē'-lām, and Ān-tō-thī'-jāh, ²⁵and Īph-ē-deī'-āh, and Pēn'-ū-ēl, the sons of Shā'-shāk; ²⁶and Shām'-shē-raī, and Shē-hā-rī'-āh, and Āth-ā-lī'-āh, ²⁷and Jār-ē-sī'-āh, and Ē-lī'-āh, and Zīch'-rī, the sons of Jē-rō'-hām. ²⁸These were heads of the fathers, by their generations, chief *men*. These lived in Jerusalem. ²⁹And at Gīb'-ē-ōn lived the father of Gīb'-ē-ōn, whose wife's name was Mā'-ā-chāh. ³⁰And his first-born son was Āb'-dōn, and Zūr, and Kish, and Bā'-āl, and Nā'-dāb, ³¹and Gē'-dōr, and Ā-hī'-ō, and Zā'-chēr. ³²And Mīk'-lōth fathered Shīm'-ē-āh. And these also lived with their brothers in Jerusalem, across from them.

³³And Ner fathered Kish, and Kish fathered Saul. And Saul fathered Jonathan, and Māl'-chī-shū'-ā, and Ā-bīn'-ā-dāb, and Ēsh-bā'-āl. ³⁴And

the son of Jonathan was Mēr'-īb-bā'-āl. And Mēr'-īb-bā'-āl fathered Mī'-cāh. ³⁵And the sons of Mī'-cāh were Pī'-thōn, and Mē'-lēch, and Tār'-ē-ā, and Ahaz. ³⁶And Ahaz fathered Jē-hō'-ā-dāh. And Jē-hō'-ā-dāh fathered Āl'-ē-mēth, and Āz-mā'-vēth, and Zim'-rī. And Zim'-rī fathered Mō'-zā. ³⁷And Mō'-zā fathered Bī'-nē-ā — Rā'-phā was his son, Ēl-ē-ā'-sāh his son, Ā'-zēl his son. ³⁸And Ā'-zēl had six sons, whose names are these — Āz-rī'-kām, Bō'-chē-rù, and Īsh'-mā-ēl, and Shē-ā-rī'-āh, and Ō-bā-dī'-āh, and Hā'-nān. All these were the sons of Ā'-zēl. ³⁹And the sons of Ē'-shēk his brother were Ū'-lām his first-born, Jē'-hūsh, the second, and Ē-liph'-ē-lēt the third. ⁴⁰And the sons of Ū'-lām were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons, and sons' sons, a hundred and fifty. All these are the sons of Benjamin.

CHAPTER 9

¹So all Israel was counted by genealogies. And behold, they were written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah, *who* were carried away to Babylon for their sins.

²Now the first people who *lived* in their possessions in their cities were the Israelites, the priests, Levites, and the Nēth'-ī-nīmš. ³And in Jerusalem lived of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Mā-nās'-sēh — ⁴Ū'-thaī the son of Ām'-mī-hūd, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, the son of Bā'-nī, of the children of Phār'-ēz the son of Judah. ⁵And of the Shī'-lō-nītes, Ā-saī'-āh the first-born and his sons. ⁶And of the sons of Zē'-rāh, Jēū'-ēl, and their brothers, six hundred and ninety. ⁷And of the sons of Benjamin — Sāl'-lū the son of Mē-shūl' lām, the son of Hō-dā-vī'-āh, the son of Hās-ē-nū'-āh, ⁸and Īb-neī'-āh the son of Jē-rō'-hām, and Ē'-lāh the son of Ūz'-zī, the son of Mīch'-rī, and Mē-shūl'-lām the son of Shēph-ā-thī'-āh, the son of Reū'-ēl, the son of Īb-nī'-jāh, ⁹and their brothers, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty-six. All these men were chief of the fathers in the house of their fathers.

¹⁰And of the priests, Jē-daī'-āh, and Jē-hoi'-ā-rīb, and Jā'-chīn, ¹¹and Āz-ā-rī'-āh the son of Hīl-kī'-āh, the son of Mē-shūl'-lām, the son of Zā'-dōk, the son of Mē-raī'-ōth, the son of Ā-hī'-tūb, the ruler of the house of God, ¹²and Ā-daī'-āh the son of Jē-rō'-hām, the son of Pāsh'-ur, the son of Māl-chī'-jāh, and Mā-ās-ī-ā'-ī the son of Ad'-i-ēl, the son of Jāh'-zē-rāh, the son of Mē-shūl'-lām, the son of Mē-shil'-Jē-mith, the son of Īm'-mēr — ¹³and their brothers, heads of the house of their fathers, seventeen hundred and sixty — very able men for the work of the service of the house of God. ¹⁴And of the Levites — Shēm-aī'-āh the son of Hās'-shūb, the son of Āz-rī'-kām, the son of Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh, of the sons of Mē-rār'-ī, ¹⁵and Bāk-bāk'-kār, Hē'-rēsh, and Gā'-lāl, and Māt-tā-nī'-āh the son of Mī'-cāh, the son of Zich'-rī, the son of Ā'-sāph, ¹⁶and Ō-bā-dī'-āh the son of Shēm-aī'-āh, the son of Gā'-lāl, the son of Jē-dū'-

thūn, and Bēr-ē-chī'-āh the son of Asa, the son of Ēl-kā'-nāh, who lived in the villages of the Nē-tōph'-ā-thītes. ¹⁷And the porters were Shāl'lūm, and Āk'-kūb, and Tāl'-mōn, and Ā-hī'-mān, and their brothers. Shāl'lūm was the chief, ¹⁸who had waited in the king's gate eastward before. They were porters in the companies of the children of Levi. ¹⁹And Shāl'lūm the son of Kōr'-ē, the son of Ē-bī'-ā-sāph, the son of Kōr'-āh, and his brothers, of the house of his father, the Kōr'-ā-hītes, were over the work of the service, keepers of the gates of the tabernacle. And their fathers, who were over the army of the LORD, were keepers of the entry. ²⁰And Phīn'-ē-hās the son of Ēl-ē-ā'-zār was the ruler over them in time past, and the LORD was with him. ²¹And Zēch-ā-rī'-āh the son of Mē-shēl-ē-mī'-āh was porter of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. ²²All these who were chosen to be porters in the gates were two hundred and twelve. These were counted by their genealogies in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer ordained in their set office. ²³So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of the LORD, the house of the tabernacle, by wards. ²⁴The porters were in four quarters, toward the east, west, north, and south. ²⁵And their brothers, who were in their villages, were to come after seven days from time to time with them. ²⁶For these Levites, the four chief porters, were in their set office, and were over the storehouses and treasuries of the house of God.

²⁷And they lived all around the house of God, because the duty was upon them. And the opening of it every morning *belonged* to them. ²⁸And *certain* of them had the charge of the ministering vessels, that they should bring them in and out by count. ²⁹*Some* of them also were appointed to oversee the vessels and all the instruments of the sanctuary, and the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. ³⁰And *some* of the sons of the priests made the ointment of the spices. ³¹And Māt-tī-thī'-āh, *one* of the Levites, who was the first-born of Shāl'lūm the Kōr'-ā-hīte, had the set office over the things that were made in the pans. ³²And *others* from their brothers, of the sons of the Kō'-hāth-ītes, were over the showbread, to prepare it every sabbath. ³³And these are the singers, chief of the fathers of the Levites, in the chambers free of duty, for they were employed in that work day and night. ³⁴These chief fathers of the Levites were chief throughout their generations. These lived at Jerusalem.

³⁵And Jē-hī'-ēl, the father of Gīb'-ē-ōn, lived in Gīb'-ē-ōn. *His* wife's name was Mā'-ā-chāh. ³⁶And his first-born son was Āb'-dōn, then Zūr, and Kish, and Bā'-āl, and Ner, and Nā'-dāb, ³⁷and Gē'-dōr, and Ā-hī'-ō, and Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, and Mīk'-lōth. ³⁸And Mīk'-lōth fathered Shīm'-ē-ām. And they also dwelt with their brothers at Jerusalem, across from their brothers. ³⁹And Ner fathered Kish. And Kish fathered Saul. And Saul fathered Jonathan, and Māl'-chī-shū'-ā, and Ā-bīn'-ā-dāb, and Ēsh-bā'-āl. ⁴⁰And the son of Jonathan was Mēr'-īb-bā'-āl. And Mēr'-īb-bā'-āl

fathered Mī'-cāh. ⁴¹And the sons of Mī'-cāh were Pī'-thōn, and Mē'-lēch, and Tāh'-rē-ā, ⁴²and Ahaz who fathered Jār'-āh. And Jār'-āh fathered Āl'-ē-mēth, and Āz-mā'-vēth, and Zīm'-rī. And Zīm'-rī fathered Mō'-zā. ⁴³And Mō'-zā fathered Bī'-nē-ā, and Rē-phaī'-āh his son, Ēl-ē-ā'-sāh his son, Ā'-zēl his son. ⁴⁴And Ā'-zēl had six sons, whose names are these — Āz-rī'-kām, Bō'-chē-rū, and Iśh'-mā-ēl, and Shē-ā-rī'-āh, and Ō-bā-dī'-āh, and Hā'-nān. These were the sons of Ā'-zēl.

CHAPTER 10

¹Now the Philistines fought against Israel. And the men of Israel fled in front of the Philistines, and fell down dead in Mount Gil-bō'-ā. ²And the Philistines followed hard after Saul and after his sons. And the Philistines killed Jonathan and Ā-bīn'-ā-dāb, and Māl'-chī-shū'-ā, the sons of Saul. ³And the battle went sorely against Saul. And the archers lit him, and he was wounded by the archers. ⁴Then Saul said to his armor-bearer, Draw your sword and thrust me through with it, lest these uncircumcised *ones* come and mock me. But his armor-bearer would not, for he was very much afraid. So Saul took a sword and fell upon it. ⁵And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell on the sword and died. ⁶So Saul and his three sons died, and all his house died together. ⁷And when all the men of Israel who were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, then they left their cities and fled. And the Philistines came and lived in them.

⁸And on the next day, when the Philistines came to strip the dead, they found Saul and his sons fallen in Mount Gil-bō'-ā. ⁹And when they had stripped him, they took his head and his armor. And *they* sent into the land of the Philistines all around, to carry news to their idols and to the people. ¹⁰And they put his armor in the house of their gods, and fastened his head in the temple of Dā'-gōn.

¹¹And when all Jā'-bēsh—gīl'-ē-ād heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, ¹²they arose, all the mighty men, and took away the body of Saul, and the bodies of his sons, and brought them to Jā'-bēsh. And *they* buried their bones under the oak in Jā'-bēsh, and fasted seven days.

¹³So Saul died for his sin which he committed against the LORD, against the word of the LORD, which he did not keep, and also for asking of a familiar spirit, to inquire *of it* — and inquired not of the LORD. Therefore He killed him and turned the kingdom to David the son of Jesse.

CHAPTER 11

¹Then all Israel gathered themselves to David to Hebron, saying, Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. ²And moreover, in times past,

even when Saul was king, you were the one who led out and brought in Israel. And the LORD your God said to you, You shall feed My people Israel, and you shall be ruler over My people Israel. ³Therefore all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron. And David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the LORD. And they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel.

⁴And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jē'-būs, where the Jēb'-ū-sites were the people of the land. ⁵And the people of Jē'-būs said to David, You shall not come here. Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion, which is the city of David. ⁶And David said, Whoever strikes the Jēb'-ū-sites first shall be chief and captain. So Joab the son of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh went up first and was chief. ⁷And David lived in the stronghold. Therefore they called it the city of David. ⁸And he built the city round about, even from Mīl'-lō round about. And Joab repaired the rest of the city. ⁹So David became greater and greater, for the LORD of hosts was with him.

¹⁰These also are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who made themselves strong with him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel. ¹¹And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had – Jā-shōb'-ē-ām, a Hāch'-mō-nīte, the chief of the captains. He lifted up his spear against three hundred, who were killed *by him* at one time. ¹²And after him was Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the son of Dō'-dō, the Ā-hō'-hīte, who was one of the three mighties. ¹³He was with David at Pās-dām'-mīm. And there the Philistines were gathered together to battle, where there was a piece of ground full of barley. And the people fled from before the Philistines. ¹⁴And they set themselves in the midst of that place, and delivered it, and killed the Philistines. And the LORD saved *them* by a great deliverance.

¹⁵Now three of the mighty captains went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Ā-dūl'-lām. And the army of the Philistines camped in the valley of Rēph'-ā-īm. ¹⁶And David was then in the stronghold, and the Philistines' troop was then at Bethlehem. ¹⁷And David longed and said, O that *someone* would give me drink from the water of the well of Bethlehem which is by the gate! ¹⁸And the three broke through the army of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Bethlehem, which was by the gate. And *they* took *it*, and brought *it* to David. But David would not drink *of* it, but poured it out to the LORD. ¹⁹And *he* said, May my God forbid me to do this thing. Shall I drink the blood of these men who have put their lives in danger? For they brought it with their lives. Therefore he would not drink it. These three mighty ones did these things.

²⁰And Āb'-ī-shāi the brother of Joab was chief of the three. For lifting up his spear against three hundred, he killed *them*, and had a name

among the three. ²¹Of the three, he was more honorable than the two — for he was their captain. However, he did not come into the *first* three. ²²Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā, the son of a mighty man of Kāb'-zēel, had done many acts. He killed two lion-like men of Moab. He also went down and killed a lion in a pit on a snowy day. ²³And he killed an Egyptian, a man of *great* stature, five cubits high. And in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam, and he went down to him with a staff and pulled the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and killed him with his own spear. ²⁴These *things* Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā did, and had the name among the three mighty ones. ²⁵Behold, he was honorable among the thirty, but did not come into the *first* three. And David set him over his guard.

²⁶Also the mighty men of the armies were: Ās'-ā-hēl the brother of Joab, Ēl-hā'-nān the son of Dō'-dō of Bethlehem, ²⁷Shām'-mōth the Hār'-ō-rīte, Hē'-lēz the Pē'-lō-nīte, ²⁸Ī'-rā the son of Īk'-kēsh the Tē-kō'-īte, Ā'-bī-ē'-zēr the Ān'-tō-thīte, ²⁹Sīb'-bē-caī the Hū'-shā-thīte, Ī'-lā-ī the Ā-hō'-hīte, ³⁰Mā'-hā-raī the Nē-tōph'-ā-thīte, Hē'-lēd the son of Bā'-ā-nāh the Nē-tōph'-ā-thīte, ³¹Ī-thā'-ī a son of Rī-bā'-ī of Gib'-ē-āh *which belonged* to the children of Benjamin, Bē-naī'-āh the Pī-rā'-thōn-īte, ³²Hū-rā'-ī of the brooks of Gā'-āsh, Ā-bī'-ēl the Ār'-bā-thīte, ³³Āz-mā'-vēth the Bā-hā-rū'-mīte, Ē-li-āh'-bā the Shā-āl-bō'-nīte — ³⁴the sons of Hāsh'-ēm the Gī'-zōn-īte — Jonathan the son of Shā'-gē the Hār'-ā-rīte, ³⁵Ā-hī'-ām the son of Sā'-cār the Hār'-ā-rīte, Ē-lī'-phāl the son of Ur, ³⁶Hē'-phēr the Mē-chē'-rā-thīte, Ā-hī'-jāh the Pē'-lō-nīte, ³⁷Hēz'-rō of Cār'-mēl, Nā'-ā-raī the son of Ēz'-bāi, ³⁸Joel the brother of Nā'-thān, Mīb'-hār the son of Hāg-gē'-rī, ³⁹Zē'-lēk the Ām'-mōn-īte, Nā'-hā-raī the Bē'-rō-thīte, the armor-bearer of Joab the son of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh, ⁴⁰Ī'-rā the Īth'-rīte, Gār'-ēb the Īth'-rīte, ⁴¹Ū-rī'-āh the Hīt'-tīte, Zā'-bād the son of Āh'-lā-ī, ⁴²Ād'-ī-nā the son of Shī'-zā the Reubenite, a captain of the Reubenites, and thirty with him, ⁴³Hā'-nān the son of Mā'-ā-chāh, and Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the Mīth'-nīte, ⁴⁴Ūz-zī'-ā the Āsh-tē'-rā-thīte, Shā'-mā and Jē-hī'-ēl the sons of Hō'-thān the Ā-rō'-ēr-īte. ⁴⁵Jēd-ī-ā'-ēl the son of Shīm'-rī, and Jō'-hā his brother, the Tī'-zīte. ⁴⁶Ē-lī'-ēl the Mā-hā'-vīte, and Jēr-ī-bā'-ī, and Jōsh'-ā-vī'-āh, sons of Ēl-nā'-ām, and Īth'-māh the Moabite, ⁴⁷Ē-lī'-ēl, and Ō'-bēd, and Jās'-ī-ēl the Mē-sōb'-ā-īte.

CHAPTER 12

¹Now these are the ones who came to David unto Zik'-lāg, while he still kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish. And they were among the mighty men, helpers of the war. ²*They were* armed with bows and could use both the right hand and the left in *hurling* stones and *shooting* arrows out of a bow, *even* of Saul's brothers of Benjamin. ³The chief was Ā-hī-ē'-zēr, then Jō'-āsh, the sons of Shēm'-ā-āh the Gib'-ē-ā-thīte, and Jē'-zī-ēl, and Pē'-lēt, the sons of Āz-mā'-vēth, and

Bē-rā'-chāh, and Jehu of Ān'-ā-thōth ⁴and Is-māi'-āh the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty, and Jeremiah, and Jā-hā'-zī-ēl, and Jō-hā'-nān, and Jōs'-ā-bād the Gē-dē'-rā-thīte, ⁵Ē-lū'-zai, and Jēr'-ī-mōth, and Bē-ā-lī'-āh, and Shēm-ā-rī'-āh, and Shēph-ā-tī'-āh the Hā-rū'-phīte, ⁶Ēl-kā'-nāh, and Jē-sī'-āh, and Az'-ā-rēel, and Jō-ē'-zēr, and Jā-shōb'-ē-ām, the Kōr'-hites, ⁷and Jō-ē'-lāh, and Zēb-ādī'-āh, the sons of Jē-rō'-hām of Gē'-dōr. ⁸And mighty men from Gad separated themselves to David into the stronghold in the wilderness, men of war *fit* for the battle, who could handle shield and buckler, whose faces were the faces of lions, and were as swift as the roes upon the mountains — ⁹Ē'-zēr the first, Ō-bā-dī'-āh the second, Ē-lī'-āb the third, ¹⁰Mish-mān'-nāh the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, ¹¹Āt-tā'-ī the sixth, Ē-lī'-ēl the seventh, ¹²Jō-hā'-nān the eighth, El-zā'-bād the ninth, ¹³Jeremiah the tenth, Māch-bā'-naī the eleventh. ¹⁴These were the sons of Gad, captains of the army. One of the least was over a hundred, and the greatest over a thousand. ¹⁵These are they who went over Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks. And they put all *those* of the valleys to flight, toward the east and toward the west.

¹⁶And there came *some* from the children of Benjamin and Judah to the stronghold unto David. ¹⁷And David went out to meet them, and answered and said to them, If you have come to me in peace, to help me, my heart shall be knit to you. But if *you come* to betray me to my enemies, since there is no wrong in my hands, *let* the God of our fathers look *upon it* and rebuke it. ¹⁸Then the Spirit came upon Ā-mā'-saī, chief of the captains. *And he said, We are yours, David, and on your side, O son of Jesse. Peace, peace be upon you, and peace be upon your helpers. For your God helps you. Then David received them and made them captains of the band.* ¹⁹And there fell *some* from Mā-nās'-sēh to David, when he came with the Philistines to battle against Saul. (But they did not help them. For the lords of the Philistines sent him away upon advice, saying, He will fall to his master Saul *with* our heads.) ²⁰As he went to Zik'-lāg, there fell to him *these* from Mā-nās'-sēh — Ād'-nāh, and Jō'-zā-bād, and Jēd-ī-ā'-ēl, and Mī'-chāel, and Jō'-zā-bād, and Ē-lī'-hū, and Zil'-thai, captains of the thousands who were from Mā-nās'-sēh. ²¹And they helped David against the band, for they were all mighty men of power, and were captains in the army. ²²For at that time there came *many* to David day by day to help him, until it was a great army, like the army of God.

²³And these are the numbers of the bands who were ready armed for war, *and* came to David to Hē'-brōn, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the Lord. ²⁴The children of Judah who bore shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed for war. ²⁵From the children of Simeon *the* mighty men of power for the war were seven thousand and one hundred. ²⁶From the children of Levi were four thousand and six hundred. ²⁷And Jē-hoi'-ā-dā was the

leader of the Aaronites, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred, ²⁸and Zā'-dōk, a young man mighty in power, and of his father's house were twenty-two captains. ²⁹And the children of Benjamin, the kindred of Saul, were three thousand. For until now the greatest part of them had kept the ward of the house of Saul. ³⁰And from the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred mighty men of power, famous throughout the house of their fathers. ³¹And from the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh were eighteen thousand, who were chosen by name to come and make David king.

³²And from the children of Īs'-sā-chär, *men* who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do — the heads of them were two hundred. And all their brothers were at their command. ³³From Zē-bū'-lün, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, with all the weapons of war, were fifty thousand who could keep rank. *They were* not of a double heart. ³⁴And from Nāph'-tä-li were a thousand captains. And with them with shield and spear were thirty-seven thousand. ³⁵And from the men of Dan, expert in war, were twenty-eight thousand and six hundred. ³⁶And from Asher, such as went forth to battle, expert in war, were forty thousand. ³⁷And on the other side of Jordan, from the men of Reuben and of Gad, and from the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh, with all kinds of weapons of war for the battle, were a hundred and twenty thousand. ³⁸All these men of war, who could keep rank, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over Israel. And also all the rest of Israel were of one heart to make David king. ³⁹And they were with David three days, eating and drinking. For their brothers had prepared *food* for them. ⁴⁰Moreover, those who were near them, *even* to Īs'-sā-chär and Zē-bū'-lün and Nāph'-tä-li, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen. *And they brought* food, meal, cakes of figs and bunches of raisins, and wine and oil, and oxen and sheep plentifully. For there was joy in Israel.

CHAPTER 13

¹And David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, with every leader. ²And David said to all the congregation of Israel, *If it seems good to you*, and of the LORD our God, let us send abroad to our brothers everywhere, *those who are* left in all the land of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites who are in their cities and suburbs, so that they may gather themselves to us. ³And let us bring again the ark of our God to us. For we did not inquire at it in the days of Saul. ⁴And all the congregation said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. ⁵So David gathered all Israel together, from Shī'-hōr of Egypt even to the entering of Hā'-māth, to bring the ark of God from Kīr'-jäth-jē'-ä-rīm. ⁶And David and all Israel went up to Bā'-ä-läh, to Kīr'-jäth-jē'-ä-rīm, which *belonged* to

Judah, to bring up the ark of God the LORD from there, *He* who lives *between* the chēr'-ū-bīms, whose name is called *upon it*. ⁷And they carried the ark of God in a new cart out of the house of Ā-bin'-ā-dāb. And Ūz'-zā and Ā-hī'-ō drove the cart. ⁸And David and all Israel played before God with all *their* might, and with singing, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

⁹And when they came to the threshing-floor of Chī'-dōn, Ūz'-zā put forth his hand to hold the ark — for the oxen stumbled. ¹⁰And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Ūz'-zā, and He struck him because he put his hand to the ark. And he died there before the LORD. ¹¹And David was displeased because the LORD had made a break upon Ūz'-zā. Therefore that place is called Pē'-rēz-ūz'-zā to this day. ¹²And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God to me? ¹³So David did not bring the ark to himself to the city of David, but carried it aside into the house of Ō'bēd-ē'-dom the Gīt'-tīte. ¹⁴And the ark of God remained with the family of Ō'bēd-ē'-dom in his house three months. And the LORD blessed the house of Ō'bēd-ē'-dom and all that he had.

CHAPTER 14

¹Now Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and timbers of cedars, with masons and carpenters, to build him a house. ²And David saw that the LORD had confirmed him king over Israel, for his kingdom was lifted upon high, because of His people Israel.

³And David took more wives at Jerusalem. And David fathered more sons and daughters. ⁴Now these are the names of his children whom he had in Jerusalem — Shām'-mū-ā, and Shō'-bāb, Nā'-thān, and Solomon, ⁵and Ib'-hār, and Ē-lī'-shū-ā, and Ē'l'-pā-lēt, ⁶and Nō'-gāh, and Nēph'-ēg, and Jā-phī'-ā, ⁷and Ē-lī'-shā-mā, and Bēe-lī'-ā-dā, and Ē-līph'-ā-lēt.

⁸And when the Philistines heard that David was anointed king over all Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David. And David heard, and went out against them. ⁹And the Philistines came and spread themselves in the valley of Rēph'-ā-īm. ¹⁰And David asked of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? And wilt Thou deliver them into my hand? And the LORD said to him, Go up, for I will deliver them into your hand. ¹¹So they came up to Bā'-āl-pē-rā'-zīm. And David struck them there. Then David said, God has broken in upon my enemies by my hand like the breaking forth of waters. Therefore they called the name of that place Bā'-āl-pē-rā'-zīm. ¹²And when they had left their gods there, David gave a commandment, and they were burned with fire. ¹³And the Philistines still again spread themselves abroad in the valley. ¹⁴Therefore David asked again of God. And God said to him, Do not go up after them. Turn away from them, and come

upon them over against the mulberry trees. ¹⁵And when you shall hear a sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall go out to battle. For God has gone forth before you to strike the army of the Philistines. ¹⁶David therefore did as God commanded him. And they struck the army of the Philistines from Gib'-ë-ôn even to Gá'-zër. ¹⁷And the fame of David went out into all lands. And the LORD brought the fear of him upon all nations.

CHAPTER 15

¹And *David* made houses for himself in the city of David, and prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched a tent for it. ²Then David said, No one ought to carry the ark of God except the Levites, for God has chosen them to carry the ark of God, and to minister to Him forever. ³And David gathered all Israel together to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the LORD unto its place which He had prepared for it. ⁴And David gathered the children of Aaron, and the Levites. ⁵From the sons of Kō'-hâth were Ū'-rī-ël the chief, and a hundred and twenty of his brothers. ⁶From the sons of Mē-râr'-ī were Ā-saī'-âh the chief, and two hundred and twenty of his brothers. ⁷From the sons of Gēr'-shōm were Jō'-ël the chief, and a hundred and thirty of his brothers. ⁸From the sons of Ē-lī-zā'-phān were Shēm-aī'-âh the chief and two hundred of his brothers. ⁹From the sons of Hebron were Ē-lī'-ël the chief and eighty of his brothers. ¹⁰From the sons of Ūz'-zī-ël were Ām-mīn'-ā-dāb the chief and a hundred and twelve of his brothers.

¹¹And David called for Zā'-dōk and Ā-bī'-ā-thār the priests, and for the Levites, for Ū'-rī-ël, Ā-saī'-âh, and Jō'-ël, Shē-maī'-âh, and Ē-lī'-ël, and Ām-mīn'-ā-dāb. ¹²And *he* said to them, You are the chief of the fathers of the Levites. Sanctify yourselves, you and your brothers, so that you may bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel to *the place which* I have prepared for it. ¹³For because you did not *do it* at the first, the LORD our God made a break upon us, since we did not seek Him in due order. ¹⁴So the priests and the Levites made themselves pure in order to bring up the ark of the LORD God of Israel. ¹⁵And the children of the Levites carried the ark of God upon their shoulders, with the staves on it, as Moses commanded according to the word of the LORD. ¹⁶And David spoke to the chief of the Levites to choose their brothers to be the singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding by lifting the voice with joy. ¹⁷So the Levites chose Hē'-mān the son of Joel, and of his brothers, Ā'-sāph the son of Bēr-ē-chī'-âh. And from the sons of Mē-râr'-ī their brothers, was Ē'-thān the son of Kū-shaī'-âh. ¹⁸And with them were their brothers of the second *degree*, Zēch-ā-rī'-âh, Ben, and Jā'-ā-zī-ël, and Shē-mī'-rā-mōth, and Jē-hī'-ël, and Ūn'-nī, Ē-lī'-âb, and Bē-naī'-âh, and Mā'-ā-seī'-âh, and Māt-ti-thī'-âh, and Ē-liph'-ē-lēh, and Mik-neī'-âh, and Ō'-bēd-ē'-dom,

and Jē-ī-ēl, the porters. ¹⁹So the singers, Hē'-mān, Ā'-sāph, and Ē'-thān, were chosen to sound with cymbals of brass — ²⁰and Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, and Ā'-zī-ēl, and Shē-mī'-rā-mōth, and Jē-hī'-ēl, and Ūn'-nī, and Ē-lī'-āb, and Mā-ā-seī'-āh, and Bē-naī'-āh, with psalteries on Āl'-ā-mōth. ²¹And Māt-tī-thī'-āh, and Ē-liph'-ē-lēh, and Mik-neī'-āh, and Ō'-bēd-ē'-dom, and Jē-ī-ēl, and Āz-ā-zī'-āh, were to lead with harps on the Shēm'-in-ith. ²²And Chēn-ā-nī'-āh, chief of the Levites, was for song. He instructed about the song, because he was skillful. ²³And Bēr-ē-chī'-āh and Ēl-kā'-nāh were door-keepers for the ark. ²⁴And Shēb-ā-nī'-āh, and Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, and Nēth'-ā-nēel, and Ā-mā'-saī, and Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, and Bē-naī'-āh, and Ēl-ī-ē'-zēr, the priests, blew with the trumpets before the ark of God. And Ō'-bēd-ē'-dom and Jē-hī'-āh were door-keepers for the ark.

²⁵So David and the elders of Israel, and the captains over thousands, went to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the house of Ō'-bēd-ē'-dom with joy. ²⁶And when God helped the Levites who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, they offered seven bulls and seven rams. ²⁷And David was clothed with a robe of fine linen, and all the Levites who carried the ark, and the singers, and Chēn-ā-nī'-āh the master of the song with the singers. David also had upon him an ē'-phōd of linen. ²⁸So all Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the LORD with shouting, and with sound of the cornet, and with trumpets, and with cymbals, making a noise with psalteries and harps.

²⁹And as the ark of the covenant of the LORD came to the city of David, Mī'-chāl the daughter of Saul, looking out a window, saw king David dancing and playing. And she despised him in her heart.

CHAPTER 16

¹So they brought the ark of God and set it in the middle of the tent which David had pitched for it. And they offered burnt sacrifices and peace offerings before God. ²And when David had made an end of offering the burnt offering and the peace offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD. ³And he divided to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine.

⁴And he appointed *certain* of the Levites to minister before the ark of the LORD, and to record, and to thank and praise the LORD God of Israel — ⁵Ā'-sāph the chief, and next to him Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, Jē-ī-ēl, and Shē-mī'-rā-mōth, and Jē-hī'-ēl, and Māt-tī-thī'-āh, and Ē-lī'-āb, and Bē-naī'-āh, and Ō'-bēd-ē'-dom. And Jē-ī-ēl *praised* with psalteries and harps, but Ā'-sāph made a sound with cymbals. ⁶Also Bē-naī'-āh and Jā-hā'-zī-ēl the priests *praised* with trumpets continually before the ark of the covenant of God.

⁷Then on that day David first delivered *this psalm* into the hand of Ā'-sāph and his brothers in order to thank the LORD.

⁸Give thanks unto the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the people. ⁹Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him, talk of all His wondrous works. ¹⁰Glory in His holy name, let the heart of those who seek the LORD rejoice. ¹¹Seek the LORD and His strength, seek His face continually. ¹²Remember His marvelous works which He had done, His wonders, and the judgments of His mouth, ¹³O seed of Israel His servant, children of Jacob, His chosen ones. ¹⁴He is the LORD our God. His judgments are in all the earth. ¹⁵Be always mindful of His covenant, the word *which* He commanded to a thousand generations, ¹⁶which He made with Abraham, and of His oath unto Isaac. ¹⁷And *He* has confirmed the saying to Jacob for a law, to Israel for an everlasting covenant, ¹⁸saying, Unto you will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance, ¹⁹when you were but few, even a few, and strangers in it. ²⁰And *when* they went from nation to nation, and from *one* kingdom to another people, ²¹He did not allow any man to do them wrong. Yea, He reproveth kings for their sakes, ²²saying, Touch not My anointed, and do My prophets no harm. ²³Sing unto the LORD, all the earth. Show forth from day to day His salvation. ²⁴Declare His glory among the heathen, His marvelous works among all nations. ²⁵For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised. He also is to be feared above all gods. ²⁶For all the gods of the people are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. ²⁷Glory and honor are in His presence, strength and gladness are in His place. ²⁸Give to the LORD, you kindreds of the people, give to the LORD glory and strength. ²⁹Give to the LORD the glory *due* to His name, bring an offering and come before Him, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness. ³⁰Fear before Him, all the earth. The world also shall be steadfast, so that it may not be moved. ³¹Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice. And let *men* say among the nations, The LORD reigns. ³²Let the sea roar, and the fulness of it. Let the fields rejoice, and all that are in them. ³³Then shall the trees of the wood sing out at the presence of the LORD, because He comes to judge the earth. ³⁴O give thanks unto the LORD, for He is good, for His mercy *endures* forever. ³⁵And say, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us together, and deliver us from the heathen, so that we may give thanks to Thy holy name, *and* glory in Thy praise. ³⁶Blessed be the LORD God of Israel forever and ever. And all the people said, Amen, and praised the LORD.

³⁷So he left there Ā'-sāph and his brothers before the ark of the covenant of the LORD to minister before the ark continually, as every day's work required. ³⁸And *also* Ō'-bēd-ē'-dom, with their brothers, sixty-eight. *He left there* also Ō'-bēd-ē'-dom, the son of Jē-dū'-thūn and Hō'-sāh to be keepers of the gate. ³⁹And *he left* Zā'-dōk the priest and his brothers the priests before the tabernacle of the LORD in the

high place which was at Gīb'-ě-ōn, ⁴⁰to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD upon the altar of the burnt offering morning and evening without end, and to do according to all that is written in the law of the LORD which He commanded Israel. ⁴¹And *he left* with them Hē'-mān and Jē-dū'-thūn, and the rest who were chosen, who were called by name, to give thanks to the LORD, because His mercy *endures* forever. ⁴²And with them were Hē'-mān and Jē-dū'-thūn with trumpets and cymbals for those who should make a sound, and with musical instruments of God. And the sons of Jē-dū'-thūn were gatekeepers. ⁴³And all the people departed, each man to his house. And David returned to bless his house.

CHAPTER 17

¹And as David sat in his house, David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in a house of cedars, but the ark of the covenant of the LORD is under curtains. ²Then Nathan said to David, Do all that is in your heart, for God is with you. ³And the same night the word of God came to Nathan, saying, ⁴Go and tell David My servant, Thus says the LORD, You shall not build Me a house to live in. ⁵For I have not lived in a house since the day that I brought up Israel until this day, but have gone from tent to tent, and from *one* tabernacle *to another*. ⁶Wherever I have walked with all Israel, did I speak a word to any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to feed My people, saying, Why have you not built Me a house of cedars? ⁷Now therefore you shall say this to My servant David, Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the shepcote, from following the sheep, so that you should be ruler over My people Israel. ⁸And I have been with you wherever you have walked, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a name like the name of the great men who are in the earth. ⁹Also I will set a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, and they shall live in their place and shall be moved no more. Neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the beginning, ¹⁰and since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all your enemies. Furthermore I tell you that the LORD will build you a house.

¹¹And when your days have ended so that you must go to be with your fathers, I will raise up your seed after you, who shall be from your sons. And I will make his kingdom sure. ¹²He shall build Me a house, and I will establish his throne forever. ¹³I will be his Father, and he shall be My son. And I will not take My mercy away from him as I took *it* from *him* who was before you. ¹⁴But I will settle him in My house, and in My kingdom forever. And his throne shall be made sure forevermore. ¹⁵According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

¹⁶And David the king came and sat before the LORD and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is my house, that Thou hast brought me here? ¹⁷And this was a small thing in Thy eyes, O God, for Thou hast also spoken of Thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God. ¹⁸What can David *speak* more unto Thee for the honor of Thy servant? For Thou knowest Thy servant! ¹⁹O LORD, for Thy servant's sake, and according to Thy own heart, Thou hast done all this greatness, in making known all *these* great things. ²⁰O LORD, *there is* none like Thee, neither *is there any* God besides Thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. ²¹And what one nation in the earth is like Thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be His own people, to make Thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed out of Egypt? ²²For Thy people Israel didst Thou make Thy own people forever. And Thou, LORD, didst become their God. ²³Therefore now, O LORD, let the thing which Thou hast spoken concerning Thy servant and concerning his house be established forever, and do as Thou hast said. ²⁴Let it even be established, so that Thy name may be magnified forever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God of Israel, a God to Israel. And *let* the house of David Thy servant be established before Thee. ²⁵For Thou, O my God, hast told Thy servant that Thou wilt build him a house. Therefore Thy servant has found *in his heart* to pray before Thee. ²⁶And now, LORD, Thou art God, and hast promised this goodness unto Thy servant. ²⁷Now therefore let it please Thee to bless the house of Thy servant so that it may be before Thee forever. For Thou hast blessed, O LORD, and it is blessed forever.

CHAPTER 18

¹Now after this David struck the Philistines and humbled them. And *he* took Gath and its towns out of the hand of the Philistines. ²And he struck Moab. And the people of Moab became David's servants *and* brought gifts. ³And David struck Hād-ā-rē'-zēr king of Zō'-bāh unto Hā'-māth, as he went to establish his dominion by the river Eū-phrā'-tēs. ⁴And David took from him a thousand chariots and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen. David also hamstrung all the chariot *horses*, but kept from them a hundred chariots. ⁵And when the Syrians of Damascus came to help Hād-ā-rē'-zēr king of Zō'-bāh, David killed twenty-two thousand men of the Syrians. ⁶Then David put *soldiers* in Syria of Damascus. And the Syrians became David's servants, bringing gifts. Thus the LORD preserved David wherever he went. ⁷And David took the shields of gold which were on the servants of Hād-ā-rē'-zēr, and brought them to Jerusalem. ⁸Likewise David brought very much brass from Tib'-hāth, and from Chūn, cities of Hād-

ă-rē'-zēr, with which Solomon made the brass sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of brass.

⁹Now when Tō'-ū king of Hā'-māth heard how David had stricken all the army of Hād-ă-rē'-zēr king of Zō'-bāh, ¹⁰he sent Hā-dôr'-ām his son to king David to ask of his welfare, and to praise him because he had fought against Hād-ă-rē'-zēr and had beaten him. For Hād-ă-rē'-zēr had war with Tō'-ū. And *he sent* all kinds of vessels of gold and silver and brass. ¹¹King David also dedicated them unto the LORD, with the silver and the gold which he brought from all the nations—from Edom, and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Ām'-ă-lēk. ¹²Moreover Āb'-ī-shai the son of Zēr-ū-i'-āh killed eighteen thousand of the men of Edom in the valley of salt. ¹³And he put guards in Edom. And all the men of Edom became David's servants. So the LORD kept David safe wherever he went.

¹⁴So David reigned over all Israel, and did judgment and justice among all his people. ¹⁵And Joab the son of Zēr-ū-i'-āh was over the army. And Jē-hōsh'-ă-phāt the son of Ā-hī'-lūd was recorder. ¹⁶And Zā'-dōk the son of Ā-hī'-tūb, and Ā-bīm'-ĕ-lēch the son of Ā-bī'-ă-thār were the priests. And Shāv'-shā was scribe. ¹⁷And Bē-nai'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ă-dā was over the Chēr'-ĕ-thītes and the Pēl'-ĕ-thītes. And the sons of David were chief at the hand of the king.

CHAPTER 19

¹Now after this Nā'-hāsh the king of the children of Ammon died. And his son reigned in his stead. ²And David said, I will show kindness to Hā'-nūn the son of Nā'-hāsh, because his father showed kindness to me. And David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. So the servants of David came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hā'-nūn, in order to comfort him. ³But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hā'-nūn, Do you think that David does honor to your father, that he has sent comforters to you? Have not his servants come to you in order to search and to overthrow and to spy out the land? ⁴Therefore Hā'-nūn took David's servants and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, close to their buttocks, and sent them away. ⁵And *certain ones* came and told David how the men were treated. And he sent *some* to meet them, for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Stay at Jericho until your beards are grown, and *then* return.

⁶And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves stink before David, Hā'-nūn and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire chariots and horsemen out of Mēs-ō-pō-tā'-mī-ă and out of Mā'-ă-chāh of Syria, and out of Zō'-bāh. ⁷So they hired thirty-two thousand chariots, and the king of Mā'-ă-chāh

and his people, who came and pitched before Mē'-dē-bā. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities and came to battle. ⁸And when David heard, he sent Joab and all the army of the mighty men. ⁹And the children of Ammon came out and put the battle in order before the gate of the city. And the kings who had come were by themselves in the field. ¹⁰Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose out of all the choice *young men* of Israel and put them in order against the Syrians. ¹¹And he delivered the rest of the people into the hand of Āb'-ī-shaī his brother. And they set *themselves* in order against the children of Ammon. ¹²And he said, If the Syrians are too strong for me, then you shall help me. But if the children of Ammon are too strong for you, then I will help you. ¹³Be of good courage and let us behave ourselves bravely for our people, and for the cities of our God. And let the LORD do what is good in His sight. ¹⁴So Joab and the people who were with him drew near before the Syrians to the battle. And they fled before him. ¹⁵And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians had fled, they likewise fled before Āb'-ī-shaī his brother. And *they* entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

¹⁶And when the Syrians saw that they were beaten before Israel, they sent messengers and drew forth the Syrians who were beyond the river. And Shō'-phāch the captain of the army of Hād-ā-rē'-zēr went before them. ¹⁷And it was told to David. And he gathered all Israel and passed over Jordan and came upon them. And *he* set in order against them. So when David had put the battle in order against the Syrians, they fought with him. ¹⁸But the Syrians fled before Israel. And David killed seven thousand of the Syrians in chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shō'-phāch the captain of the army. ¹⁹And when the servants of Hād-ā-rē'-zēr saw that they were beaten before Israel, they made peace with David and became his servants. Neither would the Syrians help the children of Ammon any more.

CHAPTER 20

¹And after the year had ended, at the time kings go forth, Joab led forth the power of the army and wasted the country of the children of Ammon. And *he* came and besieged Rāb'-bāh. But David stayed at Jerusalem. And Joab struck Rāb'-bāh and destroyed it. ²And David took the crown of their king from off his head and found the weight of it a talent of gold. And precious stones were in it. And it was set upon David's head, and he also brought exceeding much spoil out of the city. ³And he brought out the people who were in it, and made them sawers of stone, diggers of iron, and cutters of wood. Even so David dealt with all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

⁴And after this there arose war at Gē'-zēr with the Philistines, at which time Sīb'-bē-chaī the Hū'-shā-thīte killed Sīp'-pā-ī, of the children of the giant. And they were humbled. ⁵And there was war again with the Philistines. And Ēl-hā'-nān the son of Jā'-īr slew Lāh'-mī the brother of Gō-lī'-āth the Gīt'-tīte, whose spear shaft was like a weaver's beam. ⁶And still again there was war at Gath, where there was a man of *great* stature, whose fingers and toes were twenty-four, six *on each hand* and six *on each foot*. And he also was the son of the giant. ⁷But when he defied Israel, Jonathan the son of Shīm'-ē-ā, David's brother, killed him. ⁸These were born to the giant in Gath. And they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

CHAPTER 21

¹And Satan stood up against Israel and moved David to take a census of Israel. ²And David said to Joab and to the rulers of the people, Go count Israel from Bēer-shē'-bā to Dan. And bring the number of them to me so that I may know. ³And Joab answered, *May* the LORD make His people a hundred times as many more as they are. But, my lord the king, are they not all my lord's servants? Why then does my lord ask this thing? Why will he be a cause of guilt to Israel? ⁴But the king's word held against Joab. Therefore Joab departed and went throughout all Israel, and came *again* to Jerusalem.

⁵And Joab gave the sum of the number of the people to David. And *in all* Israel there were one million and a hundred thousand men who drew sword. And *in* Judah were four hundred and seventy thousand men who drew sword. ⁶But Levi and Benjamin he did not count among them; for the king's word was hateful to Joab. ⁷And God was displeased with this thing. Therefore He struck Israel. ⁸And David said to God, I have sinned greatly because I have done this thing. But now, I beg Thee, remove the iniquity of Thy servant — for I have done very foolishly.

⁹And the LORD spoke to Gad, David's seer, saying, ¹⁰Go and tell David, saying, Thus says the LORD: I offer you three *things*. Choose one of them so that I may do it to you. ¹¹So Gad came to David and said to him, Thus says the LORD, Choose ¹²either three years' famine, or three months to be destroyed before your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes *you*, or else three days of the sword of the LORD, even the plague in the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the border of Israel. Now therefore say what word I shall bring again to Him who sent me.

¹³And David said to Gad, I am in great distress. Let me fall now into the hand of the LORD, for His mercies are very great. But do not let me fall into the hand of man.

¹⁴So the LORD sent a plague upon Israel. And there fell seventy thousand men of Israel. ¹⁵And God sent an angel to Jerusalem to destroy it. And as he was destroying, the LORD looked. And He repented of the evil and said to the angel who destroyed, It is enough — stay your hand now! And the angel of the LORD stood by the threshing-floor of Ōr'-nān the Jēb'-ū-site. ¹⁶And David lifted up his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD stand between the earth and the sky, having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. ¹⁷And David said to God, Did not I command the people to be numbered? I am the one who has sinned and done evil indeed. But these sheep, what have they done? I pray Thee, let Thy hand be upon me, O LORD my God, and upon my father's house, but not upon Thy people, that they should be plagued.

¹⁸Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David that David should go up and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshing-floor of Ōr'-nān the Jēb'-ū-site. ¹⁹And David went up at the word of Gad which he spoke in the name of the LORD. ²⁰And Ōr'-nān turned back and saw the angel. And his four sons who were with him hid themselves. Now Ōr'-nān was threshing wheat. ²¹And as David came to Ōr'-nān, Ōr'-nān looked and saw David. And *he* went out of the threshing-floor and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. ²²Then David said to Ōr'-nān, Give me the place of this threshing-floor, so that I may build an altar in it to the LORD. You shall give it to me for the full price, so that the plague may be stayed from the people. ²³And Ōr'-nān said to David, Take *it* unto yourself, and let my lord the king do what is good in his eyes. Lo, I give the oxen for burnt offerings, and the threshing instruments for wood, and the wheat for the meal offering. I give it all. ²⁴And king David said to Ōr'-nān, No, but I will truly buy it for the full price. For I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings without cost. ²⁵So David gave to Ōr'-nān for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. ²⁶And David built an altar there unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings, and called upon the LORD. And He answered him from Heaven by fire upon the altar of burnt offering. ²⁷And the LORD commanded the angel, and he put up his sword again into its sheath.

²⁸At that time when David saw that the LORD had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ōr'-nān the Jēb'-ū-site, then he sacrificed there. ²⁹For the tabernacle of the LORD, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of the burnt offering, were at that time in the high place at Gīb'-ē-ōn. ³⁰But David could not go before it to ask of God, for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of the LORD.

CHAPTER 22

¹Then David said, This is the house of the LORD God, and this is the altar of the burnt offering for Israel. ²And David commanded to gather together the strangers who were in the land of Israel. And he set masons to cut squared stones to build the house of God. ³And David prepared iron in great plenty for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings, and brass in great plenty without weight, ⁴and plenty of cedar trees, for the Si-dō'-ni-āns and those of Tyre brought much cedar wood to David. ⁵And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be built for the LORD must be unspeakably magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries. I will now prepare for it. So David prepared very much before his death.

⁶Then he called for Solomon his son, and commanded him to build a house for the LORD God of Israel. ⁷And David said to Solomon, My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of the LORD my God. ⁸But the word of the LORD came to me, saying, You have shed much blood and have made great wars. You shall not build a house unto My name because you have shed much blood upon the earth in My sight. ⁹Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of rest. And I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. For his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days. ¹⁰He shall build a house for My name. And he shall be My son, and I will be his Father. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever. ¹¹Now, my son, *may* the LORD be with you and bless you, and build the house of the LORD your God as He has said of you. ¹²Only *may* the LORD give you wisdom and understanding, and direct you concerning Israel, so that you may keep the law of the LORD your God. ¹³Then you shall be blessed, if you take heed to fulfil the statutes and judgments which the LORD charged Moses with, concerning Israel. Be strong and of good courage. Do not fear, nor be dismayed. ¹⁴Now, behold, in my trouble I have prepared for the house of the LORD a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a million talents of silver, and of brass and iron without weight, for it is in great plenty. I have prepared timber also, and stone, and you may add to it. ¹⁵Moreover there are very many workmen with you, cutters and workers of stone and timber, and all kinds of skillful men for every kind of work. ¹⁶Of the gold, the silver, and the brass, and the iron, there is no number. Arise and be doing, and *may* the LORD be with you.

¹⁷David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*, ¹⁸Is not the LORD your God with you? And has He *not* given you rest on every side? For He has given the people of the land into my hand. And the land is humbled before the LORD and before His people. ¹⁹Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your

God. Arise therefore and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD.

CHAPTER 23

¹So when David was old and full of days, he made his son Solomon king over Israel. ²And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. ³Now the Levites were numbered from the age of thirty years and upward. And their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty-eight thousand. ⁴Of these, twenty-four thousand were to set forward the work of the house of the LORD, and six thousand were officers and judges. ⁵Moreover four thousand were porters, and four thousand praised the LORD with the instruments which *David* made for praising. ⁶And David divided them into courses among the sons of Levi, Gēr'-shōn, Kō'-hāth, and Mē-rār'-ī.

⁷Of the men of Gēr'-shōn were Lā'-ā-dān and Shīm'-ē-ī. ⁸The sons of Lā'-ā-dān were Jē-hī'-ēl the chief, and Zē'-thām, and Joel, three. ⁹The sons of Shīm'-ē-ī were Shē-lō'-mīth, and Hā'-zī-ēl, and Hār'-ān, three. These were the chief of the fathers of Lā'-ā-dān. ¹⁰And the sons of Shīm'-ē-ī were Jā'-hāth, Zī'-nā, and Jē'-ūsh, and Bē-rī'-āh. These four were the sons of Shīm'-ē-ī. ¹¹And Jā'-hāth was the chief, and Zī'-zāh the second. But Jē'-ūsh and Bē-rī'-āh did not have many sons. Therefore they were in one reckoning, according to *their* father's house.

¹²The sons of Kō'-hāth were Ām'-rām, Īz'-hār, Hē'-brōn, and Ūz'-zī-ēl, four. ¹³The sons of Ām'-rām were Aaron and Moses. And Aaron was separated so that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons forever, to burn incense before the LORD, to minister unto Him, and to bless in His name forever. ¹⁴Now *as to* Moses the man of God, his sons were named of the tribe of Levi. ¹⁵The sons of Moses were Gēr'-shōm and Ēl-ī-ē'-zēr. ¹⁶Of the sons of Gēr'-shōm, Shē-bū'-ēl was the chief. ¹⁷And the sons of Ēl-ī-ē'-zēr were Rē-hā-bī'-āh the chief. And Ēl-ī-ē'-zēr had no other sons, but the sons of Rē-hā-bī'-āh were very many. ¹⁸Of the sons of Īz'-hār, Shē-lō'-mīth was the chief. ¹⁹Of the sons of Hē'-brōn, Jē-rī'-āh was the first. Ām'-ā-rī'-āh the second, Jā-hā'-zī-ēl the third, and Jē-kām'-ē-ām the fourth. ²⁰Of the sons of Ūz'-zī-ēl, Mī'-chāh was the first and Jē-sī'-āh the second.

²¹The sons of Mē-rār'-ī were Māh'-lī and Mū'-shī. The sons of Māh'-lī were Ēl-ē-ā'-zār and Kish. ²²And Ēl-ē-ā'-zār died, and had no sons, but had daughters. And their brothers, the sons of Kish, took them. ²³The sons of Mū'-shī were Māh'-lī, and Ē'-dēr, and Jēr'-ē-mōth, three.

²⁴These were the sons of Levi after the house of their fathers, the chief of the fathers, as they were counted by number of names by their polls, *the ones* who did the work for the service of the house of the

LORD, from the age of twenty years and upward. ²⁵For David said, The LORD God of Israel has given rest to His people so that they may dwell in Jerusalem forever, ²⁶and also to the Levites, so that they shall no more carry the tabernacle, nor any vessels of it for the service of it. ²⁷For by the last words of David the Levites were numbered from twenty years old and above, ²⁸because their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the LORD, in the courts and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God — ²⁹both for the showbread, and for the fine flour for meal offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for the pan, and for that which is fried, and for all kinds of measure and size, ³⁰and to stand every morning to thank and praise the LORD, and likewise at evening. ³¹And *they were* to offer all burnt sacrifices unto the LORD in the sabbath, in the new moons, and on the set feasts, by number, according to the order commanded to them, continually before the LORD — ³²and that they should keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the charge of the holy *place*, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brothers, in the service of the house of the LORD.

CHAPTER 24

¹Now *these are* the divisions of the sons of Aaron. The sons of Aaron were Nā'-dāb and Ā-bī'-hū, Ēl-ē-ā'-zār, and Īth'-ā-mār. ²But Nadab and Ā-bī'-hū died before their father and had no children. Therefore Ēl-ē-ā'-zār and Īth'-ā-mār executed the priest's office. ³And David gave them duties according to their offices in their service, both Zā'-dōk of the sons of Ēl-ē-ā'-zār, and Ā-him'-ē-lēch of the sons of Īth'-ā-mār. ⁴And there were more chief men found of the sons of Ēl-ē-ā'-zār than of the sons of Īth'-ā-mār. And *so* they were divided. Among the sons of Ēl-ē-ā'-zār were sixteen chief men of the house of *their* fathers, and eight among the sons of Īth'-ā-mār according to the house of their fathers. ⁵So they were divided by lot, one sort with another. For the governors of the sanctuary, and governors *of the house of God*, were of the sons of Ēl-ē-ā'-zār, and of the sons of Īth'-ā-mār. ⁶And Shēm-aī'-āh the son of Nēth'-ā-nēel the scribe, *one* of the Levites, wrote them before the king, and the princes, and Zā'-dōk the priest, and Ā-him'-ē-lēch the son of Ā-bī'-ā-thār, and *before* the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites. One principal household was taken for Ēl-ē-ā'-zār, and *one* taken for Īth'-ā-mār. ⁷Now the first lot came forth to Jē-hoi'-ā-rib, the second to Jē-dai'-āh, ⁸the third to Hā'-im, the fourth to Sē-ōr'-im, ⁹the fifth to Māl-chī'-jāh, the sixth to Mī'-jā-min, ¹⁰the seventh to Hāk'-kōz, the eighth to Ā-bī'-jāh, ¹¹the ninth to Jēsh'-ū-ā, the tenth to Shēc-ā-nī'-āh, ¹²the eleventh to Ē-lī-āsh'-īb, the twelfth to Jakim, ¹³the thirteenth to Hūp'-pāh, the fourteenth to Jē-shēb'-ē-āb, ¹⁴the fifteenth to Bīl'-gāh, the sixteenth to Im'-mēr, ¹⁵the seventeenth to Hē'-zīr, the

eighteenth to Āph'-sēs, ¹⁶the nineteenth to Pēth-ā-hī'-āh, the twentieth to Jē-hēz'-ēk-ēl, ¹⁷the twenty-first to Jā'-chīn, the twenty-second to Gām'-ūl, ¹⁸the twenty-third to Dēl-aī'-āh, the twenty-fourth to Mā-ā-zī'-āh. ¹⁹These were the orderings of them in their service to come into the house of the LORD, according to their manner, unto Aaron their father, as the LORD God of Israel had commanded him.

²⁰And the rest of the sons of Levi *were these*: Of the sons of Ām'-rām, Shū'-bā-ēl; of the sons of Shū'-bā-ēl, Jēh-deī'-āh. ²¹Concerning Rē-hā-bī'-āh, of the sons of Rē-hā-bī'-āh, the first was Īs-shī'-āh. ²²Of the Iz-hār'-ītes, Shē-lō'-mōth; of the sons of Shē-lō'-mōth, Jā'-hāth. ²³And the sons of *Hebron* were Jē-rī'-āh, Ām-ā-rī'-āh the second, Jā-hā'-zī-ēl the third, Jē-kām'-ē-ām the fourth. ²⁴Of the sons of Ūz'-zī-ēl, Mī'-chāh. Of the sons of Mī'-chāh, Shā'-mīr. ²⁵The brother of Mī'-chāh was Īs-shī'-āh. Of the sons of Īs-shī'-āh, Zēch-ā-rī'-āh. ²⁶The sons of Mē-rār'-ī were Māh'-lī and Mū'-shī. The sons of Jā-ā-zī'-āh, Bē'-nō.

²⁷The sons of Mē-rār'-ī by Jā-ā-zī'-āh were Bē'-nō, and Shō'-hām, and Zāc'-cūr, and Īb'-rī. ²⁸Of Māh'-lī came Ēl-ē-ā'-zār, who had no sons. ²⁹Of Kish, the son of Kish was Jē-rāh'-mēel. ³⁰The sons of Mū'-shī were Māh'-lī, and Ē'-dēr, and Jēr'-ī-mōth. These were the sons of the Levites according to the house of their fathers. ³¹These likewise cast lots over against their brothers the sons of Aaron in the presence of David the king, and Zā'-dōk, and Ā-hīm'-ē-lēch, and the chief of the fathers of the priests and Levites, even the principal fathers over against their younger brothers.

CHAPTER 25

¹Moreover David and the captains of the army separated to the service *those* of the sons of Ā'-sāph, and of Hē'-mān, and of Jē-dū'-thūn, who were to prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals. And the number of the workmen according to their service was — ²of the sons of Ā'-sāph, Zāc'-cūr, and Joseph, and Nēth-ā-nī'-āh, and Ās-ā-rē'-lāh, the sons under the hands of Ā'-sāph, who prophesied according to the order of the king. ³Of Jē-dū'-thūn were the sons of Jē-dū'-thūn, Gēd-ā-lī'-āh, and Zē'-rī, and Jē-shaī'-āh, Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh, and Māt-tī-thī'-āh, six, under the hands of their father Jē-dū'-thūn, who prophesied with a harp to give thanks and to praise the LORD. ⁴Of Hē'-mān were the sons of Hē'-mān, Būk-kī'-āh, Māt-tā-nī'-āh, Ūz'-zī-ēl, Shē-bū'-ēl, and Jēr'-ī-mōth, Hān-ā-nī'-āh, Hā-nā'-nī, Ē-lī'-ā-thāh, Gīd-dāl'-tī, and Rō-mām'-tī-ē'-zēr, Jōsh-bē-kāsh'-āh, Māl-lō'-thī, Hō'-thīr, Mā-hā'-zī-ōth. ⁵All these were the sons of Hē'-mān the king's seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Hē'-mān fourteen sons and three daughters. ⁶All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of the LORD, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God, according to the king's order to Ā'-sāph,

Jě-dū'-thūn, and Hē'-mān. ⁷So the number of them, with their brothers who were instructed in the songs of the LORD, all that were skillful, was two hundred and eighty-eight.

⁸And they cast lots, ward against ward, the small as well as the great, the teacher as the pupil. ⁹Now the first lot came forth for Ā'-sāph to Joseph. The second was to Gěd-ā-lī'-āh, with his brothers and sons; twelve men. ¹⁰The third was to Zāc'-cūr, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ¹¹The fourth was to Iz'-rī, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ¹²The fifth was to Nēth-ā-nī'-āh, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ¹³The sixth was to Būk-kī'-āh, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ¹⁴The seventh was to Jěsh-ā-rē'-lāh, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ¹⁵The eighth was to Jě-shai'-āh, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ¹⁶The ninth was to Māt-tā-nī'-āh, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ¹⁷The tenth was to Shīm'-ē-ī, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ¹⁸The eleventh was to Āz'-ā-rēel, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ¹⁹The twelfth was to Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ²⁰The thirteenth was to Shū-bā'-ēl, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ²¹The fourteenth was to Māt-tī-thī'-āh, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ²²The fifteenth was to Jēr'-ē-mōth, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ²³The sixteenth was to Hān-ā-nī'-āh, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ²⁴The seventeenth was to Jōsh-bē-kāsh'-āh, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ²⁵The eighteenth was to Hā-nā'-nī, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ²⁶The nineteenth was to Māl-lō'-thī, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ²⁷The twentieth was to Ē-lī'-ā-thāh, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ²⁸The twenty-first was to Hō'-thīr, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ²⁹The twenty-second was to Gīd-dāl'-tī, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ³⁰The twenty-third was to Mā-hā'-zī-ōth, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve. ³¹The twenty-fourth was to Rō-mām'-tī-ē'-zēr, his sons and his brothers; *they were* twelve.

CHAPTER 26

¹Concerning the divisions of the gatekeepers: Of the Kōr'-hites was Mě-shēl-ē-mī'-āh the son of Kōr'-ē, of the sons of Ā'-sāph. ²And the sons of Mě-shēl-ē-mī'-āh were Zěch-ā-rī'-āh the first-born, Jěd-ī-ā'-ēl the second, Zēb-ā-dī'-āh the third, Jāth'-nī-ēl the fourth, ³Ē'-lām the fifth, Jē-hō-hā'-nān the sixth, Ēl-ī-ō-ē'-naī the seventh. ⁴Moreover the sons of Ō'-bēd-ē'-dōm were Shēm-aī'-āh the first-born, Jē-hō'-zā-bād the second, Jō'-āh the third, and Sā'-cār the fourth, and Nēth'-ā-nēel the fifth, ⁵Ām'-mī-ēl the sixth, Is'-sā-chār the seventh, Pē-ūl'-thaī the eighth — for God blessed him. ⁶Also to Shēm-aī'-āh his son were sons born, who ruled throughout the house of their father, for they were mighty men of valor. ⁷The sons of Shēm-aī'-āh were Ōth'-nī, and Rēph'-ā-ēl, and

Ō'-bēd, Ēl-zā'-bād, whose brothers were strong men, Ē-lī'-hū, and Sēm-ā-chī'-āh. ⁸All these were the sons of Ō'-bēd-ē'-dōm. They and their sons and their brothers were able men for strength for the service, *and there were* six of Ō'-bēd-ē'-dōm. ⁹And Mē-shēl-ē-mī'-āh had sons and brothers, strong men, eighteen. ¹⁰Also Hō'-sāh, of the children of Mē-rār'-ī, had sons. Sīm'-rī was the chief (for *though* he was not the first-born, yet his father made him the chief), ¹¹Hil-kī'-āh the second, Tēb-ā-lī'-āh the third, Zēch-ā-rī'-āh the fourth. All the sons and brothers of Hō'-sāh were thirteen. ¹²Among these were the divisions of the porters, among the chief men, having wards one against another, to minister in the house of the LORD.

¹³And they cast lots, the small as well as the great, according to the house of their fathers, for every gate. ¹⁴And the lot eastward fell to Shēl-ē-mī'-āh. Then for Zēch-ā-rī'-āh his son, a wise adviser, they cast lots. And his lot came out northward. ¹⁵To Ō'-bēd-ē'-dōm southward; and to his sons the house of Ā-sūp'-pīm. To Shūp'-pīm and Hō'-sāh westward, with the gate Shāl'-lē-chēth, by the causeway of the going up, ward against ward. ¹⁶Eastward were six Levites, northward four a day, southward four a day, and toward Ā-sūp'-pīm two and two. ¹⁷For the precinct westward, four at the causeway, and two at the precinct. ¹⁸These are the divisions of the gatekeepers among the sons of Kōr'-ē, and among the sons of Mē-rār'-ī.

²⁰And of the Lē'-vītes, Ā-hī'-jāh was over the treasures of the house of God and over the treasures of the holy things. ²¹As to the sons of Lā'-ā-dān, chief fathers of Lā'-ā-dān the Gēr'-shōn-īte, were Jē-hī-ē'-lī; ²²the sons of Jē-hī-ē'-lī were Zē'-thām and Joel his brother, *who were* over the treasures of the house of the LORD, ²³for the Ām'-rām-ītes, *and* the Īz-hār'-ītes, the Hē'-brōn-ītes, *and* the Ūz'-zī-ēl-ītes. ²⁴And Shē-bū'-ēl the son of Gēr'-shōm, the son of Moses, was ruler of the treasures. ²⁵And his brothers by Ēl-ī-ē'-zēr were Rē-hā-bī'-āh his son, and Jē-shaī'-āh his son, and Joram his son, and Zīch'-rī his son, and Shē-lō'-mīth his son. ²⁶This Shē-lō'-mīth and his brothers were over all the treasures of the holy things, which David the king, and the chief fathers, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the army, had given. ²⁷They had given *part* of the spoils won in battles, to maintain the house of the LORD, ²⁸and all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zēr-ū-ī'-āh had given. Whoever had given *anything*, *it was* under the hand of Shē-lō'-mīth and of his brothers.

²⁹Of the Īz-hār'-ītes, Chēn-ā-nī'-āh and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. ³⁰Of the men of Hē'-brōn, Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh and his brothers, men of valor, a thousand and seven hundred, were officers among them of Israel on this side Jordan westward in all the business of the LORD, and in the service of the king. ³¹Jē-rī'-jāh was the chief among the men of Hē'-brōn. *He was* of the Hē'-brōn-

ites, according to the generations of his fathers. In the fortieth year of the reign of David they were sought for, and there were found among them mighty men of valor at Jā'-zēr of Gilead. ³²And his brothers, mighty men, were two thousand and seven hundred chief fathers whom king David made rulers over the men of Reuben, of Gad, and the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh, for every matter having to do with God and the affairs of the king.

CHAPTER 27

¹Now the children of Israel as to their number, the chief fathers and captains of thousands and hundreds, and their officers who served the king in any matter of the courses, who came in and went out month by month throughout all the months of the year, were twenty-four thousand of every course.

²Over the first course for the first month was Jā-shōb'-ē-ām the son of Zāb'-dī-ēl. And in his course were twenty-four thousand. ³Of the children of Pē'-rēz was the chief of all the captains of the army for the first month. ⁴And over the course of the second month was Dō'-daī an Ā-hō'-hīte, and of his course Mik'-lōth was also the ruler. In his course likewise were twenty-four thousand. ⁵The third captain of the army for the third month was Bē-naī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā, a chief priest. And in his course were twenty-four thousand. ⁶This is *that* Bē-naī'-āh who was mighty among the thirty, and above the thirty. And in his course was Ām-mī'-zā-bād his son. ⁷The fourth *captain* for the fourth month was Ās'-ā-hēl the brother of Joab, and Zēb-ā-dī'-āh his son after him. And in his course were twenty-four thousand. ⁸The fifth captain for the fifth month was Shām'-hūth the Iz'-rā-hīte. And in his course were twenty-four thousand. ⁹The sixth *captain* for the sixth month was Y'-rā the son of Ik'-kēsh the Tē-kō'-īte. And in his course were twenty-four thousand. ¹⁰The seventh *captain* for the seventh month was Hē'-lēz the Pē'-lō-nīte, of the children of Ephraim. And in his course were twenty-four thousand. ¹¹The eighth *captain* for the eighth month was Sib'-bē-caī the Hū'-shā-thīte, of the Zār'-hītes. And in his course were twenty-four thousand. ¹²The ninth *captain* for the ninth month was Ā-bī-ē'-zēr the Ān-ē-tō'-thīte, of the Benjamites. And in his course were twenty-four thousand. ¹³The tenth *captain* for the tenth month was Mā'-hā-raī of Nē-tōph'-ā, of the Zār'-hītes. And in his course were twenty-four thousand. ¹⁴The eleventh *captain* for the eleventh month was Bē-naī'-āh the son of Pī-rā'-thōn, of the children of Ephraim. And in his course were twenty-four thousand. ¹⁵The twelfth *captain* for the twelfth month was Hēl'-daī of Nē-tōph'-ā, of Oth'-nī-ēl. And in his course were twenty-four thousand.

¹⁶Furthermore, over the tribes of Israel, the ruler of the Reubenites was Ēl-i-ē'-zēr the son of Zīch'-rī. *The ruler* of the Simeonites was Shēph-ā-tī'-āh the son of Mā'-ā-chāh. ¹⁷*The ruler* of the Levites was

Hāsh-ă-bī'-ăh the son of Kĕ-mū'-ĕ-l. *The ruler* of the Aaronites was Zā'-dōk. ¹⁸*The ruler* of Judah was Ē-lī'-hū, *one* of the brothers of David. *The ruler* of Īs'-sā-chār was Ōm'-rī the son of Michael. ¹⁹*The ruler* of Zĕ-bū'-lūn was Ish-maī'-ăh the son of Ō-bā-dī'-ăh. *The ruler* of Nāph'-tā-lī was Jĕr'-ī-mōth the son of Āz'-rī-ĕl. ²⁰*The ruler* of the children of Ephraim was Hō-shĕ'-ă the son of Āz-ă-zī'-ăh. *The ruler* of the half tribe of Mā-nās'-sĕh was Joel the son of Pĕ-dai'-ăh. ²¹*The ruler* of the half *tribe* of Mā-nās'-sĕh in Gilead was Īd'-dō the son of Zĕch-ă-rī'-ăh. *The ruler* of Benjamin was Jā-ăs'-ī-ĕl the son of Abner. ²²*The ruler* of Dan was Āz'-ă-rĕel the son of Jĕ-rō'-hām. These were the princes of the tribes of Israel.

²³But David did not take the number of those from twenty years old and under, because the LORD had said He would increase Israel like the stars of the heavens. ²⁴Joab the son of Zĕr-ū-ī'-ăh began to number, but he did not finish because wrath fell against the children of Israel because of it. Neither was the number put in the account of the chronicles of king David.

²⁵And over the king's treasures was Āz-mā'-vĕth the son of Ād'-ī-ĕl. And over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the strongholds, was Jĕ-hōn'-ă-thān the son of Ūz-zī'-ăh. ²⁶And over those who did the work of the field for farming the ground was Ēz'-rī the son of Chĕ'-lūb. ²⁷And over the vineyards was Shīm'-ĕ-ī of Rā'-māh. Over the increase of the vineyards for the wine cellars was Zāb'-dī of Shĕ'-phām. ²⁸And over the olive trees and the sycamore trees that were in the low plains was Bā-āl-hā'-nān of Gĕ'-dĕr. And over the cellars of oil was Jō'-ăsh. ²⁹And over the herds that fed in Shār'-ōn was Shit-rā'-ī of Shār'-ōn. And over the herds in the valleys was Shā'-phāt the son of Ād-lā'-ī. ³⁰Over the camels also was Ō'-bīl the Īsh'-mā-ĕl-īte. And over the asses was Jĕh-deī'-ăh the Mĕ-rō'-nō-thīte. ³¹And over the flocks was Jā'-zīz the son of Hagar. All these were the rulers of the substance which was king David's. ³²Also Jonathan, David's uncle, was an adviser, a wise man and a scribe. And Jĕ-hī'-ĕl the son of Hāch-mō'-nī was with the king's sons. ³³And Ā-hīth'-ō-phĕl was the king's counsellor. And Hū'-shī the Ār'-chite was the king's companion. ³⁴And after Ā-hīth'-ō-phĕl was Jĕ-hoi'-ă-dā the son of Bĕ-naī'-ăh, and Ā-bī'-ă-thār. And the general of the king's army was Joab.

CHAPTER 28

¹And David gathered unto Jerusalem all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the mighty men. ²Then David the king stood up upon his feet and said, Hear me, my brothers and my people. I *had* in my

heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building. ³But God said to me, You shall not build a house for My name, because you have been a man of war and have shed blood. ⁴However, the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel forever. For He has chosen Judah to be the ruler, and of the house of Judah the house of my father. And among the sons of my father He liked me to make *me* king over all Israel. ⁵And of all my sons (for the LORD has given me many sons), He has chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. ⁶And He said to me, Solomon your son shall build My house and My courts, for I have chosen him to be My son, and I will be his Father. ⁷Moreover I will establish his kingdom forever if he will always do My commandments and My judgments, as at this day. ⁸Now therefore in the sight of all Israel, the congregation of the LORD, and in the hearing of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God, so that you may possess this good land and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you forever.

⁹And you, Solomon my son, know the God of your father and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind. For the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the imaginations of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you. But if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. ¹⁰Take heed now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary. Be strong and do *it*.

¹¹Then David gave to his son Solomon the pattern of the porch, and of its houses, and of its treasures, and of its upper rooms, and of its inner parlors, and of the place of the mercy-seat, ¹²and the pattern of all that He had by the Spirit — of the courts of the house of the LORD, and of all the rooms round about — of the treasuries of the house of God, and of the treasuries of the holy things. ¹³Also for the courses of the priests and the Levites, and for all the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and for all the vessels of service in the house of the LORD, ¹⁴*he gave* of gold by weight for *things* of gold, for all instruments of every kind of service; *also silver* for all instruments of silver by weight, for all instruments of every kind of service, ¹⁵even the weight for the lampstands of gold, and for their lamps of gold, by weight for every lampstand, and for the lamps of it. And *he gave* for the lampstands of silver by weight, for the lampstand and for the lamps of it, according to the use of every lampstand. ¹⁶And *he gave* gold by weight for the tables of showbread, for every table, and silver for the tables of silver — ¹⁷also pure gold for the flesh-hooks, and the bowls, and the cups. And *he gave* for the golden basins by weight for every basin, and by weight for every basin of silver. ¹⁸And *he gave* for the altar of incense refined gold by weight, and gold for the pattern of the chariot of the cherubims, who spread out *their* wings, and covered

the ark of the covenant of the LORD. ¹⁹All *this*, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by *His* hand upon me, *even* all the works of this pattern.

²⁰And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do *it*. Do not fear, nor be dismayed, for the LORD God, my God, will be with you. He will not fail you nor leave you until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. ²¹And behold, the courses of the priests and the Levites are for all the service of the house of God. And *there shall be* with you every willing skillful man for every kind of workmanship, for any kind of service. Also the princes and all the people will be wholly at your command.

CHAPTER 29

¹Furthermore David the king said to all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and tender, and the work is great. For the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God. ²Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the brass for *things* of brass, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood, onyx stones, and *stones* to be set, glistening stones, and *stones* of many colors, and all kinds of precious stones, and very many marble stones. ³Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, out of my own treasure of gold and silver I have given to the house of my God over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house — ⁴three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ō'-phīr, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses; ⁵the gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and for all kinds of work by the hands of skillful workers. And who is willing to give his service this day unto the LORD?

⁶Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly. ⁷And *they* gave for the service of the house of God five thousand talents of gold and ten thousand drams, and ten thousand talents of silver, and eighteen thousand talents of brass, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. ⁸And those with whom *precious* stones were found gave *them* to the treasure of the house of the LORD by the hand of Jē-hī'-ēl the Gēr'-shōn-ite. ⁹Then the people rejoiced, because they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD. And David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

¹⁰Therefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation. And David said, Blessed be Thou, LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹O LORD, Thine is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty. For all that is in the heaven and in the earth *is Thine*. Thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and

Thou art exalted as Head above all. ¹²Both riches and honor come from Thee, and Thou dost reign over all. And in Thy hand is power and might. And it is in Thy hand to make great and to give strength unto all. ¹³Now therefore, our God, we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious name. ¹⁴But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? For all things *come* from Thee, and we have given unto Thee that which is Thine. ¹⁵For we are strangers before Thee, and pilgrims, as our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. ¹⁶O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build Thee a house for Thy holy name *comes* from Thy hand, and is all Thine own. ¹⁷I know also, my God, that Thou dost try the heart, and dost have pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of my heart I have willingly offered all these things. And now I have seen with joy Thy people who are present here to offer willingly unto Thee. ¹⁸O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of Thy people, and prepare their heart unto Thee. ¹⁹And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep Thy commandments, Thy testimonies, and Thy statutes, and to do all *these things*, and to build the house *for* which I have made ready.

²⁰And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God! And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads and worshipped the LORD, and the king. ²¹And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD on the next day after that day — a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and very many sacrifices for all Israel. ²²And *they* ate and drank before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed *him* unto the LORD to be the chief governor, and Zā'-dök to be priest.

²³Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father. And *he* was blessed, and all Israel obeyed him. ²⁴And all the princes and the mighty men, and also all the sons of king David submitted themselves to Solomon the king. ²⁵And the LORD made Solomon very great in the sight of all Israel, and placed upon him *such* royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

²⁶So David the son of Jesse ruled over all Israel. ²⁷And the time that he ruled over Israel was forty years. He ruled seven years in Hebron and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. ²⁸And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor. And Solomon his son ruled in his stead. ²⁹Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, ³⁰with all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

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CHAPTER 1

¹And Solomon the son of David was made strong in his kingdom, and the LORD his God was with him and made him very great. ²Then Solomon spoke to all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every governor in all Israel, the chief of the fathers. ³So Solomon and all the congregation with him went to the high place that was at Gib'-ě-ōn. For there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the LORD had made in the wilderness. ⁴But the ark of God David had brought up from Kīr-jāth-jē'-ā-rīm to *the place which* David had prepared for it, for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. ⁵Moreover he put the brass altar which Bēz'-ā-lēel the son of Ū'-rī, the son of Hur, had made before the tabernacle of the LORD. And Solomon and the congregation of the LORD sought unto it. ⁶And Solomon went up there to the brass altar before the LORD, which was at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered a thousand burnt offerings upon it.

⁷In that night God appeared to Solomon and said unto him, Ask what I shall give you. ⁸And Solomon said to God, Thou hast showed great mercy unto David my father, and hast made me to reign in his stead. ⁹Now, O LORD God, Thy promise unto David my father has been fulfilled. For Thou hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. ¹⁰Give me now wisdom and knowledge that I may go out and come in before this people. For who can judge this Thy great people? ¹¹And God said to Solomon, Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked riches, wealth, nor honor, nor the life of your enemies, neither yet have asked for long life – but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may judge My people, over whom I have made you king – ¹²wisdom and knowledge is granted to you. And I will give you riches and wealth and honor, such as none of the kings have had that have been before you, neither shall any after you have the like.

¹³Then Solomon came from the high place that was at Gib'-ě-ōn to Jerusalem, from before the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over Israel. ¹⁴And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen. And he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen which he placed in the chariot-cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. ¹⁵And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem like stones, and he made cedar trees as plentiful as the sycamore trees which are in the valley. ¹⁶And Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt and Kū'-ē. The king's merchants received them from Kū'-ē at a price. ¹⁷And they carried up, and brought forth out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred *shekels* of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty. And so they

brought out *horses* for all the kings of the Hit'-tites, and for the kings of Syria, by their hands.

CHAPTER 2

¹And Solomon purposed to build a house for the name of the LORD, and a house for his kingdom. ²And Solomon counted out seventy thousand men to bear burdens, and eighty thousand as cutters in the mountains, and three thousand and six hundred to oversee them.

³And Solomon sent to Hiram the king of Tyre, saying, As you dealt with David my father, and sent him cedars to build him a house to dwell in, *so deal with me*. ⁴Behold, I build a house to the name of the LORD my God, to dedicate *it* to Him, and to burn before Him sweet incense, and for the continual showbread, and for the burnt offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts of the LORD our God. This is *an ordinance* forever to Israel. ⁵And the house which I build is great. For our God is great above all gods. ⁶But who is able to build Him a house, since the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain Him? Who am I then, that I should build Him a house, except only to burn sacrifice before Him? ⁷Therefore send me now a man skillful to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and *one* who is skillful to engrave with the skillful men who are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father provided. ⁸Also send me cedar trees, fir trees, and algum trees out of Lëb'-ä-nön. For I know that your servants are skillful to cut timber in Lëb'-ä-nön. And, behold, my servants shall be with your servants ⁹in order to prepare plenty of timber for me. For the house which I am about to build shall be great and wonderful. ¹⁰And behold, I will give to your servants, those who cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand bätths of wine, and twenty thousand bätths of oil.

¹¹Then Hiram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, Because the LORD has loved His people, He has made you king over them. ¹²Hiram said moreover, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel who made heaven and earth, who has given to David the king a wise son blessed with judgment and understanding, who might build a house for the LORD and a house for his kingdom. ¹³And now I have sent a skillful man blessed with understanding, of Hiram my father's, ¹⁴the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan, and his father was a man of Tyre — skillful to work in gold, and in silver, in brass, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson. *He also can* engrave any kind of engraving, and can invent every device which shall be put to him, with your skillful men, and with the skillful men of my lord David your father. ¹⁵Now therefore the wheat,

and the barley, the oil, and the wine, which my lord has spoken of, let him send to his servants. ¹⁶And we will cut wood out of Lēb'-ā-nōn, as much as you shall need. And we will bring it to you in floats by sea to Joppa. And you shall carry it up to Jerusalem.

¹⁷And Solomon numbered all the strangers who were in the land of Israel, according to the numbering with which David his father had numbered them. And they were found to be a hundred and fifty-three thousand and six hundred. ¹⁸And he set seventy thousand of them to be bearers of burdens, and eighty thousand to be cutters in the mountains, and three thousand and six hundred overseers to set the people to work.

CHAPTER 3

¹Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in Mount Mō-rī'-āh, where *the LORD* appeared to David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshing-floor of Ōr'-nān the Jēb'-ū-sīte. ²And he began to build in the second *day* of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign.

³Now these *are the things in which* Solomon was instructed for the building of the house of God. The length by cubits after the first measure was sixty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. ⁴And the porch that was in the front, the length was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was a hundred and twenty. And he overlaid it inside with pure gold. ⁵And he made the ceiling of the greater house with fir wood, which he overlaid with fine gold. And *he* set palm trees and chains on it. ⁶And he covered the house with precious stones for beauty. And the gold was gold of Pār-vā'-īm. ⁷He also overlaid the house, the beams, the posts, and the walls of it, and the doors of it, with gold. And *he* engraved chēr'-ū-bīms on the walls. ⁸And he made the most holy house, the length of which was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the breadth of it twenty cubits. And he overlaid it with fine gold, *amounting* to six hundred talents. ⁹And the weight of the nails was fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper rooms with gold. ¹⁰And in the most holy house he made two chēr'-ū-bīms of carved work, and overlaid them with gold.

¹¹And the wings of the chēr'-ū-bīms were twenty cubits long. One wing was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house. And the other wing was five cubits, reaching to the wing of the other chēr'-ūb. ¹²And *one* wing of the other chēr'-ūb was five cubits, reaching to the wall of the house; and the other wing was five cubits *also*, joining to the wing of the other chēr'-ūb. ¹³The wings of these chēr'-ū-bīms spread themselves forth twenty cubits. And they stood on their feet, and their faces were inward.

¹⁴And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and worked chēr'-ū-bīms on it. ¹⁵He also made two pillars of

thirty-five cubits high in front of the house, and the capital that was on the top of each of them was five cubits. ¹⁶And he made chains, *as* in the holy place, and put *them* on the heads of the pillars. And *he* made a hundred pōme-grān'-ātes and put *them* on the chains. ¹⁷And he reared up the pillars before the temple, one on the right hand and the other on the left. And *he* called the name of the *one* on the right Jā'-chīn, and the name of the *one* on the left Bō'-āz.

CHAPTER 4

¹Moreover he made an altar of brass. Twenty cubits was the length of it, and twenty cubits was the breadth of it, and ten cubits was the height of it. ²He also cast a sea of melted *brass*, ten cubits from brim to brim. It was round, and five cubits was the height of it. And a line of thirty cubits went around it. ³And under it was the likeness of oxen, which went around it — ten in a cubit, going all around the sea. Two rows of oxen were cast when it was cast. ⁴It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the west, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the east. And the sea was set above on them, and all their hinder parts were inward. ⁵And the thickness of it was a handbreadth, and the brim of it like the work of the brim of a cup, with flowers of lilies. It received and held three thousand bāths.

⁶He also made ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them. They washed in them such things as they offered for the burnt offering. But the sea was for the priests to wash in. ⁷And he made ten lampstands of gold according to their form, and set *them* in the temple, five on the right hand, and five on the left. ⁸He also made ten tables, and placed *them* in the temple, five on the right hand and five on the left. And he made a hundred basins of gold.

⁹Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with brass. ¹⁰And he set the sea on the right side of the east end, over against the south. ¹¹And Hī'-rām made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. And Hī'-rām finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God — ¹²the two pillars, and the bowls, and the capitals on the top of the two pillars, and the two wreaths to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were on the top of the pillars, ¹³and four hundred pomegranates on the two wreaths, two rows of pomegranates on each wreath, to cover the two bowls of the capitals which were upon the pillars. ¹⁴He also made bases, and he made lavers upon the bases. ¹⁵Also one sea, and twelve oxen under it. ¹⁶Hī'-rām also made the pots, and the shovels, and the flesh-hooks, and all their instruments of bright brass for king Solomon for the house of the LORD. ¹⁷In the plain of Jordan the king cast them, in the clay ground between Sūc'-cōth and

Zēr-ě-dā'-thāh. ¹⁸So Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance. For the weight of the brass could not be found out.

¹⁹And Solomon made all the vessels that were for the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables on which the showbread *was set*. ²⁰Moreover *he made* the lampstands of pure gold with their lamps, so that they should burn according to the law before the holy place. ²¹And *he made* the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold, of perfect gold — ²²and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold. And the entrance of the house, the inner doors of it for the most holy *place*, and the doors of the house of the temple were of gold.

CHAPTER 5

¹So all the work that Solomon made for the house of the LORD was finished. And Solomon brought in the things that David his father had dedicated. And he put the silver and the gold, and all the instruments, among the treasures of the house of God. ²Then Solomon gathered the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the chief of the fathers of the children of Israel, to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. ³Therefore all the men of Israel gathered themselves unto the king in the feast which was in the seventh month. ⁴And all the elders of Israel came. And the Levites took up the ark. ⁵And they brought up the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle. The priests and the Levites brought these up. ⁶Also king Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were gathered to him before the ark, sacrificed sheep and oxen which could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. ⁷And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, to the holy of holies in the house, into the most holy place, under the wings of the cherubims. ⁸For the cherubims spread forth *their* wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubims covered the ark and the staves of it above. ⁹And they drew out the staves so that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the oracle. But they were not seen outside. And there it is until this day. ¹⁰Nothing was in the ark except the two tables which Moses put *in it* at Hôr-ěb, when the LORD made *a covenant* with the children of Israel when they came out of Egypt.

¹¹And when the priests had come out of the holy *place*, (for all the priests present were sanctified, and did not wait by course. ¹²Also the Levites *who were* the singers, all of them of Ā'-sāph, of Hē'-mān, of Jē-dū'-thūn, with their sons and their brothers, being clothed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them were a hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets,) ¹³as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make

one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD — and as they lifted up *their* voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *He is* good, for His mercy *endures* forever — the house was filled with a cloud, the house of the LORD, ¹⁴so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud — for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God!

CHAPTER 6

¹Then Solomon said, The LORD has said that He would dwell in the thick darkness. ²But I have built a house for Thee to live in, and a place for Thy dwelling forever. ³And the king turned his face and blessed the whole congregation of Israel. And all the congregation of Israel stood. ⁴And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, who has with His hands fulfilled *that* which He spoke with His mouth to my father David, saying, ⁵Since the day that I brought My people out of the land of Egypt I have not chosen any city among all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, so that My name might be there. Neither have I chosen any man to be a ruler over My people Israel. ⁶But *now* I have chosen Jerusalem, so that My name might be there, and *now* I have chosen David to be over My people Israel. ⁷Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. ⁸But the LORD said to David my father, Because it was in your heart to build a house for My name, you did well in that it was in your heart. ⁹But you shall not build the house; but your son, who shall come forth out of your loins, shall build the house for My name. ¹⁰The LORD therefore has performed His word that He has spoken. For I have risen up in place of David my father, and am set on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and *I* have built the house for the name of the LORD God of Israel. ¹¹And I have put the ark in it, in which is the covenant of the LORD which He made with the children of Israel.

¹²And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands. ¹³For Solomon had made a brass scaffold, five cubits long and five cubits broad and three cubits high. And *he* had set it in the midst of the court. And he stood upon it, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward Heaven. ¹⁴And *he* said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like Thee in Heaven or in earth. *Thou* dost keep *Thy* covenant and show mercy unto Thy servants who walk before Thee with all their hearts. ¹⁵Thou hast kept with Thy servant David my father that which Thou hast promised him. And *Thou* didst speak with Thy mouth, and hast fulfilled *it* with Thy hand, as *it is* this day. ¹⁶Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with Thy servant David my father that which Thou hast promised him,

saying, There shall not fail you a man in My sight to sit upon the throne of Israel, if only your children take heed to their way to walk in My law, as you have walked before Me.

¹⁷Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let Thy word be proven true, which Thou hast spoken unto Thy servant David. ¹⁸But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? Behold, Heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain Thee! How much less this house which I have built? ¹⁹Therefore have respect to the prayer of Thy servant, and to his cry, O LORD my God, to listen to the cry and the prayer which Thy servant prays before Thee. ²⁰*I pray* that Thy eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place of which Thou hast said that Thou wouldst put Thy name there, to listen to the prayer which Thy servant prays toward this place. ²¹Therefore listen to the cries of Thy servant, and of Thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place. Hear Thou from Thy dwelling-place, from Heaven. And when Thou dost hear, forgive.

²²If a man sins against his neighbor, and if an oath is laid upon him to make him swear, and if the oath comes before Thy altar in this house — ²³then hear from Heaven, and do, and judge Thy servants by repaying the wicked, by bringing his way back upon his own head, and by justifying the righteous, by giving to him according to his righteousness.

²⁴And if Thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy because they have sinned against Thee, and *if they* shall return and confess Thy name, and shall pray and cry before Thee in this house, ²⁵then hear from Heaven, and forgive the sin of Thy people Israel, and bring them again into the land which Thou didst give to them and to their fathers.

²⁶When the sky is shut up, and there is no rain because they have sinned against Thee, if they pray toward this place, and confess Thy name, and turn from their sin when Thou dost afflict them, ²⁷then hear Thou from Heaven and forgive the sin of Thy servants and of Thy people Israel, when Thou hast taught them the good way in which they should walk. And send rain upon Thy land which Thou hast given to Thy people for an inheritance.

²⁸If there is drought in the land, if there is a plague, if there is blasting or mildew, locusts or caterpillars — if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land — whatever sore or whatever sickness there is, ²⁹then whatever prayer or whatever cry shall be made by any man, or by all Thy people Israel, when everyone shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house, ³⁰then hear from Heaven, Thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and give unto every man according to all his ways, whose heart Thou knowest. For Thou only

dost know the hearts of the children of men. ³¹*Do this* so that they may fear Thee, to walk in Thy ways, as long as they live in the land which Thou didst give to our fathers.

³²Moreover concerning the stranger who is not of Thy people Israel, but has come from a far country for Thy great name's sake, and Thy mighty hand, and Thy stretched out arm, if they come and pray in this house, ³³then hear from Heaven, *even* from Thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the stranger calls unto Thee for — so that all people of the earth may know Thy name, and fear Thee, as Thy people Israel, and may know that this house which I have built is called by Thy name. ³⁴If Thy people go out to war against their enemies by the way that Thou shalt send them, and *if* they pray unto Thee toward this city which Thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for Thy name, ³⁵then hear from Heaven their prayer and their cry and maintain their cause. ³⁶If they sin against Thee (for there is no man who does not sin), and *if* Thou art angry with them and dost deliver them over before *their* enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near, ³⁷yet *if* they think within themselves in the land where they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto Thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done wrong and have dealt wickedly — ³⁸if they return unto Thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity where they have carried them captives, and *if they* pray toward their land which Thou didst give unto their fathers and *toward* the city which Thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for Thy name — ³⁹then hear from Heaven, from Thy dwelling-place, their prayer and their cries, and maintain their cause, and forgive Thy people who have sinned against Thee.

⁴⁰Now, my God, I beseech Thee, let Thy eyes be open and *let* Thy ears hear the prayer made in this place. ⁴¹Now therefore arise, O LORD God, into Thy resting-place, Thou, and the ark of Thy strength. Let Thy priests, O LORD God, be clothed with salvation, and let Thy saints rejoice in goodness. ⁴²O LORD God, do not turn away the face of Thy anointed. Remember the mercies of David Thy servant.

CHAPTER 7

¹Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices. And the glory of the LORD filled the house. ²And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. ³And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped and praised the LORD, *saying*, For *He* is good, for His mercy *endures* forever.

⁴Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD. ⁵And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. ⁶And the priests waited on their offices. The Levites *waited* also with instruments of music of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because His mercy *endures* forever, when David praised by their ministry. And the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood. ⁷Moreover Solomon made the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD holy. For there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brass altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meal offerings, and the fat.

⁸Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hā'-māth unto the river of Egypt. ⁹And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly. For they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. ¹⁰And on the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had showed to David, and to Solomon, and to Israel His people.

¹¹So Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house. And all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he did with success.

¹²And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him, I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place to Myself for a house of sacrifice. ¹³If I shut up the sky so that there is no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send a plague among My people — ¹⁴if My people, who are called by My name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. ¹⁵Now My eyes shall be open, and My ears shall be open to the prayer in this place. ¹⁶For now I have chosen and sanctified this house, so that My name may be there forever. And My eyes and My heart shall be there forever. ¹⁷And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded you, and shall observe My statutes and My judgments, ¹⁸then I will make the throne of your kingdom sure, as I have covenanted with David your father, saying, There shall not fail you a man to be ruler in Israel. ¹⁹But if you turn away and forsake My statutes and My commandments which I have set before you, and *if you* shall go and serve other gods and worship them, ²⁰then I will pluck them up by the roots out of My land which I have given them. And this house which I have sanctified for My name, I will cast out of My sight, and

will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations. ²¹And this house, which is high, shall be a wonder to everyone who passes by it — so that he shall say, Why has the LORD done this to this land and to this house? ²²And it shall be answered, Because they forsook the LORD God of their fathers who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods and worshipped them and served them. Therefore He has brought all this evil upon them.

CHAPTER 8

¹And at the end of twenty years, in which Solomon had built the house of the LORD and his own house, ²Solomon built the cities which Hī'-rām had given back to *him* and caused the children of Israel to live there. ³And Solomon went to Hā'-māth-zō'-bāh, and prevailed against it. ⁴And he built Tād'-môr in the wilderness, and all the store cities which he built in Hā'-māth. ⁵And he built Bêth-hôr'-ôn the upper and Bêth-hôr'-ôn the lower, fenced cities with walls, gates, and bars. ⁶And *he built* Bā'-ā-lāth, and all the store cities which Solomon had, and all the chariot cities, and the cities of the horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lēb'-ā-nōn, and throughout all the land of his dominion.

⁷As for all the people *who were* left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Pē-riz'-zītes, and the Hī'-vītes, and the Jēb'-ū-sites, who were not of Israel — ⁸of their children who were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel did not destroy, Solomon made them pay taxes until this day. ⁹But of the children of Israel Solomon did not make any servants for his work. But they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and captains of his chariots and horsemen. ¹⁰And these were the chief of king Solomon's officers, two hundred and fifty who bore rule over the people.

¹¹And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David to the house which he had built for her. For he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because *the places* into which the ark of the LORD has come are holy.

¹²Then Solomon offered burnt offerings unto the LORD on the altar of the LORD which he had built before the porch, ¹³even following a certain amount every day, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths and on the new moons, and on the solemn feasts, three times in the year, *even* in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles.

¹⁴And according to the order of David his father, he appointed the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their charges, to praise and minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required — the porters also by their courses at every gate — for so David

the man of God had commanded. ¹⁵And they did not depart from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures. ¹⁶Now all the work of Solomon was prepared until the day of the foundation of the house of the LORD, and until it was finished. So the house of the LORD was complete.

¹⁷Then Solomon went to Ē'-zī-ōn-gē'-bēr, and to Ē'-lōth, at the sea-side in the land of Ē'-dōm. ¹⁸And Hiram sent ships to him by the hands of his servants, and servants who had knowledge of the sea. And they went with the servants of Solomon to Ō'-phīr, and took four hundred and fifty talents of gold from there, and brought *them* to king Solomon.

CHAPTER 9

¹And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to test Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great company, and camels that carried spices, and gold in great plenty, and precious stones. And when she had come to Solomon, she told him of all that was in her heart. ²And Solomon told her all her questions. And there was nothing hid from Solomon which he did not tell her. ³And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, ⁴and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, the attendance of his ministers, and their dress, also his cupbearers and their dress, and the way by which he went up into the house of the LORD, there was no more spirit in her. ⁵And she said to the king, *It was* a true report which I heard in my own land of your acts and of your wisdom. ⁶However, I did not believe their words until I came, and my eyes have seen. And behold, the one half of the greatness of your wisdom was not told me, *for* you are greater than the fame which I heard. ⁷Happy are your men, and happy are these your servants who stand always before you and hear your wisdom. ⁸Blessed be the LORD your God, who delighted in you to set you on His throne to be king for the LORD your God. Because your God loved Israel to establish them forever, therefore He made you king over them to do judgment and justice.

⁹And she gave the king a hundred and twenty talents of gold, and great amounts of spices, and precious stones. Neither was there any such spice as the queen of Sheba gave king Solomon. ¹⁰And also the servants of Hiram, and the servants of Solomon who brought gold from Ō'-phīr, brought algum trees and precious stones. ¹¹And the king made terraces to the house of the LORD with the algum trees, and *terraces* to the king's palace, and harps and psalteries for singers. And there were none such seen before in the land of Judah. ¹²And King Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatever she asked, besides that which she had brought to the king. So she returned and went away to her own land, she and her servants.

¹³Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred and sixty-six talents of gold, ¹⁴besides *that which* traders and merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon.

¹⁵And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold. Six hundred *shekels* of gold went to one target. ¹⁶And *he made* three hundred shields of beaten gold. Three hundred *shekels* of gold went to one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. ¹⁷Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory and overlaid it with pure gold. ¹⁸And *there were* six steps to the throne, with a footstool of gold, *which were* fastened to the throne. And *there were* stays on each side of the sitting-place, and two lions standing by the stays. ¹⁹And twelve lions stood there on the one side, and on the other, upon the six steps. There was not the like made in any kingdom.

²⁰And all the drinking vessels of king Solomon were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold. None were of silver. It was not prized in the days of Solomon. ²¹For the king's ships went to Tär'-shish with the servants of Hiram. Once every three years the ships of Tär'-shish came bringing gold and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. ²²And king Solomon was greater than all the kings of the earth in riches and wisdom.

²³And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom that God had put in his heart. ²⁴And each man brought his present, vessels of silver and vessels of gold, and clothing, harness, and spices, horses, and mules, a ration year by year.

²⁵And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he put in the chariot cities and with the king at Jerusalem. ²⁶And he reigned over all the kings from the river even to the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. ²⁷And the king made silver in Jerusalem like stones, and he made cedar trees as plentiful as the sycamore trees which are in the low plains. ²⁸And they brought to Solomon horses out of Egypt and out of all lands.

²⁹Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of A-hī'-jäh of Shiloh, and in the visions of Id'-dō the seer against Jēr-ō-bō'-ām the son of Nē'-bāt? ³⁰And Solomon reigned forty years in Jerusalem over all Israel. ³¹And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father. And his son Rē-hō-bō'-ām reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 10

¹And Rē-hō-bō'-ām went to Shē'-chēm. For all Israel had come to Shē'-chēm to make him king. ²And when Jēr-ō-bō'-ām the son of

Nē'-bāt, who was in Egypt where he had fled from the presence of Solomon the king, heard it, Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. ³And they sent and called him. So Jeroboam and all Israel came and spoke to Rē-hō-bō'-ām, saying, ⁴Your father made our yoke heavy. Now therefore ease somewhat the heavy service of your father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, and we will serve you. ⁵And he said to them, Come again to me after three days. And the people departed.

⁶And king Rē-hō-bō'-ām talked it over with the old men who had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What advice do you give *me* to return answer to this people? ⁷And they spoke to him saying, If you are kind to this people and please them, and speak good words to them, they will be your servants forever. ⁸But he departed from the advice which the old men gave him and listened to the young men who were brought up with him, who stood before him. ⁹And he said to them, What advice do you give that we may return answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Ease somewhat the yoke which your father put upon us? ¹⁰And the young men who were brought up with him spoke to him saying, In this way shall you answer the people who spoke to you, saying, Your father made our yoke heavy, but you make it somewhat lighter — this you shall say to them, My little *finger* shall be thicker than my father's loins. ¹¹For whereas my father put a heavy yoke upon you, I will put more to your yoke. My father whipped you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions. ¹²So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rē-hō-bō'-ām on the third day as the king commanded, saying, Come again to me on the third day. ¹³And the king answered them roughly. And king Rē-hō-bō'-ām departed from the advice of the old men, ¹⁴and answered them after the advice of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add to it. My father whipped you with whips, but I *will chastise you* with scorpions. ¹⁵So the king did not listen to the people, for the cause was from God so that the LORD might perform His word which He spoke by the hand of Ā-hī'-jāh of Shiloh to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

¹⁶And when all Israel saw that the king would not listen to them, the people answered the king saying, What part do we have in David? And *we have* no inheritance in the son of Jesse! Every man to your tents, O Israel! Now, David, see to your own house. So all Israel went to their tents. ¹⁷But *as for* the children of Israel who lived in the cities of Judah, Rē-hō-bō'-ām reigned over them. ¹⁸Then king Rē-hō-bō'-ām sent Hā-dōr'-ām, who was over the tax-money. And the children of Israel stoned him with stones so that he died. But king Rē-hō-bō'-ām made himself strong, to get up to *his* chariot to flee to Jerusalem. ¹⁹And Israel rebelled against the house of David until this day.

CHAPTER 11

¹And when Rē-hō-bō'-ām had come to Jerusalem, he gathered a hundred and eighty thousand chosen *men* from the house of Judah, who were warriors, to fight against Israel so that he might bring the kingdom again to Rē-hō-bō'-ām. ²But the word of the LORD came to Shēm-ai'-āh the man of God, saying, ³Speak to Rē-hō-bō'-ām the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, ⁴Thus says the LORD, You shall not go up nor fight against your brothers. *Let* every man return to his house. For this thing is done by Me. And they obeyed the words of the LORD, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

⁵And Rē-hō-bō'-ām lived in Jerusalem and built cities for defense in Judah. ⁶He even built Bethlehem, and Ē'-tām, and Tē-kō'-ā, ⁷and Bēth'-zūr, and Shō'-cō, and Ā-dūl'-lām, ⁸and Gath, and Mā-rē'-shāh, and Zīph, ⁹and Ād-ō-rā'-īm, and Lā'-chīsh, and Ā-zē'-kāh, ¹⁰and Zōr'-āh, and Aī'-jā-lōn, and Hē'-brōn, which are in Judah and in Benjamin, fenced cities. ¹¹And he fortified the strongholds and put captains in them, and stores of food, and of oil and wine. ¹²And *he put* in each separate city shields and spears, and made them very strong, having Judah and Benjamin on his side.

¹³And the priests and the Levites who were in all Israel presented themselves to him out of all their borders. ¹⁴For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem. For Jeroboam and his sons had cast them off from executing the priest's office unto the LORD. ¹⁵And he ordained priests for himself for the high places, and for the devils, and for the calves which he had made. ¹⁶And such as set their hearts to seek the LORD God of Israel, out of all the tribes of Israel, came after them to Jerusalem to sacrifice to the LORD God of their fathers. ¹⁷So they made the kingdom of Judah stronger, and made Rē-hō-bō'-ām the son of Solomon strong *for* three years. For three years they walked in the way of David and Solomon.

¹⁸And Rē-hō-bō'-ām took Mā'-hā-lāth the daughter of Jēr'-ī-mōth the son of David as a wife for himself, *and* Ab'-i-hāil the daughter of Ē-lī'-āb the son of Jesse, ¹⁹who bore him children, Jē'-ūsh, and Shām-ā-rī'-āh, and Zā'-hām. ²⁰And after her he took Mā'-ā-chāh the daughter of Āb'-sā-lōm, who bore Ā-bī'-jāh to him, and Āt-tā'-ī, and Zī'-zā, and Shē-lō'-mīth. ²¹And Rē-hō-bō'-ām loved Mā'-ā-chāh the daughter of Āb'-sā-lōm above all his wives and his concubines (for he took eighteen wives and sixty concubines, and had twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters). ²²And Rē-hō-bō'-ām made Ā-bī'-jāh the son of Mā'-ā-chāh the chief, to be ruler among his brothers, in order to make him king. ²³And he dealt wisely and dispersed all his children throughout all the countries of

Judah and Benjamin, unto every fenced city. And he gave them plenty of food. And he desired many wives.

CHAPTER 12

¹And when Rē-hō-bō'-ām had established the kingdom, and had made himself strong he departed from the law of the LORD, and all Israel with him. ²And in the fifth year of king Rē-hō-bō'-ām, Shī'-shāk king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had sinned against the LORD. ³*He came* with twelve hundred chariots and sixty thousand horsemen. And the people who came with him out of Egypt were without number — the Lū'-bīms, the Sūk'-kī-īms, and the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-āns. ⁴And he took the fenced cities which *belonged* to Judah, and came to Jerusalem.

⁵Then Shēm-aī'-āh the prophet came to Rē-hō-bō'-ām, and *to* the princes of Judah who were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shī'-shāk. And *he* said to them, Thus saith the LORD, You have forsaken Me, and therefore I also have left you in the hand of Shī'-shāk. ⁶Therefore the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves. And they said, The LORD is righteous. ⁷And when the LORD saw that they humbled themselves, the word of the LORD came to Shēm-aī'-āh, saying, They have humbled themselves. I will not destroy them, but I will give them some deliverance. And My wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand of Shī'-shāk. ⁸Nevertheless they shall be his servants, so that they may know My service, and the service of the kings of the countries. ⁹So Shī'-shāk king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem and took away the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house. He took all. He carried away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made. ¹⁰Instead of these king Rē-hō-bō'-ām made shields of brass, and gave *them* into the hands of the chief of the guard who kept the entrance of the king's house. ¹¹And when the king entered into the house of the LORD, the guard came and carried them and brought them again into the guard-chamber. ¹²And when he humbled himself, the wrath of the LORD turned from him so that He would not destroy *him* altogether. And also things went well in Judah.

¹³So king Rē-hō-bō'-ām made himself strong at Jerusalem, and reigned. For Rē-hō-bō'-ām was forty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned seventeen years in Jerusalem, the city which the LORD had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel to put His name there. And his mother's name was Nā'-ā-māh an Ammonitess. ¹⁴And he did evil because he did not prepare his heart to seek the LORD. ¹⁵Now the acts of Rē-hō-bō'-ām, first and last, are they not written in the book of Shēm-aī'-āh the prophet, and Id'-dō the seer concerning genealogies? And there were wars between Rē-hō-bō'-ām and Jēr-ō-bō'-ām con-

tinually. ¹⁶And Rē-hō-bō'-ām slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David. And his son Ā-bī'-jāh reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 13

¹Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam Ā-bī'-jāh began to reign over Judah. ²He reigned three years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Mī-chai'-āh the daughter of Ū-rī-ēl of Ġib'-ē-āh. And there was war between Ā-bī'-jāh and Jēr-ō-bō'-ām. ³And Ā-bī'-jāh set the battle in order with an army of mighty men of war, four hundred thousand chosen men. Jeroboam also set the battle in order against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, mighty men of power.

⁴And Ā-bī'-jāh stood up upon Mount Zēm-ā-rā'-īm, which is in Mount Ephraim, and said, Hear me, Jeroboam and all Israel. ⁵Should you not know that the LORD God of Israel gave the kingdom over Israel to David forever, to him and to his sons by a covenant of salt? ⁶Yet Jeroboam the son of Nē'-bāt, the servant of Solomon the son of David, has risen up and has rebelled against his lord. ⁷And there are gathered unto him vain men, the children of Bē'-li-āl, and have made themselves strong against Rē-hō-bō'-ām the son of Solomon, when Rē-hō-bō'-ām was young and tender-hearted and could not withstand them. ⁸And now you think to withstand the kingdom of the LORD in the hands of the sons of David. And you are a great multitude, and *there are* with you golden calves which Jeroboam made you for gods. ⁹Have you not cast out the priests of the LORD, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made priests after the manner of the nations of *other* lands for yourselves? So that whoever comes to make himself holy with a young bull and seven rams, *he* may be a priest of *those who* are no gods. ¹⁰But as for us, the LORD is our God, and we have not forsaken Him. And the priests who minister unto the LORD are the sons of Aaron, and the Levites *wait* upon *their* business. ¹¹And they burn unto the Lord every morning and every evening burnt sacrifices and sweet incense, also setting the showbread upon the pure table, and the lampstand of gold with the lamps of it, to burn every evening. For we keep the charge of the LORD our God. But you have forsaken Him. ¹²And behold, God Himself is with us as our Captain, and His priests with sounding trumpets to cry alarm against you. O children of Israel, do not fight against the LORD God of your fathers, for you shall not win!

¹³But Jeroboam caused an ambush to come around behind them, so that they were in front of Judah, and the ambush was behind them. ¹⁴And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind. And they cried unto the LORD, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. ¹⁵Then the men of Judah gave a shout. And as the men

of Judah shouted, God struck Jeroboam and all Israel before Ā-bī'-jäh and Judah. ¹⁶And the children of Israel fled before Judah. And God delivered them into their hand. ¹⁷And Ā-bī'-jäh and his people killed them with a great slaughter. So there fell down dead five hundred thousand chosen men of Israel. ¹⁸So the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah won because they relied upon the LORD God of their fathers. ¹⁹And Ā-bī'-jäh pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Bethel with the towns of it, and Jē-shā'-näh with the towns of it, and Ē'-phrā-in with the towns of it. ²⁰Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Ā-bī'-jäh. And the LORD struck him and he died.

²¹But Ā-bī'-jäh became mighty, and married fourteen wives, and begot twenty-two sons and sixteen daughters. ²²And the rest of the acts of Ā-bī'-jäh, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the story of the prophet Id'-dō.

CHAPTER 14

¹So Ā-bī'-jäh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And his son Ā'-sā reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years. ²And Asa did *that which was* good and right in the eyes of the LORD his God. ³For he took away the altars of the strange *gods*, and the high places, and broke down the images, and cut down the groves. ⁴And *he* commanded Judah to seek the LORD God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. ⁵He also took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the images. And the kingdom was quiet before him.

⁶And he built fenced cities in Judah. For the land had rest, and he had no war in those years, because the LORD had given him rest. ⁷Therefore he said to Judah, Let us build these cities and make walls around *them*, and towers, gates and bars, *while* the land is still before us. Because we have sought the LORD our God, we have sought and He has given us rest on every side. So they built and were blessed. ⁸And Asa had an army which bore targets and spears, three hundred thousand out of Judah. And out of Benjamin *there were* two hundred and eighty thousand who bore shields and drew bows. All these were mighty men of power.

⁹And there came out against them Zē'-räh the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-än with an army of a million *men*, and three hundred chariots. And *they* came to Mā-rē'-shäh. ¹⁰Then Asa went out against him, and they set the battle in order in the valley of Zēph'-ä-thäh at Mā-rē'-shäh. ¹¹And Asa cried unto the LORD his God and said, LORD, *it is* nothing with Thee to help, whether with many or with those who have no power. Help us, O LORD our God, for we rest upon Thee, and in Thy name we go

against this multitude. O LORD, Thou art our God. Do not let man prevail against Thee. ¹²So the LORD struck the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-āns before Asa and before Judah. And the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-āns fled. ¹³And Asa and the people who were with him pursued them to Gē'-rār. And the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-āns were overthrown so that they could not recover themselves. For they were destroyed before the LORD and before His army. And they carried away very much spoil. ¹⁴And they struck all the cities round about Gē'-rār, for the fear of the LORD came upon them. And they spoiled all the cities, for there was very much spoil in them. ¹⁵They also struck the tents of cattle, and carried away a great many sheep and camels, and returned to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 15

¹And the Spirit of God came upon Āz-ā-rī'-āh the son of Ō'-dēd. ²And he went out to meet Asa, and said to him, Hear me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you while you are with Him. And if you seek Him, He will be found by you. But if you forsake Him, He will forsake you. ³Now for a long time Israel had been without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. ⁴But when they turned in their trouble to the LORD God of Israel, and sought Him, He was found by them. ⁵And in those times there was no peace to him who went out, nor to him who came in, but great troubles were upon all the people of the lands. ⁶And nation was beaten by nation, and city by city — for God troubled them with all kinds of adversity. ⁷Therefore be strong and do not let your hands be weak, for your work shall be rewarded. ⁸And when Asa heard these words, and the prophecy of Ō'-dēd the prophet, he took courage and put away the hateful idols out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from Mount Ephraim. And he renewed the altar of the LORD which was before the porch of the LORD. ⁹And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and the strangers with them out of Ephraim and Mā-nās'-sēh, and out of Simeon. For they fell to him out of Israel in great numbers, when they saw that the LORD his God was with him. ¹⁰So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. ¹¹And they offered unto the LORD in that day *part* of the spoil *which* they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. ¹²And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul, ¹³and that whoever would not seek the LORD God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. ¹⁴And they swore unto the LORD with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. ¹⁵And all Judah rejoiced at the oath, for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought Him with their whole desire. And He was found by them, and the LORD gave them rest round about.

¹⁶And also *as to* Mā'-ā-chäh the mother of Asa the king, he removed her from *being* queen, because she had made an idol in a grove. And Asa cut down her idol and stamped *it* and burned *it* at the brook Kī'-drön. ¹⁷But the high places were not taken away out of Israel. Nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days.

¹⁸And he brought into the house of God the things which his father had dedicated, and which he himself had dedicated, silver and gold and vessels. ¹⁹And there was no *more* war unto the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa.

CHAPTER 16

¹In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Bā-āsh'-ā king of Israel came up against Judah, and built Rā'-mäh, so that he might let no one go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. ²Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of the LORD and of the king's house and sent *them* to Bēn-hā'-dād king of Syria, who lived at Damascus, saying, ³*There is* a treaty between you and me, as *there was* between my father and your father. Behold, I have sent you silver and gold. Go, break your treaty with Bā-āsh'-ā king of Israel, so that he may depart from me. ⁴And Bēn-hā'-dād listened to king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel. And they struck Ī'-jōn and Dan, and Ā'-bēl-mā'-im, and all the store cities of Nāph'-tä-lī. ⁵And when Bā-āsh'-ā heard, he left off building Rā'-mäh, and let his work stop. ⁶Then Asa the king took all Judah. And they carried away the stones of Rā'-mäh, and the timber of it with which Bā-āsh'-ā was building. And he built with it Gē'-bā and Miz'-päh.

⁷And at that time Hā-nā'-nī the seer came to Asa king of Judah and said to him, Because you have relied on the king of Syria, and have not relied on the LORD your God, therefore the army of the king of Syria has escaped out of your hand. ⁸Were not the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-āns and the Lū'-bims a huge army with many chariots and horsemen? Yet, because you relied upon the LORD, he delivered them into your hand. ⁹For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show Himself strong on behalf of *those* whose heart is perfect toward Him. You have done foolishly in this; therefore from now on you shall have wars. ¹⁰Then Asa was angry with the seer and put him in a prison-house. For *he was* in a rage with him because of this. And Asa oppressed *some* of the people at the same time.

¹¹And behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. ¹²And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign, Asa was diseased in his feet, until his disease was very grievous. Yet in his disease he did not seek to the LORD, but to the physicians.

¹³And Asa slept with his fathers and died in the forty-first year of his reign. ¹⁴And they buried him in his own tomb, which he had made for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odors and different kinds of *spices* prepared by the pēr-fūm'-er's art. And they made a very great burning for him.

CHAPTER 17

¹And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt his son reigned in his stead. And *he* made himself strong against Israel. ²And he placed troops in all the fenced cities of Judah, and set troops in the land of Judah and in the cities of Ephraim which Asa his father had taken. ³And the LORD was with Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt because he walked in the first ways of his father David and did not seek to Bā'-ā-līm. ⁴But *he* looked unto the God of his father, and walked in His commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. ⁵Therefore the LORD made the kingdom sure in his hand. And all Judah brought presents to Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt. And he had great riches and honor. ⁶And his heart was lifted up in the ways of the LORD. Moreover he took away the high places and groves out of Judah.

⁷Also in the third year of his reign he sent to his princes, to Bēn'-hāil, and to Ō-bā-dī'-āh, and to Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, and to Nēth'-ā-nēel, and to Mī-chai'-āh, to teach in the cities of Judah. ⁸And with them *he sent* Levites, Shēm-aī'-āh, and Nēth-ā-nī'-āh, and Zēb-ā-dī'-āh, and Ās'-ā-hēl, and Shē-mī'-rā-mōth, and Jē-hōn'-ā-thān, and Ād-ō-nī'-jāh, and Tō-hī'-jāh, and Tōb-ād-ō-nī'-jāh, Levites. And with them *he sent* Ē-lī-shā-mā and Jē-hōr'-ām *the* priests. ⁹And they taught in Judah and *had* the book of the law of the LORD with them, and went around throughout all the cities of Judah and taught the people.

¹⁰And the fear of the LORD fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were around Judah, so that they did not make war against Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt. ¹¹Also *some* of the Philistines brought Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt presents and silver for tribute. And the Arabians brought him flocks, seven thousand and seven hundred rams, and seven thousand and seven hundred he-goats.

¹²And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt became exceedingly great. And he built palaces in Judah, and cities of store. ¹³And he had much business in the cities of Judah. And the men of war, mighty men of power, were in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And these are the numbers of them according to the house of their fathers — from Judah, the captains of thousands — Ād'-nāh the chief, and with him were three hundred thousand mighty men of power. ¹⁵And next to him was Jē-hō-hā'-nān the captain, and with him were two hundred and eighty thousand. ¹⁶And next to him was Ām-ā-sī'-āh the son of Zīch'-rī, who willingly offered himself unto the LORD, and with him were two hundred thousand mighty men of power. ¹⁷And

from Benjamin was Ē-lī'-ā-dā a mighty man of power, and with him were two hundred thousand men armed with bow and shield. ¹⁸And next to him was Jē-hō'-zā-bād, and with him were a hundred and eighty thousand ready and prepared for war. ¹⁹These waited on the king, besides those whom the king put in the fenced cities throughout all Judah.

CHAPTER 18

¹Now Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt had plenty of riches and honor, and *he* joined himself with Ā'-hāb. ²And after *some* years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed many, many sheep and oxen for him, and for the people that were with him. And he persuaded him to go up *with him* to Rā'-mōth-gīl'-ē-ād. ³And Ahab king of Israel said to Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt king of Judah, Will you go with me to Rā'-mōth-gīl'-ē-ād? And he answered him, I am as you are, and my people are as your people. And *we will be* with you in the war.

⁴And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt said to the king of Israel, I pray you, inquire at the word of the LORD today. ⁵Therefore the king of Israel gathered together four hundred men of *the* prophets. And *he* said to them, Shall we go to Rā'-mōth-gīl'-ē-ād to battle, or shall I wait? And they said, Go up, for God will deliver *it* into the king's hand. ⁶But Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt said, *Is there* not a prophet of the LORD here besides, so that we might ask of Him? ⁷And the king of Israel said to Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, *There is* yet one man by whom we may inquire of the LORD. But I hate him, for he never prophesied good unto me, but always evil. The same is Mī-caī'-āh the son of Īm'-lā. And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt said, Let not the king say so. ⁸And the king of Israel called for one of *his* officers and said, Bring quickly Mī-caī'-āh the son of Īm'-lā.

⁹And the king of Israel and Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt king of Judah sat each of them on his throne, clothed in robes, and they sat in an empty place at the entering in of the gate of Samaria. And all the prophets prophesied before them. ¹⁰And Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the son of Chē-nā'-ā-nāh had made horns of iron for himself. And *he* said, Thus says the LORD, With these you shall push Syria until they are crushed. ¹¹And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Rā'-mōth-gīl'-ē-ād and be blessed. For the LORD shall deliver *it* into the hand of the king. ¹²And the messenger who went to call Mī-caī'-āh spoke to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth. Therefore, I pray you, let your word be like one of theirs, and speak good. ¹³And Mī-caī'-āh said, As the LORD lives, even what my God says, that I will speak.

¹⁴And when he had come to him, the king said to him, Mī-caī'-āh, shall we go to Rā'-mōth-gīl'-ē-ād to battle, or shall I wait? And he said, Go up and be blessed. And they shall be delivered into your hand.

¹⁵And the king said to him, How many times shall I warn you that you say nothing but the truth to me in the name of the LORD? ¹⁶Then he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, like sheep that have no shepherd. And the LORD said, These have no master; let them return, each man to his own house in peace. ¹⁷And the king of Israel said to Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, Did I not tell you that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil? ¹⁸Again he said, Therefore hear the word of the LORD. I saw the LORD sitting upon His throne, and all the host of Heaven were standing on His right hand and on His left. ¹⁹And the LORD said, Who shall tempt Ahab king of Israel so that he may go up and fall at Rā'-mōth-gīl'-ē-ād? And one spoke saying in one way, and another saying in another way. ²⁰Then a spirit came out and stood before the LORD and said, I will tempt him. And the LORD said, With what? ²¹And he said, I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And *the LORD said*, You shall tempt him, and you shall also succeed. Go out and do so. ²²Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these your prophets, and the LORD has spoken evil against you.

²³Then Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the son of Chē-nā'-ā-nāh came near and struck Mī-cai'-āh upon the cheek. And *he* said, Which way did the Spirit of the LORD go from me to speak to you? ²⁴And Mī-cai'-āh said, Behold, you shall see on that day when you shall go into an inner room to hide yourself. ²⁵Then the king of Israel said, Take Mī-cai'-āh, and carry him back to Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son. ²⁶And say, Thus says the king, Put this *fellow* in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction until I return in peace. ²⁷And Mī-cai'-āh said, If you certainly return in peace, *then* the LORD has not spoken by me. And he said, Listen, all you people.

²⁸So the king of Israel and Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the king of Judah went up to Rā'-mōth-gīl'-ē-ād. ²⁹And the king of Israel said to Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, I will disguise myself and will go to the battle. But you put on your robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself. And they went to the battle. ³⁰Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots who were with him, saying, Do not fight with small or great, but only with the king of Israel. ³¹And when the captains of the chariots saw Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they surrounded him to fight. But Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt cried out, and the LORD helped him. And God moved them to leave him. ³²For when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, they turned back again from pursuing him. ³³And a *certain* man drew a bow at random, and struck the king of Israel between the joints of the harness. Therefore he said to his chariot man, Turn your hand so that you may carry me out of the army, for I am wounded. ³⁴And the battle increased that day. However, the king of Israel stayed up in *his* chariot against the Syrians until the evening. And about the time of the sunset he died.

CHAPTER 19

¹And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt the king of Judah returned to his house in peace to Jerusalem. ²And Jehu the son of Hā-nā'-nī the seer went out to meet him. And *he* said to king Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, Should you help the ungodly and love those who hate the LORD? Therefore wrath has come upon you from before the LORD. ³Nevertheless there are good things found in you, in that you have taken away the groves out of the land and have prepared your heart to seek God. ⁴And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt lived at Jerusalem. And he went out again through the people from Bēer-shē'-bā to Mount Ephraim, and brought them back to the LORD God of their fathers.

⁵And he set judges in the land throughout all the fenced cities of Judah, city by city. ⁶And *he* said to the judges, Take heed what you do. For you do not judge for man, but for the LORD, who is with you in the judgment. ⁷Therefore now let the fear of the LORD be upon you. Be careful and act *wisely*, for *there is* no iniquity with the LORD our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of gifts.

⁸Moreover Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt set *some* of the Levites and of the priests and of the chief of the fathers of Israel in Jerusalem for the judgment of the LORD, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem. ⁹And he charged them, saying, So you shall do in the fear of the LORD, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. ¹⁰And whatever cause shall come to you from your brothers that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and judgments, you shall even warn them so that they do not sin against the LORD, and wrath come upon you and your brothers. Do this and you shall not sin. ¹¹And behold, Ām-ā-rī'-āh the chief priest is over you in all matters of the LORD. And Zēb-ā-dī'-āh the son of Īsh'-mā-ēl is the ruler of the house of Judah for all the king's matters. Also the Levites shall be officers before you. Take courage and act, and the LORD shall be with the good.

CHAPTER 20

¹Also after this the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them *others* besides the Ammonites, came against Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt to do battle. ²And there came some who told Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, saying, There comes a great multitude against you from beyond the sea on this side Syria. And behold, they are in Hāz'-ā-zōn-tā'-mār, which is Ēn-gē'-dī. ³And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt feared and set himself to seek the LORD, and called for a fast throughout all Judah. ⁴And Judah gathered themselves together to ask of the LORD. Even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD.

⁵And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt stood in the congregation of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the LORD, before the new court, ⁶and said, O LORD God of our Fathers, art Thou not God in Heaven? And dost Thou not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations? And is *there* not power and might in Thy hand, so that none is able to withstand Thee? ⁷Art Thou not our God? Didst Thou not drive out the people of this land before Israel, and didst give it to the seed of Thy friend Abraham forever? ⁸And they lived in it. And *they* have built Thee a temple in it for Thy name, saying, ⁹If evil comes upon us, *such as* the sword, judgment, or plague, or famine, *and* we stand before this house and in Thy presence (for Thy name is in this house) and cry unto Thee in our affliction, then Thou wilt hear and help. ¹⁰And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and Mount Sē'-īr, whom Thou wouldest not let Israel invade when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned from them and did not destroy them — ¹¹behold, they reward us by coming to cast us out of Thy possession, which Thou hast given us to inherit. ¹²O our God, wilt Thou not judge them? For we have no might against this great company which comes against us. Neither do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon Thee. ¹³And all Judah stood before the LORD with their little ones, their wives, and their children.

¹⁴Then the Spirit of the LORD came upon Jā-hā'-zī-ēl the son of Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, the son of Bē-naī'-āh, the son of Jē-ī'-ēl, the son of Māt-tā-nī'-āh, a Levite of the sons of Ā'-sāph, in the midst of the congregation. ¹⁵And he said, Listen, all Judah, and you people of Jerusalem, and king Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt! Thus says the LORD to you, Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude. For the battle is not yours, but God's. ¹⁶Tomorrow go down against them. Behold, they come up by the cliff of Ziz. And you shall find them at the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jē-rū'-ēl. ¹⁷You shall not *need* to fight in this *battle*. Set yourselves *and* stand, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem. Do not fear nor be dismayed. Tomorrow go out against them, for the LORD will be with you. ¹⁸And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt bowed his head with *his* face to the ground. And all Judah and the people of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD. ¹⁹And the Levites, of the children of the Kō'-hāth-ites and of the children of the Kō'-hītes, stood up to praise the LORD God of Israel with a loud voice on high.

²⁰And they rose early in the morning and went forth into the wilderness of Tē-kō'-ā. And as they went forth, Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and you people of Jerusalem. Believe in the LORD your God, *and* so you shall be established. Believe His prophets, *and* so you shall be blessed. ²¹And when he had talked with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD and praisers to praise the beauty of

holiness as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD, for His mercy *endures* forever.

²²And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushes against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Sē'-ir, who had come against Judah. And they were beaten. ²³For the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the people of Mount Sē'-ir to completely kill and destroy. And when they had made an end of the people of Sē'-ir, everyone helped to destroy another. ²⁴And when Judah came toward the watchtower in the wilderness, they looked at the multitude. And behold! They were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped. ²⁵And when Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt and his people came to take away the spoil from them, they found among them both riches and precious jewels in great number with the dead bodies, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away. And they were three days in gathering of the spoil, it was so much. ²⁶And on the fourth day they gathered themselves in the valley of Bē-rā'-chāh. For there they blessed the LORD. Therefore the name of the same place was called the valley of Bē-rā'-chāh until this day.

²⁷Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jerusalem, and Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt in front of them, to go again to Jerusalem with joy. For the LORD had made them to rejoice over their enemies. ²⁸And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries and harps and trumpets unto the house of the LORD. ²⁹And the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of *those* countries, when they had heard that the LORD fought against the enemies of Israel. ³⁰So the kingdom of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt was quiet. For his God gave him rest round about.

³¹And Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt reigned over Judah. *He was* thirty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-five years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Ā-zū'-bāh the daughter of Shīl'-hī. ³²And he walked in the way of Asa his father, and did not depart from it, doing *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD. ³³However, the high places were not taken away, for as yet the people had not prepared their hearts unto the God of their fathers. ³⁴Now the rest of the acts of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Jehu the son of Hā-nā'-nī, which has been added to the book of the kings of Israel.

³⁵And after this Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt king of Judah joined himself with Ā-hā-zī'-āh king of Israel, who did very wickedly. ³⁶And he joined himself with him to make ships to go to Tār'-shish. And they made the ships in Ē'-zī-ōn-gē'-bēr. ³⁷Then Ēl-ī-ē'-zēr the son of Dō'-dā-vāh of Mā-rē'-shāh prophesied against Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, saying, Because you have joined yourself with Ā-hā-zī'-āh, the LORD has broken your works. And the ships were broken so that they were not able to go to Tār'-shish.

CHAPTER 21

¹Now Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jē-hōr'-ām his son reigned in his stead. ²And he had brothers, the sons of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt, Āz-ā-rī'-āh, and Jē-hī'-ēl, and Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, and Āz-ā-rī'-āh, and Mī'-chāel, and Shēph-ā-tī'-āh. All these were the sons of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt king of Israel. ³And their father gave them great gifts of silver and of gold and of precious things, with fenced cities in Judah. But the kingdom he gave to Jē-hōr'-ām, because he was the first-born. ⁴Now when Jē-hōr'-ām had risen up to the kingdom of his father, he made himself strong and killed all his brothers with the sword, and also *many* of the princes of Israel.

⁵Jē-hōr'-ām was thirty-two years old when he began to reign. And he reigned eight years in Jerusalem. ⁶And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, like the house of Ahab – for he had the daughter of Ahab for a wife. And he did *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD. ⁷However, the LORD would not destroy the house of David, because of the covenant that He had made with David, and as He promised to give a light to him and to his sons forever.

⁸In his days the Ē'-dom-ites revolted from under the rule of Judah, and made themselves a king. ⁹Then Jē-hōr'-ām went forth with his princes, and all his chariots with him. And he rose up by night and struck the Ē'-dom-ites who surrounded him, and the captains of the chariots. ¹⁰So the Ē'-dom-ites revolted from under the hand of Judah until this day. The same time Lib'-nāh revolted from under his hand, because he had forsaken the LORD God of his fathers. ¹¹Besides he made high places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the people of Jerusalem to commit fōr-nī-cā'-tion, and forced Judah *also*.

¹²And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus says the LORD God of David your father, Because you have not walked in the ways of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt your father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, ¹³but have walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and have made Judah and the people of Jerusalem to go lusting like the fōr-nī-cā'-tions of the house of Ahab, and also have killed your brothers of your father's house (who were better than you), ¹⁴behold, the LORD will strike your people with a great plague, and your children, and your wives, and all your goods. ¹⁵And you shall have great sickness by disease in your bowels, until your bowels fall out because of the sickness day by day.

¹⁶Moreover the LORD stirred up the spirit of the Philistines against Jē-hōr'-ām, and of the Arabians who were near the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-āns. ¹⁷And they came up into Judah and broke into it, and carried away all the stuff that was found in the king's house, and his sons also, and his

wives – so that there was not a son left with him except Ā-hā-zī'-āh, the youngest of his sons.

¹⁸And after all this the LORD struck him in his bowels with a disease that could not be cured. ¹⁹And in time, after the end of two years, his bowels fell out because of his sickness. So he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him like the burning of his fathers. ²⁰He was thirty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years, and departed without being desired. However, they buried him in the city of David, but not in the tombs of the kings.

CHAPTER 22

¹And the people of Jerusalem made Ā-hā-zī'-āh his youngest son king in his stead. For the band of men that came with the Ā-rā'-bī-āns to the camp had killed all the older ones. So Ā-hā-zī'-āh the son of Jē-hôr'-ām king of Judah reigned. ²Ā-hā-zī'-āh's *dynasty* was forty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned one year in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Āth-ā-lī'-āh the daughter of Omri. ³He also walked in the ways of the house of Ahab. For his mother was his adviser to do wickedly. ⁴Therefore he did evil in the sight of the LORD like the house of Ahab. For they were his advisers after the death of his father, to his ruin. ⁵He also walked after their advice and went with Jē-hôr'-ām the son of Ahab king of Israel to war against Hā-zā'-ēl king of Syria at Rā'-mōth-gil'-ē-ād. And the Syrians struck Jē-hôr'-ām. ⁶And he returned to be healed in Jēz'-rēel because of the wounds which were given him at Rā'-māh, when he fought with Hā-zā'-ēl king of Syria. And Ā-hā-zī'-āh the son of Jē-hôr'-ām king of Judah went down to see Jē-hôr'-ām the son of Ahab at Jēz'-rēel, because he was sick. ⁷And by coming to Jē-hôr'-ām, the putting down of Ā-hā-zī'-āh was of God. He went out with Jē-hôr'-ām against Jehu the son of Nīm'-shī, whom the LORD had anointed to cut off the house of Ahab. ⁸And when Jehu was executing judgment upon the house of Ahab, and found the princes of Judah and the sons of the brothers of Ā-hā-zī'-āh who served Ā-hā-zī'-āh, he killed them. ⁹And he looked for Ā-hā-zī'-āh. And they caught him (for he was hidden in Samaria), and brought him to Jehu. And when they had killed him, they buried him – because they said, He is the son of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt who looked unto the LORD with all his heart. So the house of Ā-hā-zī'-āh had no power still to keep the kingdom.

¹⁰But when Āth-ā-lī'-āh the mother of Ā-hā-zī'-āh saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal of the house of Judah. ¹¹But Jē-hō-shāb'-ē-āth the daughter of the king took Jō'-āsh the son of Ā-hā-zī'-āh, and stole him from among the king's sons who were killed. And *she* put him and his nurse in a bedroom. So Jē-hō-shāb'-ē-āth, the daughter of king Jē-hôr'-ām, the wife of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā

the priest (for she was the sister of Ā-hā-zī'-āh) hid him from Āth-ā-lī'-āh so that she did not kill him. ¹²And he was with them six years hidden in the house of God. And Āth-ā-lī'-āh reigned over the land.

CHAPTER 23

¹And in the seventh year Jē-hoi'-ā-dā made himself strong. And he took the captains of hundreds, Āz-ā-rī'-āh the son of Jē-rō'-hām, and Ish'-mā-ēl the son of Jē-hō-hā'-nān, and Āz-ā-rī'-āh the son of Ō'-bēd, and Mā-ā-sei'-āh the son of Ā-daī'-āh, and Ē-lī-shā'-phāt the son of Zich'-rī into covenant with him. ²And they went about in Judah and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the chief of the fathers of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. ³And all the congregation made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said to them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as the LORD has said of the sons of David. ⁴This is the thing that you shall do. A third part of you entering on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be keepers of the doors. ⁵And a third part shall be at the king's house. And a third part shall be at the gate of the foundation. And all the people shall be in the courts of the house of the LORD. ⁶But let none come into the house of the LORD except the priests, and those of the Levites who minister. They shall go in, for they are holy. But all the people shall keep the watch of the LORD. ⁷And the Levites shall surround the king, each man with his weapons in his hand. And whoever comes into the house, he shall be put to death. But you be with the king when he comes in and when he goes out.

⁸So the Levites and all Judah did according to all things that Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the priest had commanded. And every man took his men who were to come in on the sabbath, with the ones who were to go out on the sabbath. For Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the priest did not dismiss the courses. ⁹Moreover Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the priest delivered to the captains of hundreds king David's spears and bucklers and shields, which were in the house of God. ¹⁰And he set all the people, each man having his weapon in his hand, from the right side of the temple to the left side of the temple, along by the altar and the temple, by the king round about. ¹¹Then they brought out the king's son and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony, and made him king. And Jē-hoi'-ā-dā and his sons anointed him and said, Let the king live!

¹²Now when Āth-ā-lī'-āh heard the noise of the people running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of the LORD. ¹³And she looked, and behold, the king stood at his pillar at the entering in, and the princes and the trumpets by the king. And all the people of the land were rejoicing and sounding with trumpets, also the singers with instruments of music, and such as taught to sing praise. Then Āth-ā-lī'-āh tore her clothes and cried, Treason! Treason! ¹⁴Then Jē-hoi'-

ă-dă the priest brought out the captains of hundreds who were set over the army, and said to them, Take her out of the ranks. And whoever follows her, let him be killed with the sword. For the priest said, Do not kill her in the house of the LORD. ¹⁵So they laid hands on her. And when she had come to the entering in of the horse gate by the king's house, they killed her there.

¹⁶And Jē-hoi'-ă-dă made a covenant between him, and between all the people, and between the king, that they should be the LORD's people. ¹⁷Then all the people went to the house of Bă'-ăl and broke it down, and broke his altars and his images in pieces. And *they* killed Măt'-tăn the priest of Bă'-ăl before the altars. ¹⁸Also Jē-hoi'-ă-dă chose the officers of the house of the LORD by the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of the LORD, to offer the burnt offerings of the LORD, *it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing as it was ordained* by David. ¹⁹And he set the porters at the gates of the house of the LORD, so that none *who was* unclean in anything should enter in. ²⁰And he took the captains of hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors of the people, and all the people of the land, and brought the king down from the house of the LORD. And they came through the high gate into the king's house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom. ²¹And all the people of the land rejoiced. And the city was quiet after they had killed Āth-ă-lī'-ăh with the sword.

CHAPTER 24

¹Jō'-ăsh was seven years old when he began to reign. And he reigned forty years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Zi'-bī-ăh of Bēer-shē'-bă. ²And Joash did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD all the days of Jē-hoi'-ă-dă the priest. ³And Jē-hoi'-ă-dă got for him two wives. And they had sons and daughters.

⁴And after this Joash was of a mind to repair the house of the LORD. ⁵And he gathered together the priests and the Levites and said to them, Go out to the cities of Judah, and gather money from all Israel to repair the house of your God from year to year. And see that you hasten the matter. However, the Levites did not hasten it. ⁶And the king called for Jē-hoi'-ă-dă and said to him, Why have you not made the Levites bring in the collection out of Judah and out of Jerusalem, *according to* Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness? ⁷For the sons of Āth-ă-lī'-ăh, that wicked woman, have broken up the house of God. And also all the dedicated things of the house of the LORD they have given to Bă'-ă-lim.

⁸And at the king's commandment they made a chest, and set it outside at the gate of the house of the LORD. ⁹And they sent a notice throughout Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the collec-

tion that Moses the servant of God *laid* upon Israel in the wilderness. ¹⁰And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and threw into the chests until they had made an end. ¹¹Now at the time the chest was brought into the king's office by the Levites, and when they saw that *there was* much money, the king's scribe and the high priest's officer came and emptied the chest, and took it and carried it to its place again. So they did day by day, and gathered a great amount of money. ¹²And the king and Jē-hoi'-ā-dā gave it to those who did the work of the service of the house of the LORD. And *they* hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as worked iron and brass, to mend the house of the LORD. ¹³So the workmen worked, and the work was completed by them, and they set the house of God in its proper state and made it strong. ¹⁴And when they had finished, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jē-hoi'-ā-dā. Of *this money* were made vessels for the house of the LORD, vessels to minister and to offer, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they always offered burnt offerings in the house of the LORD all the days of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā. ¹⁵But Jē-hoi'-ā-dā became old, and was full of days when he died. *He was* a hundred and thirty years old when he died. ¹⁶And they buried him in the city of David among the kings, because he had done good in Israel, both toward God and toward His house.

¹⁷Now after the death of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the princes of Judah came and bowed down to the king. Then the king listened to them. ¹⁸And they left the house of the LORD God of their fathers, and served groves and idols. And wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their guilt. ¹⁹Yet He sent prophets to them to bring them again unto the LORD. And they testified against them. But they would not listen. ²⁰And the Spirit of God came upon Zēch-ā-rī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the priest, who stood above the people and said unto them, Thus says God, Why do you pass over the commandments of the LORD so that you cannot be blessed? Beause you have forsaken the LORD, He has also forsaken you. ²¹And they plotted against him and stoned him with stones at the commandment of the king in the court of the house of the LORD. ²²So Joash the king did not remember the kindness which Jē-hoi'-ā-dā his father had done to him, but killed his son. And when he died, he said, *May* the LORD look upon *it*, and require *it*.

²³And at the end of the year the army of Syria came up against him. And they came to Judah and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the people from among the people, and sent all the spoil of them to the king of Damascus. ²⁴For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men, and the LORD delivered a very great army into their hand, because they had forsaken the God of the fathers. So they executed judgment against Joash. ²⁵And when they had departed from

him (for they left him in great diseases), his own servants plotted against him for the blood of the sons of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the priest, and killed him on his bed, and he died. And they buried him in the city of David, but they did not bury him in the tombs of the kings. ²⁶And these are the ones who plotted against him — Zā'-bād the son of Shīm'-ē-āth of Ammon, and Jē-hō'-zā-bād the son of Shīm'-rīth of Moab. ²⁷Now as to his sons, and the greatness of the burdens *laid* upon him, and the repairing of the house of God, behold, they are written in the story of the book of the kings. And Ām-ā-zī'-āh his son reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 25

¹Ām-ā-zī'-āh was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Jē-hō-ād'-dān of Jerusalem. ²And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, but not with a perfect heart. ³Now when the kingdom was made sure unto him, he killed his servants who had killed the king his father. ⁴But he did not kill their children, but *did as it is* written in the law in the book of Moses, where the LORD commanded, saying, The father shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin.

⁵Moreover Ām-ā-zī'-āh gathered Judah together and made them captains over thousands and captains over hundreds, according to the houses of *their* fathers, throughout all Judah and Benjamin. And he numbered them from twenty years old and above, and found them three hundred thousand choice *men able* to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield. ⁶He also hired a hundred thousand mighty men of war out of Israel for a hundred talents of silver. ⁷But there came a man of God to him saying, O king, do not let the army of Israel go with you, for the LORD is not with Israel, *with* all the children of Ephraim. ⁸But if you will go, do *it!* Be strong for the battle, for God shall make you fall before the enemy, for God has power to help and to throw down. ⁹And Ām-ā-zī'-āh said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, The LORD is able to give you much more than this. ¹⁰Then Ām-ā-zī'-āh separated them, the army that had come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again. Therefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in great anger.

¹¹And Ām-ā-zī'-āh made himself strong, and led forth his people, and went to the valley of salt, and struck ten thousand of the children of Sē'-ir. ¹²And the children of Judah carried away captive ten thousand alive, and brought them to the top of the rock, and threw them down

from the top of the rock so they were all broken in pieces. ¹³But the soldiers of the army which Ām-ā-zī'-āh sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah from Samaria even to Bēth-hōr'-ōn, and struck three thousand of them and took much spoil.

¹⁴Now after Ām-ā-zī'-āh had come from the slaughter of the Ē'-dom-ites, he brought the gods of the children of Sē-ir and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them and burned incense unto them. ¹⁵Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against Ām-ā-zī'-āh, and He sent to him a prophet who said to him, Why have you sought after the gods of the people, which could not deliver their own people out of your hand? ¹⁶And as he talked with him, *the king* said to him, Have we made you of the king's counsel? Stop! Why should you be stricken? Then the prophet stopped. And he said, I know that God has determined to destroy you because you have done this and have not listened to my counsel.

¹⁷Then Ām-ā-zī'-āh king of Judah took advice, and sent to Jē-hō'-āsh the son of Jē-hō'-ā-hāz the son of Jehu, king of Israel, saying, Come let us look one another in the face. ¹⁸And Jē-hō'-āsh king of Israel sent to Ām-ā-zī'-āh king of Judah saying, The thistle that was in Lēb'-ā-non sent to the cedar that was in Lēb'-ā-non, saying, Give your daughter to my son for a wife. And there passed by a wild beast that was in Lēb'-ā-non and trampled the thistle down. ¹⁹You say, Lo, you have stricken the Ē'-dom-ites, and your heart lifts you up to boast. Now stay at home -- why should you meddle to *your* hurt, so that you should fall, you and Judah with you?

²⁰But Ām-ā-zī'-āh would not hear, for it was from God so that He might deliver them into the hand of *their enemies*, because they sought after the gods of Edom. ²¹So Jē-hō'-āsh the king of Israel went up. And they saw one another in the face, he and Ām-ā-zī'-āh king of Judah, at Bēth-shē'-mēsh which *belongs* to Judah. ²²And Judah was put to the worse before Israel, and each man fled to his tent. ²³And Jē-hō'-āsh the king of Israel took Ām-ā-zī'-āh king of Judah, the son of Jō'-āsh the son of Ā-hā-zī'-āh, at Bēth-shē'-mēsh, and brought him to Jerusalem and broke down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim to the corner gate, four hundred cubits. ²⁴And *he* took all the gold and the silver, and all the vessels which were found in the house of God with Ō'-bēd-ē'-dom, and the treasures of the king's house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

²⁵And Ām-ā-zī'-āh the son of Joash king of Judah lived fifteen years after the death of Jē-hō'-āsh son of Jē-hō'-ā-hāz king of Israel. ²⁶Now the rest of the acts of Ām-ā-zī'-āh, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel?

²⁷Now after the time that Ām-ā-zī'-āh turned away from following

the LORD, they made a plot against him in Jerusalem. And he fled to Lā'-chīsh. But they sent to Lā'-chīsh after him and killed him there. ²⁸And they brought him upon horses and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

CHAPTER 26

¹Then all the people of Judah took Ūz-zī'-āh, who was sixteen years old, and made him king in the place of his father Ām-ā-zī'-āh. ²He built Ē'-lōth, and restored it to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers. ³Ūz-zī'-āh was sixteen years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-two years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jēc-ō-lī'-āh of Jerusalem. ⁴And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Ām-ā-zī'-āh did. ⁵And he sought God in the days of Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, who had understanding in the visions of God. As long as he sought the LORD, God made blessed him. ⁶And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and broke down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jāb'-nēh, and the wall of Āsh'-dōd, and built cities around Āsh'-dōd and among the Philistines. ⁷And God helped him against the Philistines and against the Ā-rā'-bī-āns who lived in Gūr-bā'-āl, and the Mē-hū'-nīms. ⁸And the Ammonites gave gifts to Ūz-zī'-āh. And his name spread abroad even to the entering in of Egypt, for he was made very strong.

⁹Moreover, Ūz-zī'-āh built towers in Jerusalem at the corner gate, and at the valley gate, and at the turning *of the wall*, and fortified them. ¹⁰Also he built towers in the desert, and dug many wells. For he had many cattle, both in the low country and in the plains. *He also had* husbandmen and vinedressers in the mountains, and in Cār'-mēl. For he loved the earth. ¹¹Moreover, Ūz-zī'-āh had an army of fighting men who went out to war by bands, according to the number of their oversight by the hand of Jē'-ī-ēl the scribe and Mā-ā-seī'-āh the ruler, under the hand of Hān-ā-nī'-āh, one of the king's captains. ¹²The whole number of the chief of the fathers of the mighty men of power were two thousand and six hundred. ¹³And under their hand was an army of three hundred and seven thousand, five hundred, that made war with mighty power to help the king against the enemy. ¹⁴And Ūz-zī'-āh prepared for them, throughout all the army, shields and spears and helmets and coats of armor and bows and slings *to throw* stones. ¹⁵And he made engines in Jerusalem, invented by skillful men, to be on the towers and on the corners, to shoot arrows and great stones with. And his name spread far abroad. For he was wonderfully helped until he was strong.

¹⁶But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to *his* ruin. For he sinned against the LORD his God, and went into the temple of the

LORD to burn incense upon the altar of incense. ¹⁷And Āz-ă-rī'-ăh the priest went in after him, and with him eighty priests of the LORD, mighty men. ¹⁸And they withstood Ūz-zī'-ăh the king and said to him, *It does not belong to you, Ūz-zī'-ăh, to burn incense unto the Lord, but to the priests, the sons of Aaron who are consecrated to burn incense. Go out of the temple, for you have sinned. Neither shall it be for your honor from the LORD God.* ¹⁹Then Ūz-zī'-ăh was angry. And *he had* a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar. ²⁰And Āz-ă-rī'-ăh the chief priest, and all the priests, looked upon him. And, behold, he was leprous in his forehead! And they thrust him out from there. Yes, he himself hurried to go out also, because the LORD had stricken him. ²¹And Ūz-zī'-ăh the king was a leper until the day of his death, and lived in a separate house, being a leper. For he was cut off from the house of the LORD. And Jō'-thām his son was over the king's house, judging the people of the land.

²²Now the rest of the acts of Ūz-zī'-ăh, first and last, I-sā'-iāh the prophet, the son of Amoz, wrote. So Ūz-zī'-ăh slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the field of the burial which *belonged* to the kings. For they said, *He is a leper.* And his son Jō'-thām reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 27

¹Jō'-thām was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. His mother's name also was Jē-rū'-shāh, the daughter of Zā'-dōk. ²And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that his father Ūz-zī'-ăh did. However, he did not enter into the temple of the LORD. And the people still did evilly. ³He built the high gate of the house of the LORD, and on the wall of Ō'-phēl he built much. ⁴Moreover he built cities in the mountains of Judah, and in the forests he built palaces and towers. ⁵He also fought with the king of the Ammonites and won against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year a hundred talents of silver and ten thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. This the children of Ammon paid to him, both the second year and the third. ⁶So Jō'-thām became mighty because he prepared his ways before the LORD his God.

⁷Now the rest of the acts of Jō'-thām, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. ⁸He was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. ⁹And Jō'-thām slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David. And his son Ahaz reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 28

¹Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem. But he did not *do that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, like David his father. ²For he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and also made molded images for Bā'-ā-līm. ³Moreover he burned incense in the valley of the son of Hīn'-nōm, and burned his children in the fire, according to the hateful *gods* of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. ⁴He also sacrificed and burned incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. ⁵Therefore the LORD his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria. And they struck him and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought *them* to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who struck him with a great slaughter.

⁶For Pē'-käh the son of Rēm-ā-lī'-äh killed a hundred and twenty thousand in Judah in one day, all mighty men, because they had forsaken the LORD God of their fathers. ⁷And Zīch'-rī, a mighty man of Ephraim, killed Mā-ā-seī'-äh the king's son, and Āz-rī'-kām the governor of the house, and Ēl-kā'-nāh who was next to the king. ⁸And the children of Israel carried away captive two hundred thousand of their brothers, women, sons, and daughters, and also took away much spoil from them and brought the spoil to Samaria. ⁹But a prophet of the LORD was there, whose name was Ō'-dēd. And he went out before the army that came to Samaria and said to them. Behold, because the Lord God of your fathers was angry with Judah, He has delivered them into your hands, and you have killed them in a rage *which* reaches up to Heaven. ¹⁰And now you intend to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem, for bondmen and bondwomen: to you. Are there not with you, even with you, sins against the LORD your God? ¹¹Now therefore hear me, and deliver again the captives which you have taken captive of your brothers. For the fierce wrath of the LORD is upon you.

¹²Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Āz-ā-rī'-äh the son of Jō-hā'-nān, Bēr-ē-chī'-äh the son of Mē-shīl'-lē-mōth, and Jē-hiz-kī'-äh the son of Shāl'-lūm, and Ām-ā'-sā the son of Hād-lā'-ī, stood up against them who came from the war. ¹³And *they* said to them, You shall not bring the captives here. For we have offended the LORD, *and* you intend to add to our sins and to our trespass. For our trespass is great, and *there is* fierce wrath against Israel. ¹⁴So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the congregation. ¹⁵And the men who were called by name rose up and took the captives and clothed all that were naked among them with the spoil, and dressed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble ones upon asses, and brought them to

Jericho, the city of palm trees, to their brothers. Then they returned to Samaria.

¹⁶At that time king Ahaz sent to the kings of Assyria to help him. ¹⁷For again the E'-dom-ites had come and had beaten Judah and had carried away captives. ¹⁸The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the low country and of the south of Judah, and had taken Bēth-shē'-mēsh and Aī'-jā-lon, and Gē-dē'-rōth, and Shō'-chō with the villages of it, and Tīm'-nāh with the villages of it, Gīm'-zō also and the villages of it. And they lived there. ¹⁹For the LORD brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel. For he made Judah naked, and sinned grievously against the LORD. ²⁰And Tīl-gāth-pīl-nē'-šēr king of Assyria came to him and troubled him, but did not strengthen him. ²¹For Ahaz took away a portion of the house of the LORD, and of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave *it* to the king of Assyria. But he did not help him.

²²And in the time of his distress he trespassed even more against the LORD, this king Ahaz. ²³For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus who struck him. And he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, I will sacrifice to them so that they may help me. But they were the ruin of him and of all Israel. ²⁴And Ahaz gathered together the vessels of the house of God and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of the LORD. And he made himself altars in every corner of Jerusalem. ²⁵And in each separate city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger the LORD God of his fathers.

²⁶Now the rest of his acts and of all his ways, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. ²⁷And Ahaz slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city, in Jerusalem. But they did not bring him into the tombs of the kings of Israel. And his son Hēz-ē-kī'-āh reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 29

¹Hēz-ē-kī'-āh began to reign *when he was* twenty-five years old, and he reigned twenty-nine years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Ā-bī'-jāh the daughter of Zēch-ā-rī'-āh. ²And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, according to all that David his father had done.

³In the first year of his reign, in the first month, he opened the doors of the house of the LORD and repaired them. ⁴And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the east street. ⁵And *he* said to them, Hear me, Levites, now sanctify yourselves and sanctify the house of the LORD God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy *place*. ⁶For our fathers have sinned and done *that which was* evil in the eyes of the LORD our God, and have

forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the house of the LORD, and have turned *their* backs. ⁷Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt offerings in the holy *place* unto the God of Israel. ⁸Therefore the wrath of the LORD was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and He has delivered them to trouble, to ruin, and to hissing — as you see with your eyes. ⁹For lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, and our sons and our daughters and our wives are in captivity for this. ¹⁰Now it is in my heart to make a covenant with the LORD God of Israel, that His fierce wrath may turn away from us. ¹¹My sons, do not be negligent now. For the LORD has chosen you to stand before Him, to serve Him, and that you should minister unto Him and burn incense.

¹²Then the Levites arose — Mā'-hāth the son of Ā-mā'-saī, and Jō'-ēl the son of Āz-ā-rī'-āh, of the sons of the Kō'-hāth-ītes. And of the sons of Mē-rār'-ī, arose Kish the son of Āb'-dī, and Āz-ā-rī'-āh the son of Jē-hāl'-ē-lēl. And of the Gēr'-shōn-ītes were Jō'-āh the son of Zīm'-māh, and Eden the son of Jō'-āh. ¹³And of the sons of Ē-lī-zā'-phān were Shīm'-rī and Jē-ī'-ēl. And of the sons of Ā'-sāph were Zēch-ā-rī'-āh and Māt-tā-nī'-āh. ¹⁴And of the sons of Hē'-mān were Jē-hī'-ēl and Shīm'-ē-ī. And of the sons of Jē-dū'-thūn were Shēm-aī'-āh and Ūz'-zī'-ēl. ¹⁵And they gathered their brothers and sanctified themselves, and came, according to the commandment of the king, by the words of the LORD, to clean the house of the LORD. ¹⁶And the priests went in to the inner part of the house of the LORD to clean *it*. And *they* brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of the LORD into the court of the house of the LORD. And the Levites took *it* to carry *it* outside into the brook Kī'-drōn.

¹⁷And they began to make *it* pure on the first *day* of the first month. And on the eighth day of the month they came to the porch of the LORD. So they made the house of the LORD pure in eight days, and in the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. ¹⁸Then they went in to Hēz-ē-kī'-āh the king and said, We have cleaned all the house of the LORD, and the altar of burnt offering, with all the vessels of it, and the showbread table, with all the vessels of it. ¹⁹Besides, we have made ready and pure all the vessels which king Ahaz in his reign cast away in his sin. And behold, they are before the altar of the LORD.

²⁰Then Hēz-ē-kī'-āh the king rose early and gathered the rulers of the city, and went up to the house of the LORD. ²¹And they brought seven bulls and seven rams and seven lambs and seven he-goats, for a sin offering for the kingdom, and for the holy place, and for Judah. And he commanded the priests the sons of Aaron to offer *them* on the altar of the LORD. ²²So they killed the bulls, and the priests received the blood and sprinkled *it* on the altar. Likewise, when they had killed the rams, they sprinkled the blood upon the altar. They also killed the lambs, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar. ²³And they brought

forth the he-goats *for* the sin offering before the king and the congregation. And they laid their hands upon them. ²⁴And the priest killed them, and they made atonement with their blood upon the altar, to make atonement for all Israel. For the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering *should* be made for all Israel.

²⁵And he set the Levites in the house of the LORD with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king's seer and Nathan the prophet. For *so was* the commandment of the LORD by His prophets. ²⁶And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. ²⁷And Hēz-ē-kī'āh commanded to offer the burnt offering upon the altar. And when the burnt offering began, the song of the LORD *also* began with the trumpets and with the instruments *ordained* by David king of Israel. ²⁸And all the congregation worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded. All *this went on* until the burnt offering was finished. ²⁹And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all who were present with him bowed themselves and worshipped. ³⁰Moreover Hēz-ē-kī'āh the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praise unto the LORD with the words of David and of Ā'sāph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped. ³¹Then Hēz-ē-kī'āh answered and said, Now you have consecrated yourselves unto the LORD. Come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings into the house of the LORD. And the congregation brought in sacrifices and thank-offerings. And as many as were of a free heart *brought* burnt offerings. ³²And the number of the burnt offerings which the congregation brought was seventy bulls, a hundred rams, two hundred lambs. All these were for a burnt offering to the LORD. ³³And the things set apart *unto God* were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. ³⁴But the priests were too few, so that they could not skin all the burnt offerings. Therefore their brothers the Levites helped them until the work was ended, and until the priests had made themselves pure. For the Levites were more upright in heart to make themselves pure than the priests. ³⁵And also the burnt offerings were very many, with the fat of the peace offerings and the drink offerings for *every* burnt offering. So the service of the house of the LORD was set in order. ³⁶And Hēz-ē-kī'āh rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people. For the thing was *done* suddenly.

CHAPTER 30

¹And Hēz-ē-kī'āh sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Mā-nās'-sēh, that they should come to the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, to keep the Passover unto the LORD God of Israel.

²For the king had taken advice, and his princes, and all the congregation in Jerusalem, to keep the Passover in the second month. ³For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not made themselves pure enough, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. ⁴And the thing pleased the king and all the congregation. ⁵So they established a decree to send a notice throughout all Israel, from Bēer-shē'-bā even to Dan, that they should come to keep the Passover unto the LORD God of Israel at Jerusalem. For they had not done *it* for a long *time* as it was written. ⁶So the runners went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, You children of Israel, turn again to the LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, and He will return to the remnant of you who have escaped out of the hands of the king of Assyria. ⁷And do not be like your fathers and like your brothers who sinned against the LORD God of their fathers, *who* therefore gave them up to ruin, as you see. ⁸Now do not be stiffnecked, as your fathers were, *but* yield yourselves unto the LORD and enter into His temple which He has set apart forever. And serve the LORD your God, so that the fierceness of His wrath may turn away from you. ⁹For if you turn again to the LORD, your brothers and your children *shall find* pity before those who lead them captive, so that they shall come again into this land. For the LORD your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn *His* face away from you if you return unto Him. ¹⁰So the runners passed from city to city, through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh even to Zē-bū'-lūn. But they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. ¹¹Nevertheless many from Asher and Manasseh and Zē-bū'-lūn humbled themselves and came to Jerusalem. ¹²Also in Judah the hand of God was to give them one heart to do the commandment of the king and of the princes, by the word of the LORD.

¹³And many people gathered at Jerusalem to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great congregation. ¹⁴And they arose and took away the altars which were in Jerusalem, and all the altars for incense they took away, and threw them into the brook Kī'-drōn. ¹⁵Then they killed the Passover on the fourteenth day of the second month. And the priests and the Levites were ashamed and made themselves pure, and brought in the burnt offerings into the house of the LORD. ¹⁶And they stood in their place in their manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God. The priests sprinkled the blood *which they received* from the hand of the Levites. ¹⁷For *there were* many in the congregation who were not made pure. Therefore the Levites had the charge of the killing of the passovers for everyone *who was* not clean, to sanctify *them* unto the LORD. ¹⁸For a multitude of the people, many from Ephraim and Manasseh, Is'-sā-chār and Zē-bū'-lūn, had not cleaned themselves — yet they ate the Passover otherwise than it was written. But Hēz-ē-kī'-āh prayed for them, saying, *May*

the good LORD pardon everyone ¹⁹*who* prepares his heart to seek God, the LORD God of his fathers, though *he is* not *cleansed* according to the purification of the sanctuary. ²⁰And the LORD listened to Hēz-ē-kī'-āh and healed the people. ²¹And the children of Israel who were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness. And the Levites and the priests praised the LORD day by day, *singing* with loud instruments unto the LORD. ²²And Hēz-ē-kī'-āh spoke comfortably to all the Levites who taught the good knowledge of the LORD. And they ate throughout the feast seven days, offering peace offerings and making confessions to the LORD God of their fathers. ²³And the whole gathering agreed to keep another seven days. And they kept *another* seven days with gladness. ²⁴For Hēz-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah gave to the congregation a thousand bulls and seven thousand sheep. And the princes gave to the congregation a thousand bulls and ten thousand sheep. And a great number of priests sanctified themselves. ²⁵And all the congregation of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the congregation that came out of Israel, and the strangers that came out of the land of Israel, and who lived in Judah, rejoiced. ²⁶So there was great joy in Jerusalem. For since the time of Solomon the son of David king of Israel *there was* not the like in Jerusalem. ²⁷Then the priests the Levites arose and blessed the people. And their voice was heard, and their prayer came *up* to His holy dwelling-place, unto Heaven.

CHAPTER 31

¹Now when all this was finished, all Israel who were present went out to the cities of Judah and broke the images in pieces, and cut down the groves, and threw down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, also in Ephraim and Manasseh, until they had completely destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, each man to his possession, into their own cities.

²And Hēz-ē-kī'-āh set the courses of the priests and the Levites according to their courses, each man according to his service, the priests and Levites for burnt offerings and for peace offerings, to minister and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the tents of the LORD. ³*He* also *set forth* the king's portion of his goods for the burnt offerings for the morning and evening burnt offerings, and the burnt offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as *it is* written in the law of the LORD. ⁴Moreover he commanded the people who lived in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites so that they might be strong in the law of the LORD.

⁵And as soon as the commandment came out, the children of Israel brought plentifully of the first-fruits of corn, wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field. And the tithe of all *things* they

brought in plentifully. ⁶And *as to* the children of Israel and Judah who lived in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things which were set apart unto the LORD their God, and laid *them* by heaps. ⁷In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished in the seventh month. ⁸And when Hēz-ē-kī'-āh and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the LORD and His people Israel. ⁹Then Hēz-ē-kī'-āh asked the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. ¹⁰And Āz-ā-rī'-āh the chief priest of the house of Zā'-dōk answered him and said, Since *the people* began to bring the offerings into the house of the LORD, we have had enough to eat and have plenty left. For the LORD has blessed His people, and that which is left is this great store.

¹¹Then Hēz-ē-kī'-āh commanded storehouses to be prepared in the house of the LORD. And they prepared *them*, ¹²and brought in the offerings and the tithes and the things set apart *unto God* faithfully. And over *them* was Cō-nō-nī'-āh the Levite ruler, and Shīm'-ē-ī his brother was the next. ¹³And Jē-hī'-ēl, and Āz-ā-zī'-āh, and Nahath, and Ās'-ā-hēl, and Jēr'-ī-mōth, and Jō'-zā-bād, and Ē-lī'-ēl, and Īs-mā-chī'-āh, and Mā'-hāth, and Bē-naī'-āh, were overseers under the hand of Cō-nō-nī'-āh and Shīm'-ē-ī his brother, at the commandment of Hēz-ē-kī'-āh the king, and Āz-ā-rī'-āh the ruler of the house of God. ¹⁴And Kōr'-ē the son of Īm'-nāh the Levite, the gatekeeper toward the east, was over the free-will offerings of God, to share out the sacrifices of the LORD and the most holy things. ¹⁵And next to him were Eden, and Mīn-ī'-ā-mīn, and Jēsh'-ū-ā, and Shēm-aī'-āh, Ām-ā-rī'-āh, and Shēc-ā-nī'-āh, in the cities of the priests, in *their* set office, to give to their brothers by courses, to the great as well as to the small — ¹⁶besides registering the males from three years and upward, unto everyone who enters into the house of the LORD, *giving* his daily portion for their service in their charges according to their courses — ¹⁷both to the genealogy of the priests by the house of their fathers, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, and their charges by their courses — ¹⁸and to the genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregation. For in their set office they set themselves apart in holiness. ¹⁹Also of the sons of Aaron the priest *who were* in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in each separate city were the men who were expressed by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all who were reckoned by genealogies among the Levites.

²⁰And so Hēz-ē-kī'-āh did throughout all Judah, and worked *that which was* good and right and true before the LORD his God. ²¹And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and was blessed.

CHAPTER 32

¹After these things done in faithfulness, Sēn-nāch'-ēr-īb king of Assyria came and entered into Judah, and camped against the fenced cities, and thought to win them for himself. ²And when Hēz-ē-kī'-āh saw that Sēn-nāch'-ēr-īb had come, and that he had set his face to fight against Jerusalem, ³he took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were outside the city. And they helped him. ⁴So there were gathered many people together, who stopped all the fountains and the brook which ran through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the king of Assyria come and find much water? ⁵Also he made himself strong and built up all the wall that was broken, and raised it up to the towers, and another wall outside, and repaired Mil'-lō in the city of David, and made darts and shields in abundance. ⁶And he set captains of war over the people and gathered them together unto himself in the street of the gate of the city. And he spoke to them comfortably, saying, ⁷Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of the king of Assyria, or for all the multitude that is with him. For there are more with us than with him. ⁸With him is an arm of flesh, but with us is the LORD our God to help us and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hēz-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah.

⁹After this Sēn-nāch'-ēr-īb king of Assyria sent his servants to Jerusalem. But he went up against Lā'-chīsh, and all his power with him. The servants came to Hēz-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah, and to all Judah that was at Jerusalem, saying, ¹⁰Sēn-nāch'-ēr-īb king of Assyria says this — On what do you trust that you abide in the stronghold of Jerusalem? ¹¹Does not Hēz-ē-kī'-āh move you to give yourselves over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, Jehovah our God shall deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria? ¹²Has not the same Hēz-ē-kī'-āh taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, You shall worship before one altar and burn incense upon it? ¹³Do you not know what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of other lands? Were the gods of the nations of those lands in any way able to deliver their lands out of my hands? ¹⁴Who was there among all the gods of those nations that my fathers completely destroyed who could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of my hand? ¹⁵Now therefore, do not let Hēz-ē-kī'-āh deceive you, nor move you in this way, neither yet believe him. For no god of any nation was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers. How much less shall your god deliver you out of my hand? ¹⁶And his servants spoke still more against the LORD God, and against His servant Hēz-ē-kī'-āh.

¹⁷He also wrote letters to revile the LORD God of Israel, and to speak against Him, saying, As the gods of the nations of other lands have not

delivered their people out of my hand, so shall not the God of Hēz-ē-kī'-āh deliver his people out of my hand. ¹⁸Then they cried out with a loud voice in the Jews' speech unto the people of Jerusalem who were on the wall, in order to frighten them and to trouble them, so that they might take the city. ¹⁹And they spoke against the God of Jerusalem, as against the gods of the peoples of the earth, *which were* the work of the hands of man. ²⁰And for this *reason* Hēz-ē-kī'-āh the king and the prophet Ī-sā'-iāh the son of Amoz prayed and cried to Heaven.

²¹And the LORD sent an angel to cut off all the mighty men of power, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he had come into the house of his god, they who came forth from his own bowels killed him there with the sword. ²²So the LORD saved Hēz-ē-kī'-āh and the people of Jerusalem from the hand of Sēn-nāch'-ēr-īb the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all *others*, and guided them on every side. ²³And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and presents to Hēz-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah, so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from that time on.

²⁴In those days Hēz-ē-kī'-āh was sick unto death, and prayed unto the LORD. And He spoke unto him, and He gave him a sign. ²⁵But Hēz-ē-kī'-āh did not give again according to the good done to him, for his heart was lifted up. Therefore there was wrath upon him and upon Judah and Jerusalem. ²⁶But Hēz-ē-kī'-āh humbled himself for the pride of his heart, he and the people of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of the LORD did not come upon them in the days of Hēz-ē-kī'-āh.

²⁷And Hēz-ē-kī'-āh had exceeding much riches and honor. And he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all kinds of pleasant jewels. ²⁸*He* also *made* storehouses for the increase of grain and wine and oil, and stalls for all kinds of animals, and cotes for flocks. ²⁹Moreover he provided himself cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in great plenty. For God had given him very many things. ³⁰This same Hēz-ē-kī'-āh also stopped the upper water-course of Gī'-hōn and brought it straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hēz-ē-kī'-āh was blessed in all his works. ³¹However, in *regard to* the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon who sent to him to ask about the wonder that was *done* in the land, God left him in order to try him, so that He might know all *that was* in his heart.

³²Now the rest of the acts of Hēz-ē-kī'-āh, and his goodness, behold, they are written in the vision of Ī-sā'-iāh the prophet, the son of Amoz, *and* in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. ³³And Hēz-ē-kī'-āh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the highest of the tombs of the sons of David. And all Judah and the people of Jerusalem honored him at his death. And his son Mā-nās'-sēh reigned in his stead.

CHAPTER 33

¹Mā-nās'-sēh was twelve years old when he began to reign, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. ²But *he* did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, like the abominations of the heathen whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel. ³For he built again the high places which Hēz-ē-kī'-āh his father had broken down, and he reared up altars for Bā'-ā-līm, and made groves, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. ⁴And he built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, In Jerusalem shall My name be forever. ⁵And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. ⁶And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hin'-nōm. He also practiced secret arts, and used fortune-telling, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit and with wizards. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD in order to provoke Him to anger. ⁷And he set a carved image, the idol which he had made, in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, I will put My name forever. ⁸Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from out of the land which I have set apart for your fathers, so that they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses. ⁹So Manasseh made Judah and the people of Jerusalem to err, to do worse than the nations whom the LORD had destroyed before the children of Israel. ¹⁰And the LORD spoke to Manasseh and to His people, but they would not listen.

¹¹Therefore the LORD brought upon them the captains of the army of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh among the thorns and bound him with chains and carried him to Babylon. ¹²And when he was in affliction, he sought the LORD his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. ¹³And *he* prayed unto Him, and He was pleased to answer him, and heard his prayer, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew the LORD was God. ¹⁴Now after this he built a wall outside the city of David, on the west side of Gī'-hōn, in the valley, even to the entering in at the Fish Gate, and went around Ō'-phēl, and raised it to a very great height. And *he* put captains of war in all the fenced cities of Judah. ¹⁵And he took away the strange gods, and the idol out of the house of the LORD, and all the altars that he had built in the mountain of the house of the LORD, and in Jerusalem, and threw *them* out of the city. ¹⁶And he repaired the altar of the LORD and sacrificed on it peace offerings and thank offerings. And *he* commanded Judah to serve the LORD God of Israel. ¹⁷However the people still sacrificed in the high places, *but* only to the LORD their God.

¹⁸Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and his prayer unto his God, and the words of the seers who spoke to him in the name of the LORD God of Israel, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel. ¹⁹His prayer also, and *how God* was pleased to answer him, and all his sin and his trespass, and the places in which he built high places and set up groves and graven images, before he was humbled – behold, they are written among the sayings of the seers.

²⁰So Mā-nās'-sēh slept with his fathers, and they buried him in his own house. And his son Ā'-mōn reigned in his stead.

²¹Ā'-mōn was twenty-two years old when he began to reign, and he reigned two years in Jerusalem. ²²But he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD, even as Manasseh his father did. For Amon sacrificed unto all the carved images which Manasseh his father had made, and served them. ²³And *he* did not humble himself before the LORD, as Manasseh his father had humbled himself. But Amon trespassed more and more. ²⁴And his servants plotted against him, and killed him in his own house. ²⁵But the people of the land killed all those who had plotted against king Amon. And the people of the land made his son Jō-sī'-āh king in his stead.

CHAPTER 34

¹Jō-sī'-āh was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem thirty-one years. ²And he did *that which was* right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and did not turn aside to the right hand nor to the left.

³For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was still young, he began to seek after the God of David his father. And in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images. ⁴And they broke down the altars of Bā'-ā-līm in his presence. And he cut down the images which were on high above them, and the groves. And the carved images and the molten images he *also* broke in pieces and made dust *from them*, and strewed *it* upon the graves of the ones who had sacrificed unto them. ⁵And he burned the bones of the priests upon their altars and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. ⁶And *so he did* in the cities of Manasseh and Ephraim and Simeon, even unto Nāph'-tā-lī, with their tools round about. ⁷And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the carved images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.

⁸Now in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had purged the land and the house, he sent Shā'-phān the son of Āz-ā-lī'-āh, and Mā-ā-seī'-āh the governor of the city, and Joah the son of Jō'-ā-hāz the

recorder, to repair the house of the LORD his God. ⁹And when they came to Hil-kī'-āh the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered from the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and from all the remnant of Israel, and from all Judah and Benjamin, and they returned to Jerusalem. ¹⁰And they put *it* in the hands of the workmen who had the oversight of the house of the LORD. And they gave it to the workmen who worked in the house of the LORD, to repair and mend the house. ¹¹They gave *it* to the carvers and builders, to buy cut stone and timber for joints, and beams to build up the houses which the kings of Judah had destroyed. ¹²And the men did the work faithfully. And the overseers of them were Jā'-hāth and O-bā-dī'-āh, the Levites, of the sons of Mě-rāḥ'-ī; and Zēch-ā-rī'-āh and Mě-shūl'-lām from the sons of the Kō'-hāth-ites, to set *it* forward; and the Levites, all who were skillful with instruments of music. ¹³Also *they were* over the bearers of burdens, and overseers of all who worked the work in any manner of service. And of the Levites *there were* scribes and officers and porters.

¹⁴And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of the LORD, Hil-kī'-āh the priest found a book of the law of the LORD by Moses. ¹⁵And Hil-kī'-āh answered and said to Shā'-phān the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of the LORD. And Hil-kī'-āh delivered the book to Shā'-phān. ¹⁶And Shā'-phān carried the book to the king, and brought the king word back again, saying, All that was given your servants to do they are doing. ¹⁷And they have gathered together the money that was found in the house of the LORD, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and to the hand of the workmen. ¹⁸Then Shā'-phān the scribe told the king, saying, Hil-kī'-āh the priest has given me a book. And Shā'-phān read it before the king. ¹⁹And when the king had heard the words of the law, he tore his clothes. ²⁰And the king commanded Hil-kī'-āh, and Ā-hī'-kām the son of Shā'-phān, and Āb'-dōn the son of Mī'-cāh, and Shā'-phān the scribe, and Ā-sai'-āh a servant of the king, saying, ²¹Go inquire of the LORD for me and for those who are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found. For great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD to do according to all that is written in this book. ²²And Hil-kī'-āh, and *those whom the king had chosen*, went to Hül'-dāh the prophetess, and the wife of Shāl'-lūm the son of Tik'-vāth, the son of Hās'-rāh, keeper of the wardrobe. (Now she lived in Jerusalem in the second part.) And they spoke to her as to that.

²³And she answered them, Thus says the LORD God of Israel, Tell the man who sent you to me, ²⁴Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place and upon the people of it, *even* all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of

Judah — ²⁵because they have forsaken Me, and have burned incense unto other gods, so that they might provoke Me to anger with all the works of their hands. Therefore My wrath shall be poured out upon this place and shall not be quenched. ²⁶And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, so shall you say to him — Thus says the LORD God of Israel *concerning* the words which you have heard, ²⁷Because your heart was tender and you humbled yourself before your God when you heard His words against this place and against its people, and humbled yourself before Me, and tore your clothes and wept before Me, I have even heard *you* also, says the LORD. ²⁸Behold, I will gather you to your fathers, and you shall be gathered to your grave in peace, neither shall your eyes see all the evil which I will bring upon this place and upon its people. So they brought the king word again.

²⁹Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. ³⁰And the king went up into the house of the LORD, and all the men of Judah, and the people of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people from the greatest to the smallest. And he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of the LORD. ³¹And the king stood in his place and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep His commandments and His testimonies, and His statutes, with all his heart and with all his soul, to perform the words of the covenant which are written in this book. ³²And he caused all that were present in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand *to it*. And the people of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. ³³And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the territories that *belonged* to the children of Israel. And *he* made all that were present in Israel to serve, to serve the LORD their God. All his days they did not depart from following the LORD, the God of their fathers.

CHAPTER 35

¹Moreover Josiah kept a Passover unto the LORD in Jerusalem. And they killed the passover lamb on the fourteenth of the first month. ²And he set the priests in their charges, and encouraged them to the service of the house of the LORD. ³And *he* said to the Levites who taught all Israel, who were holy unto the LORD, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel built. *It shall not be* a burden upon *your* shoulders. Now serve the LORD your God and His people Israel, ⁴and prepare by the houses of your fathers, according to your courses, according to the writing of David king of Israel, and according to the writing of Solomon his son. ⁵And stand in the holy *place* according to the divisions of the families of the fathers of your brothers the sons of the people, and the division of the families of the Levites. ⁶So kill the passover lamb, and sanctify yourselves, and

prepare your brothers so that *they* may do according to the word of the LORD by the hand of Moses.

⁷And Jō-sī'-āh gave to the people from the flock, lambs and kids, all for the Passover offerings, for all who were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bulls. These were from what the king owned. ⁸And his princes offered to the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hil-kī'-āh and Zēch-ā-rī'-āh and Jē-hī'-ēl, rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the Passover offerings two thousand six hundred *bulls*, and three hundred oxen. ⁹Cō-nā-nī'-āh also, and Shēm-aī'-āh and Nēth'-ā-nēel, his brothers, and Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh and Jē-ī'-ēl and Jō'-zā-bād, chief of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for Passover offerings five thousand *bulls* and five hundred oxen. ¹⁰So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites in their courses, according to the king's commandment. ¹¹And they killed the passover lamb, and the priests sprinkled *the blood* from their hands, and the Levites skinned *them*. ¹²And they removed the burnt offerings so that they might give according to the divisions of the families of the people, to offer unto the LORD, as *it is* written in the book of Moses. And so *they did* with the oxen. ¹³And they roasted the passover lamb with fire according to the law. But the holy *offerings* they boiled in pots and in caldrons, and in pans, and divided *them* quickly among all the people.

¹⁴And afterward they made ready for themselves, and for the priests — because the priests the sons of Aaron were *busy* in offering of burnt offerings and the fat until night — therefore the Levites prepared for themselves and for the priests the sons of Aaron. ¹⁵And the singers, the sons of Ā'-sāph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Ā'-sāph, and Hē'-mān, and Jē-dū'-thūn the king's seer. And the porters *waited* at every gate. They might not depart from their service, for their brothers the Levites prepared for them. ¹⁶So all the service of the LORD was prepared the same day, to keep the Passover, and to offer burnt offerings upon the altar of the LORD, according to the commandment of king Josiah. ¹⁷And the children of Israel who were present kept the Passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. ¹⁸And there was no Passover like that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet. Neither did all the kings of Israel keep such a Passover as Josiah kept, and the priests, and the Levites, and all Judah and Israel who were present, and the people of Jerusalem. ¹⁹This Passover was kept in the eighteenth year of the reign of Josiah.

²⁰After all this, when Josiah had prepared the temple, Nē'-chō king of Egypt came up to fight against Cār-chē'-mish by Eû-phrā'-tēs. And Josiah went out against him. ²¹But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with you, you king of Judah? *I do not come* against you this day, but against the house with which I have war. For God

commanded me to make haste. You must cease from *meddling with* God, who is with me, so that He does not destroy you. ²²But Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself so that he might fight with him. And *he* did not listen unto the words of Nē'-chō from the mouth of God, and came to fight in the valley of Mē-gīd'-dō. ²³And the archers shot at king Jō-sī'-āh. And the king said to his servants, Take me away, for I am sorely wounded. ²⁴His servants therefore took him out of that chariot and put him in the second chariot that he had. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and was buried in the tombs of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah.

²⁵And Jeremiah mourned for Josiah. And all the singing men and the singing women have spoken of Josiah in their lamentations until this day, and made them an ordinance in Israel. And behold, they are written in the Lām-ēn-tā'-tions. ²⁶Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his goodness, according to *that which was* written in the law of the LORD, ²⁷and his deeds, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

CHAPTER 36

¹Then the people of the land took Jē-hō'-ā-hāz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem. ²Jē-hō'-ā-hāz was twenty-three years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months in Jerusalem. ³And the king of Egypt put him down at Jerusalem, and laid a fine of a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold upon the land. ⁴And the king of Egypt made Ē-lī'-ā-kīm his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm. And Nē'-chō took Jē-hō'-ā-hāz his brother and carried him to Egypt.

⁵Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm was twenty-five years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God. ⁶Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon came up against him and bound him in chains to carry him to Babylon. ⁷Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār also carried away *many* of the vessels of the house of the LORD to Babylon, and put them in his temple at Babylon. ⁸Now the rest of the acts of Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm, and his abominations which he did, and that which was found in him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. And Jē-hoi'-ā-chīn his son reigned in his stead.

⁹Jē-hoi'-ā-chīn was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned three months and ten days in Jerusalem. And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD. ¹⁰And when the year had ended, king Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār sent and brought him to Babylon, with the goodly vessels of the house of the LORD. And *he* made his brother Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king over Judah and Jerusalem.

¹¹Zēd-ē-kī'-āh was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. ¹²And he did *that which was* evil in the sight of the LORD his God, *and* did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet *speaking* from the mouth of the LORD. ¹³And he also rebelled against king Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār, who had made him swear by God. But he stiffened his neck and hardened his heart from turning unto the LORD God of Israel.

¹⁴Moreover, all the chief of the priests, and the people, sinned very much after all the hateful idols of the nations. And *they* polluted the house of the LORD which He had made holy in Jerusalem. ¹⁵And the LORD God of their fathers sent to them by His messengers, rising up over and over again and sending, because He had pity on His people and on His dwelling-place. ¹⁶But they mocked the messengers of God and despised His words, and ill-treated His prophets until the wrath of the LORD arose against His people, until *there was* no healing. ¹⁷Therefore He brought upon them the king of the Chāl'-dēes, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no pity upon young man or maiden, old man, or the one who stooped for age. He gave *them* all into his hand. ¹⁸And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes, he brought all *these* to Babylon. ¹⁹And they burned the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and burned all the palaces of it with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels of it. ²⁰And the ones who had escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia — ²¹to fulfill the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths. *For* as long as it lay waste, it kept sabbath, to fulfill seventy years.

²²Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, so that the word of the LORD *spoken* by the mouth of Jeremiah might be done, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a notice throughout all his kingdom, and also in writing, saying, ²³Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth have been given to me by the LORD God. And He has commanded me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Who *is there* among you of all His people? *May* the LORD his God be with him, and let him go up.

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CHAPTER 1

¹Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, so that the word of the LORD by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled, the LORD stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he sent a notice throughout all his kingdom, and also in writing, saying, ²Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, The LORD God of Heaven has given me all the kingdoms of the earth. And He has commanded me to build Him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah. ³Who *is there* among you of all His people? *Let his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the LORD God of Israel (He is the God) which is in Jerusalem.* ⁴And whoever remains in any place where he is staying, let the men of his place help him with silver and with gold and with goods and with animals, besides the free-will offering for the house of God that is in Jerusalem.

⁵Then the chief of the fathers of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, and all *those* whose spirit God had raised, rose up to go up to build the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem. ⁶And all those who were around them made their hands strong with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods, and with animals, and with precious things, besides all *that which* was willingly offered.

⁷Also Cyrus the king brought forth the vessels of the house of the LORD, which Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār had brought forth out of Jerusalem and had put them in the house of his gods. ⁸Even those Cyrus king of Persia brought forth by the hand of Mith'-rē-dāth the treasurer, and numbered them unto Shēsh-bāz'-zār, the prince of Judah. ⁹And this is the number of them: thirty platters of gold, a thousand platters of silver, twenty-nine knives, ¹⁰thirty basins of gold, four hundred and ten silver basins of a second *kind*, and a thousand other vessels. ¹¹All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All *these* did Shēsh-bāz'-zār bring up, when the exiles were brought up from Babylon to Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 2

¹Now these are the children of the province who went up out of the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon. And *these* came again unto Jerusalem and Judah, each one to his own city. ²*These are the ones* who came with Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl: Jēsh'-ū-ā, Nē-hēm-ī'-āh, Sē-raī'-āh, Rē-ēl-aī'-āh, Mōr-dē-cā'-ī, Bīl'-shān, Mīs'-pār, Bīg-vā'-ī, Rē'-hūm, Bā'-ā-nāh. *This is the number of the men of the people of the children of Israel.* ³The children of Pār'-ōsh were two thousand one hundred and seventy-two. ⁴The children of Shēph-ā-tī'-āh were three

hundred and seventy-two. ⁵The children of Âr'-âh were seven hundred and seventy-five. ⁶The children of Pâ'-hâth-mô'-âb, of the children of Jêsh'-û-â and Joab were two thousand eight hundred and twelve. ⁷The children of Ê'-lâm were a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. ⁸The children of Zât'-tû were nine hundred and forty-five. ⁹The children of Zâc-câ'-î were seven hundred and sixty. ¹⁰The children of Bâ'-nî were six hundred and forty-two. ¹¹The children of Bê-bâ'-î were six hundred and twenty-three. ¹²The children of Âz'-gâd were a thousand two hundred and twenty-two. ¹³The children of Âd-ô-nî'-kâm were six hundred and sixty-six. ¹⁴The children of Big-vâ'-î were two thousand and fifty-six. ¹⁵The children of Â'-din were four hundred and fifty-four. ¹⁶The children of Â'-têr of Hêz-ê-ki'-âh were ninety-eight. ¹⁷The children of Bê-zâ'-î were three hundred and twenty-three. ¹⁸The children of Jôr'-âh were a hundred and twelve. ¹⁹The children of Hâsh'-ûm were two hundred and twenty-three. ²⁰The children of Gîb'-bâr were ninety-five. ²¹The children of Bethlehem were a hundred and twenty-three. ²²The men of Nê-tô'-phâh were fifty-six. ²³The men of Ân'-â-thôth were a hundred and twenty-eight. ²⁴The children of Âz-mâ'-vêth were forty-two. ²⁵The children of Kir'-jâth-âr-îm, Chê-phî'-râh, and Bêer'-ôth, were seven hundred and forty-three. ²⁶The children of Râ'-mâh and Gê'-bâ were six hundred and twenty-one. ²⁷The men of Mich'-mäs were a hundred and twenty-two. ²⁸The men of Bethel and Ai were two hundred and twenty-three. ²⁹The men of Nebo were fifty-two. ³⁰The men of Mäg'-bish were a hundred and fifty-six. ³¹The children of the other Ê'-lâm were a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. ³²The children of Hâr'-îm were three hundred and twenty. ³³The children of Lod, Hâ'-did and Ô'-nô were seven hundred and twenty-five. ³⁴The children of Jericho were three hundred and forty-five. ³⁵The children of Sên'-â-âh were three thousand six hundred and thirty.

³⁶The priests. The children of Jê-dai'-âh, of the house of Jêsh'-û-â, were nine hundred and seventy-three. ³⁷The children of Immer were a thousand and fifty two. ³⁸The children of Pâsh'-ûr were a thousand two hundred and forty-seven. ³⁹The children of Hâr'-îm were a thousand and seventeen.

⁴⁰The Levites. The children of Jêsh'-û-â and Kâd'-mî-êl, of the children of Hô-dâ-vî'-âh, were seventy-four.

⁴¹The singers. The children of Â'-sâph were a hundred and twenty-eight.

⁴²The children of the porters. The children of Shâl'-lûm, the children of Â'-têr, the children of Tâl'-môn, the children of Âk'-kûb, the children of Hâ-tî'-tâ, the children of Shô-bâ'-î, were *together* a hundred and thirty-nine.

⁴³The Nêth'-î-nîms. The children of Zi'-hâ, the children of Hâ-sû'-phâ, the children of Tâb-bâ'-ôth, ⁴⁴the children of Kê'-rôs, the children of

Sī'-ā-hā, the children of Pā'-dōn, ⁴⁵the children of Lē-bā'-nāh, the children of Hāg'-ā-bāh, the children of Āk'-kūb, ⁴⁶the children of Hā'-gāb, the children of Shāl'-maī, the children of Hā'-nān, ⁴⁷the children of Gīd'-dēl, the children of Gā'-hār, the children of Rē-aī'-āh, ⁴⁸the children of Rē'-zīm, the children of Nē-kō'-dā, the children of Gāz'-zām, ⁴⁹the children of Ūz'-zā, the children of Pā-sē'-āh, the children of Bē'-saī, ⁵⁰the children of Ās'-nāh, the children of Mē-hū'-nīm, the children of Nē-phū'-sīm, ⁵¹the children of Bāk'-būk, the children of Hā-kū'-phā, the children of Hār'-hūr, ⁵²the children of Bāz'-lūth, the children of Mē-hī'-dā, the children of Hār'-shā, ⁵³the children of Bār'-kōs, the children of Sīs'-ē-rā, the children of Thā'-māh, ⁵⁴the children of Nē-zī'-āh, the children of Hā-tī'-phā.

⁵⁵The children of Solomon's servants. The children of Sō-tā'-ī, the children of Sō'-phē-rēth, the children of Pē-rū'-dā, ⁵⁶the children of Jā'-ā-lāh, the children of Dār'-kōn, the children of Gīd'-dēl, ⁵⁷the children of Shēph-ā-tī'-āh, the children of Hāt'-til, the children of Pō'-chē-rēth of Zē-bā'-im, the children of Ā'-mī.

⁵⁸All the Nēth'-ī-nīms, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred and ninety-two. ⁵⁹And these were they who went up from Tēl-mē'-lāh, Tēl-hār'-sā, Cherub, Ād'-dān, *and* Im'-mēr — but they could not show their father's house and their seed, whether they were of Israel — ⁶⁰the children of Dēl-aī'-āh, the children of Tō-bī'-āh, the children of Nē-kō'-dā were six hundred and fifty-two.

⁶¹And of the children of the priests were the children of Hā-bā'-āh, the children of Koz, the children of Bār-zil-lā'-ī (who took a wife of the daughters of Bār-zil-lā'-ī the Gileadite, and was called after their name). ⁶²These looked for their register *among* those who were counted by genealogy, but they were not found. Therefore they were made unclean from the priesthood. ⁶³And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the most holy things until there stood up a priest with Ū-rim and Thūm'-mīm.

⁶⁴The whole congregation together was forty-two thousand, three hundred and sixty, ⁶⁵besides their servants and their maids of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven. And *there were* among them two hundred singing men and singing women. ⁶⁶Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six, their mules two hundred and forty-five, ⁶⁷their camels four hundred and thirty-five, *their asses* six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

⁶⁸And *some* of the chief of the fathers, when they came to the house of the LORD which is at Jerusalem, offered freely for the house of God to set it up in its place. ⁶⁹They gave according to their ability to the treasure of the work, six hundred and one thousand drams of gold, and five thousand pounds of silver, and one hundred priests' garments. ⁷⁰So the priests, and the Levites, and *many* of the people, and the singers,

and the gatekeepers, and the Nēth'-ī-nīms, lived in their cities. And all Israel lived in their cities.

CHAPTER 3

¹And when the seventh month had come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. ²Then Jēsh'-ū-ā the son of Jō'-zā-dāk stood up, and his brothers the priests, and Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl the son of Shē-āl'-ti-ēl, and his brothers. And *they* built the altar of the God of Israel in order to offer burnt offerings on it, as *it is* written in the law of Moses the man of God. ³And they set the altar upon its bases, for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries. And they offered burnt offerings on it unto the LORD, burnt offerings *both* morning and evening. ⁴They also kept the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and *offered* the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required. ⁵And afterward *they offered* the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were set apart, and of everyone who willingly offered a free-will offering unto the LORD. ⁶From the first day of the seventh month they began to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not laid. ⁷They gave money also unto the masons and to the carpenters. And *they gave* meat and drink and oil unto the people of Sī'-dōn and to the people of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lēb'-ā-non to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant which they had from Cyrus king of Persia.

⁸Now in the second year of their coming to the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl the son of Shē-āl'-ti-ēl, and Jēsh'-ū-ā the son of Jō'-zā-dāk, and the rest of their brothers the priests and the Levites, and all they who had come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem, began. And *they* chose the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD. ⁹Then Jēsh'-ū-ā stood up together with his sons and his brothers, Kād'-mī-ēl and his sons, the sons of Judah, to set forward the workmen in the house of God — the sons of Hēn-ā'-dād, *with* their sons and their brothers the Levites. ¹⁰And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their robes with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Ā'-sāph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, according to the order of David king of Israel. ¹¹And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD, because *He is* good, for His mercy *endures* forever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. ¹²But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, ancient men who had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice. And many shouted aloud for

joy — ¹³so that the people could not tell the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people. For the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

CHAPTER 4

¹Now when the enemies of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity built the temple unto the LORD God of Israel, ²then they came to Zē-rüb'-bā-bēl and to the chief of the fathers, and said to them, Let us build with you, for we seek your God, *even* as you. And we have sacrificed unto him since the days of Ē'-sār-hād'-don king of Assyria, who brought us up here. ³But Zē-rüb'-bā-bēl, and Jēsh'-ū-ā, and the rest of the chief of the fathers of Israel, said to them, You have nothing to do with us to build a house unto our God. But we ourselves together will build unto the LORD God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us. ⁴Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building. ⁵And *they* hired advisers against them to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Dā-rī'-ūs king of Persia. ⁶And in the reign of Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs, in the beginning of his reign, they wrote an accusation against the people of Judah and Jerusalem.

⁷And in the days of Ār-tā-xēr-x'-ēs, Bish'-lām, Mith'-rē-dāth, Tāb'-ēel, and the rest of their companions, wrote to Ār-tā-xēr-x'-ēs king of Persia. And the letter was written in the Syrian tongue, and interpreted in the Syrian tongue. ⁸Rē'-hūm the chancellor and Shīm'-shai the scribe wrote a letter against Jerusalem to Ār-tā-xēr-x'-ēs the king in this way. ⁹Then Rē'-hūm the chancellor and Shīm'-shai the scribe, and the rest of their companions — the Dī'-nā-ites, the Ā-phār-sāth'-chītes, the Tār'-pē-lites, the Ā-phār'-sites, the Ār'-chē-vītes, the Babylonians, the Sū-sān'-chītes, the Dē-hā'-vītes, the Ē'-lām-ites, ¹⁰and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Ās-nāp'-pār brought over and set in the cities of Samaria, and the rest of the province Beyond the River, and so forth — *wrote the king.*

¹¹This is the copy of the letter which they sent to him, unto Ār-tā-xēr-x'-ēs the king.

Your servants the men of the province Beyond the River, and so forth. ¹²Let it be known to the king that the Jews who came up from you to us have come to Jerusalem, *and are* building the rebellious and the evil city, and have set up the walls *of it*, and have joined the foundations. ¹³Now *let* it be known to the king that if this city is built and the walls set up, *then* they will not pay toll, taxes, or custom, and you shall endanger the strength of the kings. ¹⁴Now because we have eaten the salt of the palace, and it was not right for us to see the king's dishonor, therefore we have sent and notified the king ¹⁵so that search may

be made in the book of the records of your fathers. So you shall find in the book of the records, and *you shall* know that this city is a rebellious city and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have rebelled in it in olden times – for which cause this city was destroyed. ¹⁶We notify the king that if this city is built and the walls of it set up, by this means you shall have no portion on this side the river.

¹⁷Then the king sent an answer to Rē'-hūm the chancellor, and to Shīm'-shaī the scribe, and to the rest of their companions who dwell in Samaria, and to the rest Beyond the River, Peace, and so forth. ¹⁸The letter which you sent to us has been plainly read before me. ¹⁹And I commanded, and search has been made, and it is found that this city has lifted up itself against kings in old time, and *that* rebellion and revolt have been made in it. ²⁰There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all beyond the river. And toll, taxes, and custom was paid to them. ²¹Now you give commandment to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not built until commandment shall be given from me. ²²Now take heed that you do not fail to do this. Why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

²³Now when the copy of king Ār-tā-xērx'-ēs' letter was read before Rē'-hūm, and Shīm'-shaī the scribe, and their companions, they hurried to Jerusalem to the Jews, and made them stop by force and power. ²⁴Then the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem ceased. So it ceased unto the second year of the reign of Dā-rī'-ūs king of Persia.

CHAPTER 5

¹Then the prophets, Hāg'-gai the prophet, and Zēch-ā-rī'-āh the son of Id'-dō, prophesied unto the Jews who were in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, *even* to them. ²Then Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl the son of Shē-āl'-tī-ēl and Jēsh'-ū-ā the son of Jō'-zā-dāk rose up and began to build the house of God which is at Jerusalem. And with them were the prophets of God helping them.

³At the same time Tāt'-naī, governor of the province Beyond the River, and Shē'-thār-bōz'-naī, and their companions, came to them and said this to them – Who has commanded you to build this house and to make this wall? ⁴Then *they* said to them in this way, What are the names of the men who are building this building? ⁵But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, so that they could not cause them to stop until the matter came to Dā-rī'-ūs, and answer by letter concerning this had been returned.

⁶The copy of the letter which Tāt'-naī, governor of the province Beyond the River, and Shē'-thār-bōz'-naī, and his companions the Ā-phār'-sā-chītes who were beyond the river, sent unto Dā-rī'-ūs the king *was this*. ⁷They sent a letter to him, in which this was written.

Unto Dā-rī'-ūs the king, all peace. ⁸Let it be known to the king that we went into the province of Judea, to the house of the great God, which is being built with great stones, and timber is being laid in the walls, and this work goes on fast and is blessed in their hands. ⁹Then we asked those elders and said this to them, Who commanded you to build this house and to make these walls? ¹⁰We also asked their names in order to notify you so that we might write the names of the men who are the chief of them. ¹¹And they returned this answer to us, saying, We are the servants of the God of Heaven and earth. And *we* build the house that was built many years ago, which a great king of Israel built and set up. ¹²But after our fathers had provoked the God of Heaven to wrath, He gave them into the hand of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king of Babylon, the Chāl-dē'-ān, who destroyed this house and carried the people away to Babylon. ¹³But in the first year of Cyrus the king of Babylon, king Cyrus gave an order to build this house of God. ¹⁴And also the vessels of gold and silver from the house of God, which Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought them into the temple of Babylon, those Cyrus the king took out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto *one* whose name was Shēsh-bāz'-zār, whom he had made governor. ¹⁵And *he* said to him, Take these vessels and go. Carry them into the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built in His place. ¹⁶Then the same Shēsh-bāz'-zār came *and* laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem. And since that time even until now it has been building, *but* is not finished. ¹⁷Now therefore, if *it seems* good to the king, let there be search made in the king's treasure-house, which is there at Babylon, whether it is so that an order was given from Cyrus the king to build this house of God at Jerusalem. And let the king send his pleasure to us concerning this matter.

CHAPTER 6

¹Then Dā-rī'-ūs the king gave an order, and search was made in the house of the scrolls, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. ²And there was found at Āch-mē'-thā, in the palace that is in the province of the Medes, a scroll. And in it was a record written thus:

³In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king gave an order *concerning* the house of God at Jerusalem. Let the house be built, the place where they offered sacrifices, and let the foundations of it be strongly laid. The height of it shall be sixty cubits, *and* the breadth of it shall be sixty cubits, ⁴*with* three rows of great stones and a row of new timber. And let the expenses be given out of the king's house. ⁵And also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought to Babylon, be given back and brought again to the temple which is at Jerusalem, to their place, and place *them* in the house of God.

⁶Now, therefore, Tāt'-naī, governor of the province Beyond the River, Shē'-thār-bōz'-naī, and your companions the Ā-phār'-sā-chītes, who are beyond the river, keep away from there. ⁷Let the work of this house of God alone. Let the governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build this house of God in its place. ⁸Moreover I give an order *as to* what you shall do to the elders of these Jews for the building of this house of God, that at once expense be given to these men from the king's goods, from the taxes beyond the river, so that they may not have to stop. ⁹And that which they have need of, both young bulls and rams and lambs, for the burnt offerings of the God of Heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the choice of the priests who are at Jerusalem, let it be given them day by day without fail, ¹⁰so that they may offer sacrifices of sweet savors unto the God of Heaven, and pray for the life of the king and of his sons. ¹¹Also I have given an order that whoever shall change this word, let timber be pulled down from his house and be set up, and let him be hanged on it. And let his house be made a dunghill for this. ¹²And *may* the God who has caused His name to dwell there destroy all kings and people who shall put their hand to change *and* to destroy this house of God which is at Jerusalem. I Dā-rī'-ūs have given an order. Let it be done with speed.

¹³Then Tāt'-naī, governor of the province Beyond the River, Shē'-thār-bōz'-naī, and their companions, according to that which Dā-rī'-ūs the king had sent, so they did speedily. ¹⁴And the elders of the Jews built, and they were blessed through the prophesying of Hāg'-gaī the prophet and Zēch-ā-rī'-āh the son of Id'-dō. And they built and finished *it* according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Dā-rī'-ūs, and Ār-tā-xērx'-ēs king of Persia. ¹⁵And this house was finished on the third day of the month Ā'-dār, which was in the sixth year of the reign of Dā-rī'-ūs the king.

¹⁶And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dēd-ī-cā'-tion of this house of God with joy. ¹⁷And *they* offered at the dedication of this house of God a hundred bulls, two hundred rams, *and* four hundred lambs. And for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he-goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel. ¹⁸And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God which is at Jerusalem, as it is written in the book of Moses. ¹⁹And the children of the captivity kept the Passover upon the fourteenth of the first month. ²⁰For the priests and the Levites were purified together — all of them were pure — and *they* killed the passover lamb for all the children of the captivity, and for their brothers the priests, and for themselves. ²¹And the children of Israel, who had come again out of captivity, and all such as had separated themselves unto them from the uncleanness of the nations of the land, in order to seek the LORD God of Israel, did eat. ²²And *they* kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with

joy. For the LORD had made them joyful, and had turned the heart of the king of Assyria to them, to make their hands strong in the work of the house of God, the God of Israel.

CHAPTER 7

¹Now after these things, in the reign of Ār-tā-xēr-x'-ēs king of Persia, Ezra the son of Sē-rai'-āh, the son of Āz-ā-rī'-āh, the son of Hil-kī'-āh, ²the son of Shāl'-lūm, the son of Zā'-dōk, the son of Ā-hī'-tūb, ³the son of Ām-ā-rī'-āh, the son of Āz-ā-rī'-āh, the son of Mē-rai'-ōth, ⁴the son of Zēr-ā-hī'-āh, the son of Ūz'-zī, the son of Būk'-kī, ⁵the son of Ā-bī'-shū-ā, the son of Phīn'-ē-hās, the son of Ēl-ē-ā'-zār, the son of Aaron the chief priest, ⁶this Ezra went up from Babylon. And he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given. And the king granted him all he asked, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him. ⁷And there went up *some* of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the Nēth'-ī-nīms, unto Jerusalem in the seventh year of Ār-tā-xēr-x'-ēs the king. ⁸And he came to Jerusalem in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the king. ⁹For upon the first of the first month he began to go up from Babylon, and on the first of the fifth month he came to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God upon him. ¹⁰For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do *it*, and to teach statutes and judgments in Israel.

¹¹Now this is the copy of the letter which the king Ār-tā-xēr-x'-ēs gave unto Ezra the scribe, a scribe of the words of the commandments of the LORD, and of His statutes to Israel.

¹²Ār-tā-xēr-x'-ēs, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, a scribe of the law of the God of Heaven, perfect peace, and so forth. ¹³I gave an order that everyone of the people of Israel, and their priests and Levites in my kingdom, who desire of their own free will to go up to Jerusalem, go with you. ¹⁴*This is* because you have sent by the king, and by his seven advisors to ask about Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of your God which is in your hand. ¹⁵And *they are also* to carry the silver and gold which the king and his advisors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose house is in Jerusalem, ¹⁶and all the silver and gold which you can find in all the province of Babylon, with the free-will offering of the people and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem. ¹⁷*This is so* that you may buy speedily with this money bulls, rams, lambs, with their meal offerings and their drink offerings, and offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem. ¹⁸And whatever shall seem good to you and to your brothers to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, do that after the will of your God. ¹⁹Also the vessels which are given you for the service of the house of your God, deliver *them* before the God of Jerusalem. ²⁰And whatever more shall be needful for the house of

your God, which you shall have need to give, give *it* out of the king's treasure-house. ²¹And I, I Ār-tā-xērx'-ēs the king, give an order to all the treasurers who are beyond the river, that whatever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of Heaven, shall ask of you, it shall be done speedily — ²²unto a hundred talents of silver, and to a hundred measures of wheat, and to a hundred baths of wine, and to a hundred baths of oil, and salt without saying how much. ²³Whatever is commanded by the God of Heaven, let it be carefully done for the house of the God of Heaven — for why should there be wrath against the realm of the king and his sons? ²⁴Also we notify you, that in regard to any of the priests and the Levites, singers, gatekeepers, Nēth'-ī-nīms, or ministers of this house of God, it shall not be lawful to impose toll, taxes, or custom upon them. ²⁵And you, Ezra, after the wisdom of your God that is in your hand, set officers and judges who may judge all the people who are beyond the river, all who know the laws of your God, and teach them who do not know. ²⁶And whoever will not do the law of your God, and the law of the king, let judgment be executed speedily upon him, whether *it is* unto death, or to exile, or to taking of goods, or putting *him* in prison.

²⁷Blessed be the LORD God of our fathers, who has put this in the king's heart, to beautify the house of the LORD which is in Jerusalem, ²⁸and has given me favor before the king and his advisors and before all the king's mighty princes. And I was made strong as the hand of the LORD my God was upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

CHAPTER 8

¹These are now the chief of their fathers, and *this is* the genealogy of those who went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Ār-tā-xērx'-ēs the king. ²From the sons of Phīn'-ē-hās; Gēr'-shōm. From the sons of Īth'-ā-mār; Daniel. From the sons of David; Hāt'-tūsh. ³From the sons of Shēch-ā-nī'-āh, from the sons of Phār'-ōsh; Zēch-ā-rī'-āh. And with him were counted by genealogy of the males a hundred and fifty. ⁴From the sons of Pā'-hāth-mō'-āb; Ēl-ī-hō-ē'-naī the son of Zēr-ā-hī'-āh, and with him two hundred males. ⁵From the sons of Shēch-ā-nī'-āh; the son of Jā-hā'-zī-ēl, and with him three hundred males. ⁶From the sons also of Ā'-dīn, Ē'-bēd the son of Jonathan, and with him fifty males. ⁷And from the sons of Ē'-lām, Jē-shai'-āh the son of Āth-ā-lī'-āh, and with him seventy males. ⁸And from the sons of Shēph-ā-tī'-āh; Zēb-ā-dī'-āh the son of Michael, and with him eighty males. ⁹From the sons of Joab; Ō-bā-dī'-āh the son of Jē-hī'-ēl, and with him two hundred and eighteen males. ¹⁰And from the sons of Shē-lō'-mīth; the son of Jōs-ī-phī'-āh, and with him a hundred and sixty males. ¹¹And from the sons of Bē-bā'-ī; Zēch-ā-rī'-āh the son of Bē-bā'-ī, and with him twenty-eight males. ¹²And from the sons of Āz'-gād; Jō-hā'-nān the son of

Hāk'-kā-tān, and with him a hundred and ten males. ¹³And from the last sons of Ād-ō-nī'-kām; *their* names were these, Ē-liph'-ē-lēt, Jē-ī'-ēl, and Shēm-aī'-āh, and with them sixty males. ¹⁴From the sons also of Bīg-vā'-ī; Ū'-thaī, and Zāb'-būd, and with them seventy males.

¹⁵And I gathered them together to the river which runs to Ā-hā'-vā. And we stayed there in tents three days. And I looked over the people and the priests, and did not find there any of the sons of Levi. ¹⁶Then I sent for Ēl-ī-ē'-zēr, for Ar'-ī-ēl, for Shēm-aī'-āh, and for Ēl-nā'-thān, and for Jār'-īb, and for Ēl-nā'-thān, and for Nathan, and for Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, and for Mē-shūl'-lām, chief men — also for Joi'-ā-rīb, and for Ēl-nā'-thān, men of understanding. ¹⁷And I sent them with commandment unto Id'-dō the chief of the place Cās-ī-phī'-ā, and I told them what they should say to Id'-dō, to his brothers the Nēth'-ī-nīms, at the place Cās-ī-phī'-ā — that they should bring to us ministers for the house of our God. ¹⁸And by the good hand of our God upon us they brought us a man of understanding, from the sons of Māh'-lī, the son of Levi, the son of Israel, and Shēr-ē-bī'-āh, with his sons and his brothers, eighteen — ¹⁹and Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh, and with him Jē-shaī'-āh from the sons of Mē-rār'-ī, his brothers and their sons, twenty — ²⁰also of the Nēth'-ī-nīms whom David and the princes had chosen for the service of the Levites, two hundred and twenty Nēth'-ī-nīms. All of them were called by name.

²¹Then I called a fast there at the river Ā-hā'-vā, so that we might humble ourselves before our God, in order to seek from Him a right way for us and for our little ones, and for all our goods. ²²For I was ashamed to ask of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way, because we had spoken to the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all those who seek Him for good, but His power and His wrath are against all those who forsake Him. ²³So we fasted and prayed to our God for good. And he was pleased to hear us.

²⁴Then I separated twelve of the chief of the priests, Shēr-ē-bī'-āh, Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh, and ten of their brothers with them. ²⁵And I weighed to them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, the offering of the house of our God, which the king and his advisors and his lords, and all Israel who were there, had offered. ²⁶I even weighed into their hands six hundred and fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels of a hundred talents, and of gold a hundred talents — ²⁷also twenty basins of gold of a thousand drams, and two vessels of fine copper as desirable as gold. ²⁸And I said to them, You are holy unto the LORD. The vessels also are holy. And the silver and the gold are a free-will offering unto the LORD God of your fathers. ²⁹Watch and keep *them* until you weigh *them* before the chief of the priests and the Levites, and the chief of the fathers of Israel at Jerusalem in the rooms of the house of the LORD. ³⁰So the priests and the Levites took the weight of the silver, and the

gold, and the vessels, to bring *them* to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

³¹Then we departed from the river of Ā-hā'-vā on the twelfth of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem. And the hand of our God was upon us, and He delivered us from the hand of the enemy, and from such as lay in wait by the way. ³²And we came to Jerusalem and stayed there three days.

³³Now on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed in the house of our God by the hand of Mēr'-ē-mōth the son of Ū-rī'-āh the priest. And with him was Ēl-ē-ā'-zār the son of Phīn'-ē-hās, and with them was Jō'-zā-bād the son of Jēsh'-ū-ā, and Nō-ā-dī'-āh the son of Bin'-nū-ī, Levites. ³⁴*They were weighed* by number *and* by weight of every one. And all the weight was written at that time. ³⁵*Also* the children of those who had been carried away, who had come out of the captivity, offered burnt offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bulls for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, twelve he-goats for a sin offering. All *this* was a burnt offering unto the LORD. ³⁶And they delivered the king's orders to the king's lieutenants and to the governors of the province Beyond the River. And they helped the people and the house of God.

CHAPTER 9

¹Now when these things were done, the princes came to me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands. *But they are doing* according to their abominations, *those* of the Canaanites, the Hīt'-tites, the Pē-rīz'-zītes, the Jēb'-ū-sītes, the Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the Amorites. ²For they have taken of their daughters for themselves and for their sons. So the holy seed has mixed themselves with the people of *those* lands. Yes, the hand of the princes and rulers has been chief in this sin. ³And when I heard this thing, I tore my garment and my mantle, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down stricken dumb. ⁴Then everyone who trembled at the words of the God of Israel was gathered unto me, because of the sin of those who had been carried away. And I remained dumb until the evening sacrifice.

⁵And at the evening sacrifice I rose up from my affliction. And tearing my garment and my mantle, I fell upon my knees and spread out my hands unto the LORD my God. ⁶And I said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face unto Thee, my God. For our iniquities have increased over our heads, and our guiltiness has grown up to the heavens. ⁷Since the days of our fathers we have been in a great sin until this day. And for our iniquities we, our kings, *and* our priests, have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the

sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, and to shame of face, as *it is* this day. ⁸And now for a little time grace has been *shown* from the LORD our God, to leave us a remnant to escape and to give us a nail in His holy place, so that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a little life in our bondage. ⁹For we were slaves, yet our God has not left us in our bondage, but has given mercy to us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us some life, to set up the house of our God, and to repair its waste, and to give us a wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. ¹⁰And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? For we have forsaken Thy commandments ¹¹which Thou hast commanded by Thy servants the prophets, saying, The land into which you go to possess it, is an unclean land with the filthiness of the people of the lands, with their abominations which have filled it from one end to the other with their uncleanness. ¹²Now therefore do not give your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their wealth forever, so that you may be strong and eat the good of the land and leave *it* for an inheritance to your children forever. ¹³And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great sin, since Thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities *deserve*, and hast given us *such* an escape as this, ¹⁴should we again break Thy commandments and join hands with the people of these hateful things? Wouldst Thou not be angry with us until Thou hadst crushed *us*, so that *there should be* no remnant nor escaping? ¹⁵O LORD God of Israel, Thou art righteous. For we are left a remnant that has escaped, as *it is* this day. Behold, we are before Thee in our sins, for we cannot stand before Thee because of this.

CHAPTER 10

¹Now when Ezra had prayed, and when he had confessed, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there gathered unto him out of Israel a very great congregation of men and women and children — for the people wept with a great weeping. ²And Shēch-ā-nī'-āh the son of Jē-hī'-ēl, of the sons of Ē'-lām, answered and said to Ezra, We have sinned against our God and have taken strange wives from the people of the land. Yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. ³Now therefore let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as have been born of them, according to the advice of my lord, and of those who tremble at the commandment of our God. And let it be done according to the Law. ⁴Arise, for *this* matter *belongs* to you. We also will be with you. Be of good courage and do *it*. ⁵Then Ezra arose and made the chief priests, the Levites, and all Israel to swear that they should do according to this word. And they swore.

⁶Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God and went into the room of Jō-hā'-nān the son of Ē-li-āsh'-īb. And *when* he came there,

he ate no bread nor drank water. For he mourned because of the sin of those who had been carried away.⁷ And they sent a notice throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together to Jerusalem,⁸ and that whoever would not come within three days, according to the advice of the princes and the elders, all he owned would be lost, and he himself separated from the congregation of those who had been carried away.

⁹Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within three days. It was the ninth month, on the twentieth of the month. And all the people sat in the street of the house of God, trembling because of *this* matter, and for the great rain.¹⁰ And Ezra the priest stood up and said to them, You have sinned, and have taken strange wives to increase the sin of Israel.¹¹ Now therefore make confession unto the LORD God of your fathers, and do His pleasure. And separate yourselves from the people of the land, and from the strange wives.¹² Then all the congregation answered and said with a loud voice, As you have said, so we must do.¹³ But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand outside. Neither is this a work of one or two days. For we who have sinned in this thing are many.¹⁴ Now let our rulers of all the congregation stand, and let all those who have taken strange wives in our cities, come at a set time, and with them the elders of every city and the judges of it, until the fierce wrath of our God for this matter has turned from us.

¹⁵Only Jonathan the son of Ās'-ā-hēl and Jā-hā-zī'-āh the son of Tik'-vāh made a stand against this. And Mē-shūl'-lām and Shāb'-bē-thaī the Levite supported them.¹⁶ And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, *with* certain heads of the fathers, after the house of their fathers, and all of them by *their* names, were separated. And *they* sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter.¹⁷ And they made an end with all the men who had taken strange wives by the first day of the first month.

¹⁸And among the sons of the priests *these* were found who had taken strange wives: From the sons of Jēsh'-ū-ā the son of Jō'-zā-dāk and his brothers were Mā-ā-seī'-āh, and Ēl-ī-ē'-zēr, and Jār'-īb, and Gēd-ā-lī'-āh.¹⁹ And they gave their hands that they would put away their wives. And being guilty, *they offered* a ram of the flock for their sin.²⁰ And from the sons of Īm'-mēr were Hā-nā'-nī and Zēb-ā-dī'-āh.²¹ And from the sons of Hār'-īm were Mā-ā-seī'-āh, and Elijah, and Shēm-aī'-āh, and Jē-hī'-ēl, and Ū-z-zī'-āh.²² And from the sons of Pāsh'-ur were Ēl-ī-ō-ē'-nāī, Mā-ā-seī'-āh, Ishmael, Nēth'-ā-nēel, Jō'-zā-bād, and Ēl-ā'-sāh.²³ Also from the Levites were Jō'-zā-bād, and Shīm'-ē-i, and Kē-laī'-āh (the same as Kē-lī'-tā), Pēth-ā-hī'-āh, Judah, and Ēl-ī-ē'-zēr.²⁴ From the singers also were Ē-li-āsh'-īb, and from the porters, Shāl'-lūm and Tē'-lēm and Ū'-rī.²⁵ Moreover from Israel: From the sons of Pār'-ōsh were Rā-mī'-āh, and Jē-zī'-āh, and Māl-chī'-āh, and Mī'-ā-mīn, and Ēl-ē-ā'-

zär, and Mäl-chī'-jääh, and Bě-naī'-äh. ²⁶And from the sons of Ē'-läm were Mät-tā-nī'-äh, Zěch-ä-rī'-äh, and Jě-hī'-ēl, and Ab'-dī, and Jěr'-ē-mōth, and Ē-lī'-äh. ²⁷And from the sons of Zāt'-tū were Ēl-ī-ō-ē'-naī, Ē-lī-āsh'-īb, Mät-tā-nī'-äh, and Jěr'-ē-mōth, and Zā'-bād, and Ā-zī'-zā. ²⁸From the sons of Bě-bā'-ī also were Jě-hō-hā'-nān, Hān-ā-nī'-äh, Zāb-bā'-ī, and Āth-lā'-ī. ²⁹And from the sons of Bā'-nī were Mě-shūl'-läm, Mäl-lüch, and Ā-dai'-ah, Jāsh'-üb, and Shě'-äl, and Rā'-mōth. ³⁰And from the sons of Pā'-häth-mō'-āb were Ād'-nä, and Chě'-läl, Bě-naī'-äh, Mā-ä-seī'-äh, Mät-tā-nī'-äh, Běz'-ä-lēel, and Bīn'-nū-ī, and Mā-nās'-sēh. ³¹And from the sons of Hār'-īm were Ēl-ī-ē'-zēr, Ish-ī'-jääh, Mäl-chī'-äh, Shēm-aī'-äh, Shīm'-ē-on, ³²Benjamin, Mäl'-luch, and Shēm-ä-rī'-äh. ³³From the sons of Hāsh'-üm were Mät-tē'-nai, Mät'-tä-thäh, Zā'-bād, Ē-līph'-ē-lēt, Jěr-ē-mā'-ī, Mā-nās'-sēh, and Shīm'-ē-ī. ³⁴From the sons of Bā'-nī were Mā-ä-dā'-ī, Amram, and Ū'-ēl, ³⁵Bě-naī'-äh, Bě-deī'-äh, Chěl'-lüh, ³⁶Vā-nī'-äh, Měr'-ē-mōth, Ē-lī-āsh'-īb, ³⁷Mät-tā-nī'-äh, Mät-tē'-nai, and Jā'-ä-sau, ³⁸and Bā'-nī, and Bīn'-nū-ī, Shīm'-ē-ī, ³⁹and Shěl-ē-mī'-äh, and Nathan, and Ā-dai'-äh, ⁴⁰Māch-nād'-ē-baī, Shā'-shaī, Shār-ā'-ī, ⁴¹Āz'-ä-rēel, and Shěl-ē-mī'-äh, Shēm-ä-rī'-äh, ⁴²Shāl'-lüm, Ām-ä-rī'-äh, and Joseph. ⁴³From the sons of Nē'-bō were Jē-ī'-ēl, Mät-tī-thī'-äh, Zā'-bād, Zě-bī'-nä, Jā'-dau, and Jō'-ēl, Bě-naī'-äh.

⁴⁴All these had taken strange wives. And *many* of them had wives by whom they had children.

The Book of NEHEMIAH

CHAPTER 1

¹The words of Nē-hēm-ī'-āh the son of Hāch-ā-lī'-āh. And in the month Chīs'-leū, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shū'-shān the palace, ²Hā-nā'-nī, one of my brothers, came, he and men of Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who had escaped, who were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. ³And they said to me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and shame. The wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and its gates are burned with fire.

⁴And when I heard these words, I sat down and wept. And I mourned for days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of Heaven. ⁵And I said, I pray Thee, O LORD God of Heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and mercy for those who love Him and keep His commandments — ⁶let Thy ear now be open, and Thy eyes open, so that Thou mayest hear the prayer of Thy servant, which I pray before Thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel Thy servants, and confessing the sins of the children of Israel which we have sinned against Thee. Both I and my father's house have sinned. ⁷We have acted very wickedly against Thee, and have not kept the commandments nor the statutes nor the judgments which Thou didst command Thy servant Moses. ⁸I pray Thee, remember the word that Thou didst command Thy servant Moses, saying, If you sin, I will scatter you among the nations, ⁹but if you turn unto Me, and keep My commandments and do them, though you were cast out unto the outermost part of heaven, yet I will gather you from there and will bring you unto the place that I have chosen to set My name there. ¹⁰Now these are Thy servants and Thy people whom Thou hast redeemed by Thy great power and by Thy strong hand. ¹¹O LORD, I pray Thee, let now Thy ear be open to the prayer of Thy servant, and to the prayer of Thy servants who desire to fear Thy name. And I pray Thee, bless Thy servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man. (For I was the king's cupbearer.)

CHAPTER 2

¹And in the month Nī'-sān, in the twentieth year of Ār-tā-xēr-x'-ēs the king, wine was before him. And I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence before. ²Therefore the king said to me, Why is your face sad, since you are not sick? This is nothing but sorrow of heart. Then I was very much afraid. ³And I said to the king, Let the king live forever. Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' tombs, lies waste, and the gates of it are burned with fire? ⁴Then the king said unto me, For what do

you ask? So I prayed to the God of Heaven, ⁵and I said to the king, If it please the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, *I pray* that you would send me to Judah, unto the city of my fathers' tombs, so that I may build it. ⁶And the king said to me (the queen also sitting by him), For how long shall your journey be? And when will you return? So it pleased the king to send me, and I set him a time. ⁷Moreover I said to the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, so that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah — ⁸and a letter unto Ā'-sāph the keeper of the king's forest, so that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the palace which *belonged* to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house into which I shall enter. And the king granted me *what I asked*, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

⁹Then I came to the governors of *the province* Beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent captains of the army and horsemen with me. ¹⁰When Sān-bāl'-lāt the Hôr'-ōn-ite, and Tō-bī'-āh the servant, the Ammonite, heard, it grieved them very much that there had come a man to seek the good of the children of Israel. ¹¹So I came to Jerusalem and was there three days.

¹²And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me. Neither did I tell *any* man what my God had put in my heart to do at Jerusalem. And there was no animal with me, except the animal that I rode upon. ¹³And I went out by night by the Valley Gate, even before the Jackal Fountain, and to the Dung Gate, and looked at the walls of Jerusalem which were broken down, and the gates of it which were burned with fire. ¹⁴Then I went on to the Fountain Gate, and to the King's Pool. But there was no place for the animal that was under me to pass. ¹⁵Then I went up in the night by the brook and looked at the wall, and turned back, and entered by the Valley Gate, and returned. ¹⁶And the rulers did not know where I had gone, nor what I was doing. Neither had I told *it* as yet to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

¹⁷Then I said to them, You see the trouble that we are in, how Jerusalem is wasted, and the gates of it are burned with fire. Come and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, so that we may no more be a reproach. ¹⁸Then I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me, and also the king's words that he had spoken unto me.

And they said, Let us rise up to build. So they made their hands strong for *this* good work. ¹⁹But when Sān-bāl'-lāt the Hôr'-ōn-ite, and Tō-bī'-āh the servant, the Ammonite, and Gē'-shēm the Ā-rā'-bī-ān, heard, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us. And *they* said, What is this that you do? Will you rebel against the king? ²⁰Then I answered them and said to them, The God of Heaven, He will bless us, and we,

His servants, will arise and build. But you have no portion or right or memorial in Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 3

¹Then Ē-li-āsh'-ib the high priest rose up with his brothers the priests, and they built the Sheep Gate. They sanctified it and set up the doors of it, even unto the Tower of Hām-mē'-āh they sanctified it, unto the Tower of Hān'-ā-nēel. ²And next to him the men of Jericho built. And next to them Zāc'-cūr the son of Imri built. ³But the sons of Hās-sē-nā'-āh built the Fish Gate, who laid the beams of it and set up the doors of it, the locks of it, and the bars of it. ⁴And next to them Mēr'-ē-mōth the son of Ū-rī'-jāh, the son of Kōz repaired. And next to them Mē-shūl'-lām the son of Bēr-ē-chī'-āh, the son of Mē-shēz'-ā-bēel repaired. And next to them Zā'-dōk the son of Bā'-ā-nā repaired. ⁵And next to them the Tē-kō'-ites repaired. But their nobles did not put their necks to the work of their Lord. ⁶Moreover the old gate was repaired by Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the son of Pā-sē'-āh, and Mē-shūl'-lām the son of Bēs-ō-deī'-āh. They laid the beams of it and set up the doors of it and the locks of it and the bars of it. ⁷And next to them Mēl-ā-tī'-āh of Gibeon repaired, and Jā'-dōn of Mē'-rōn, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah, unto the throne of the governor on this side the river. ⁸Next to him Ūz'-zī-ēl the son of Hār-hai'-āh, of the goldsmiths, repaired. And next to him Hān-ā-nī'-āh, the son of *one of* the perfumers, repaired. And they made Jerusalem strong unto the Broad Wall. ⁹And next to them Rē-phaī'-āh the son of Hur, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem repaired. ¹⁰Next to them Jē-dai'-āh the son of Hā-rū'-māph repaired, even across from his house. And next to him Hāt'-tūsh the son of Hāsh-āb-nī'-āh repaired. ¹¹Māl-chī'-jāh the son of Hār'-im and Hāsh-ūb the son of Pā'-hāth-mō'-āb, repaired the other piece, and the Tower of the Furnaces. ¹²And next to him Shāl'-lūm the son of Hā-lō'-hēsh, the ruler of the half part of Jerusalem, he and his daughters repaired. ¹³Hā'-nūn, and the people of Zā-nō'-āh, repaired the Valley Gate. They built it, and set up the doors of it, the locks of it, and the bars of it, and a thousand cubits on the wall unto the Dung Gate. ¹⁴But the Dung Gate was repaired by Māl-chī'-āh the son of Rē'-chāb, the ruler of part of Bēth-hāc'-cē-rēm. He built it and set up the doors of it, the locks of it, and the bars of it. ¹⁵But the Fountain Gate was repaired by Shāl'-lūm the son of Cōl-hō'-zēh, the ruler of part of Mizpah. He built it and covered it, and set up the doors of it, the locks of it, and the bars of it, and the wall of the Pool of Shē'-lāh by the king's garden, and unto the stairs that go down from the City of David. ¹⁶After him Nē-hēm-i'-āh the son of Āz'-būk, the ruler of the half part of Bēth'-zur, repaired unto *the place* across from the tombs of David, and to the pool that was made, and to the house of the mighty men. ¹⁷After him the Levites, Rē'-hūm the son of Bā'-nī, repaired. Next to him Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh, the ruler of the half part of Kē-ī'-lāh, repaired in

his part. ¹⁸After him their brothers, Bā-vā'-ī the son of Hēn-ā'-dād, the ruler of the half part of Kē-ī'-lāh, repaired. ¹⁹And next to him, Ē'-zēr the son of Jēsh'-ū-ā, the ruler of Mizpah, repaired another piece over against the going up to the armory at the turning of *the wall*.

²⁰After him Bār'-ūch the son of Zāb-bā'-ī earnestly repaired the other piece, from the turning unto the door of the house of Ē-li-āsh'-ib the high priest. ²¹After him Mēr'-ē-mōth the son of Ū-rī'-jāh the son of Koz repaired another piece, from the door of the house of Ē-li-āsh'-ib even to the end of the house of Ē-li-āsh'-ib. ²²And after him the priests, the men of the plain, repaired. ²³After him Benjamin and Hāsh'-ūb repaired across from their house. After him Āz-ā-rī'-āh the son of Mā-ā-seī'-āh the son of Ān-ā-nī'-āh repaired by his house. ²⁴After him Bīn'-nū-ī the son of Hēn-ā'-dād repaired another piece, from the house of Āz-ā-rī'-āh unto the turning of *the wall*, even to the corner. ²⁵Pā'-lāl the son of Ū'-zaī repaired across from the turning of *the wall*, and the tower which lies out from the king's high house, that was by the court of the prison. After him Pē-dai'-āh the son of Pār'-ōsh repaired. ²⁶Moreover the Nēth'-ī-nīms *who* lived in Ō'-phēl repaired unto *the place* across from the Water Gate toward the east, and the tower that sticks out. ²⁷After them the Tē-kō'-ites repaired another piece, opposite the great tower that sticks out, even to the wall of Ō'-phēl. ²⁸The priests repaired from above the Horse Gate, every one across from his house. ²⁹After them Zā'-dōk the son of Īm'-mēr repaired across from his house. After him Shēm-aī'-āh the son of Shēch-ā-nī'-āh, the keeper of the East Gate, repaired. ³⁰After him Hān-ā-nī'-āh the son of Shēl-ē-mī'-āh, and Hā'-nūn the sixth son of Zā'-lāph repaired another piece. After him Mē-shūl'-lām the son of Bēr-ē-chī'-āh repaired across from his room. ³¹After him Māl-chī'-āh the goldsmith's son repaired to the place of the Nēth'-ī-nīms, and of the merchants, over against the Mīph'-kād Gate, and to the going up of the corner. ³²And between the going up of the corner to the Sheep Gate the goldsmiths and the merchants repaired.

CHAPTER 4

¹But when Sān-bāl'-lāt heard that we built the wall, he was angry and greatly displeased, and mocked the Jews. ²And he spoke before his brothers and the army of Samaria, and said, What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they make an end in a day? Will they bring to life the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish which are burned? ³Now Tō-bī'-āh the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, Even that which they build, if a fox goes up, he shall even break down their stone wall.

⁴O our God, hear, for we are despised. And turn their curse upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity. ⁵And do not cover their iniquity, and do not let their sin be blotted out from before

Thee. For they have provoked *Thee* to anger before the builders. ⁶So we built the wall, and all the wall was joined together unto the half of it. For the people had a mind to work.

⁷But when Sān-bāl'-lāt and Tō-bī'-āh, and the Ā-rā'-bī-āns, and the Ammonites, and the Āsh'-dō-dites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem had gone up, and that the breaks were being filled, they were very angry. ⁸And all of them plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and do harm to it. ⁹But we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. ¹⁰And Judah said, The strength of the carriers of burdens is weakening, and there is much rubbish, so that we are not able to build the wall. ¹¹And our foes have said, They shall not know, or see, until we come in the middle of them, and kill them, and cause the work to cease. ¹²And when the Jews who lived by them came in, they said to us ten times, From all places where you shall turn to us *they will be* upon you.

¹³Therefore I stationed in the lower places behind the wall, *and* on the higher places, I even set the people according to their families with their sword, their spears, and their bows. ¹⁴And I looked and rose up, and said unto the nobles and to the rulers and to the rest of the people, Do not be afraid of them. Remember the LORD, who is great and terrible, and fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses. ¹⁵And when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and *that* God had brought their wisdom to nothing, all of us returned to the wall, each one to his work. ¹⁶And from that time forth half of my servants worked in the work, and the other half of them held the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the coats of mail. And the rulers were behind all the house of Judah — ¹⁷the ones who built on the wall, and the ones who carried burdens, with those who were lifting, *each one* worked with one of his hands in the work, and held a weapon. ¹⁸For of the builders, each one had his sword tied by his side, and built. And he who sounded the trumpet was beside me.

¹⁹And I said to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, far from one another. ²⁰In whatever place *therefore* you hear the sound of the trumpet, gather there to us. Our God will fight for us. ²¹So we labored in the work. And half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning until the stars appeared. ²²Likewise at the same time I said to the people, Let everyone with his servant stay inside Jerusalem, so that in the night they may be a guard to us, and labor in the day. ²³So neither I, nor my brothers, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us put off our clothes — *except that* everyone had his vessel of water.

CHAPTER 5

¹And there was a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brothers the Jews. ²For certain ones said, We, our sons, and our daughters, are many. Let us get grain for them, so that we may eat and live. ³Some also said, We have mortgaged our lands, vineyards, and houses. Let us buy grain because of the famine. ⁴Some also said, We have borrowed money for the king's tax *upon* our lands and vineyards. ⁵Yet now our flesh is like the flesh of our brothers, our children like their children. And, lo, we bring our sons and our daughters into bondage, to be slaves, and *some* of our daughters are brought into bondage *already*. Neither *is it* in our power to *redeem them*, for other men have our lands and vineyards.

⁶ And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. ⁷Then I considered within myself, and I rebuked the nobles and the rulers, and said to them, You exact interest, each one from his brother. And I held a great gathering against them. ⁸And I said to them, According to our ability we have redeemed our brothers, the Jews who were sold to the heathen. And will you even sell your brothers? Or shall they be sold to us? Then they were silent and found nothing to *answer*. ⁹Also I said, What you do is not good. Should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations our enemies? ¹⁰I likewise, my brothers and my servants, might take from them money and grain. I pray you, let us leave off this interest. ¹¹I pray you, even today, give back to them their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth *part* of the money and of the grain, the wine, and the oil, that you take from them. ¹²Then they said, We will restore, and will ask nothing from them. So we will do as you say. Then I called the priests and took an oath from them that they should do according to this promise. ¹³Also I shook my lap and said, So *let* God shake out every man from his house, and from his labor, who does not keep this promise, even *may* he be shaken out this way and emptied. And all the congregation said, Amen, and praised the LORD. And the people did according to this promise.

¹⁴Moreover from the time that I was chosen to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even to the thirty-second year of Ār-tā-xērx'-ēs the king — twelve years — I and my brothers have not eaten the bread of the governor. ¹⁵But the former governors that had been before me were too heavy upon the people, and had taken bread and wine from them, besides forty shekels of silver. Yes, even their servants bore rule over the people. But I did not do this, because of the fear of God. ¹⁶Yes, I also kept on in the work of this wall. Neither did we buy any land. And all my servants were gathered there unto the work. ¹⁷Moreover *there were* at my table a hundred and fifty of the Jews

and rulers, besides those who came unto us from among the nations that were around us. ¹⁸Now that which was prepared daily was one ox and six choice sheep. Also birds were prepared, and once in ten days store of all sorts of wine. Yet for all this I did not seek the bread of the governor, because the bondage was heavy upon this people. ¹⁹Think upon me, my God, for good, *according* to all that I have done for this people.

CHAPTER 6

¹Now when Sān-bāl'-lāt, and Tō-bī'-āh and Gē'-shēm the Ā-rā'-bī-ān, and the rest of our enemies heard that I had built the wall, and that there was no break left in it (though at that time I had not set the doors upon the gates), ²Sān-bāl'-lāt and Gē'-shēm sent to me, saying, Come, let us meet together in the villages in the plain of Ō'-nō. But they thought to do me harm. ³And I sent messengers to them, saying, I am doing a great work, so I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and come down to you? ⁴Yet they sent to me four times in this way. And I answered them in the same way. ⁵Then Sān-bāl'-lāt sent his servant to me in the same way the fifth time with an open letter in his hand, in which was written, ⁶It is reported among the heathen, and Gāsh'-mū says *it, that you* and the Jews are thinking of rebelling — for which cause you build the wall, so that you may be their king, according to these words. ⁷And you have also set up prophets to preach about you at Jerusalem, saying, *There is* a king in Judah. And now it shall be reported to the king according to these words. Therefore come now and let us talk it over together. ⁸Then I sent to him saying, There are no such things done as you say, but you pretend them out of your own heart. ⁹For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work so that it may not be done. Now therefore, *O God*, make my hands strong.

¹⁰Afterward I came to the house of Shēm-aī'-āh the son of Dēl-aī'-āh the son of Mē-hēt'-ā-bēel, who was shut up. And he said, Let us meet together in the house of God, inside the temple, and let us shut the doors of the temple. For they will come to kill you. Yea, in the night they will come to kill you. ¹¹And I said, Should such a man as I flee? And who, being as I am, would go into the temple to save his life? I will not go in. ¹²And, I understood that lo! God had not sent him, but that he said this prophecy against me because Tō-bī'-āh and Sān-bāl'-lāt had hired him. ¹³Therefore he was hired that I should be afraid, and do so, and sin, and *so that* they might have *something* for an evil report *with* which they might reproach me. ¹⁴My God, think upon Tō-bī'-āh and Sān-bāl'-lāt according to these their works, and on the prophetess Nō-ā-dī'-āh, and the rest of the prophets who would have made me afraid.

¹⁵So the wall was finished in the twenty-fifth *day* of Ē'-lūl, in fifty-two days. ¹⁶And when all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations who were around us saw, they were very much lowered in their own eyes. For they saw that this work was done by our God.

¹⁷Moreover in those days the nobles of Judah sent many letters to Tō-bī'-āh, and *the letters* of Tō-bī'-āh came to them. ¹⁸For *there were* many in Judah sworn to him because he was the son-in-law of Shēch-ā-nī'-āh the son of Ār'-āh, and his son Jō-hā'-nān had taken the daughter of Mē-shūl'-lām the son of Bēr-ē-chī'-āh. ¹⁹Also they reported his good deeds before me, and told my words to him. *And* Tō-bī'-āh sent letters to make me afraid.

CHAPTER 7

¹Now when the wall was built and I had set up the doors, and the gatekeepers and the singers and the Levites were chosen, ²I gave my brother Hā-nā'-nī, and Hān-ā-nī'-āh the ruler of the palace, charge over Jerusalem. For he was a faithful man, and feared God above many. ³And I said to them, Do not let the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun is hot. And while they stand by, let them shut and bar the doors. And set guards from the people of Jerusalem, each one in his watch, and each one to be across from his house. ⁴Now the city was large and great, but the people in it were few, and the houses were not built.

⁵And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, so that they might be counted by genealogy. And I found a register of the genealogy of those who came up at the first. And *I* found written in it: ⁶These are the children of the province who went up out of the captivity, of those who had been carried away, whom Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king of Babylon had carried away. And they came again to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one to his city, ⁷and came with Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl, Jēsh'-ū-ā, Nē-hēm-i'-āh, Āz-ā-rī'-āh, Rā-ā-mī'-āh, Nā-hā-mā'-nī, Mōr-dē-cā'-ī, Bilshan, Mīs'-pē-rēth, Bīg-vā'-ī, Nē'-hūm, Bā'-ā-nāh. The number of the men of the people of Israel were:

⁸The children of Pār'-ōsh were two thousand and seventy-two. ⁹The children of Shēph-ā-tī'-āh were three hundred and seventy-two. ¹⁰The children of Ār'-āh were six hundred and fifty-two. ¹¹The children of Pā'-hāth—mō'-āb, of the children of Jēsh'-ū-ā and Joab were two thousand, eight hundred and eighteen. ¹²The children of Ē'-lām were a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. ¹³The children of Zāt'-tū were eight hundred and forty-five. ¹⁴The children of Zāc-cā'-ī were seven hundred and sixty. ¹⁵The children of Bīn'-nū-ī were six hundred and forty-eight. ¹⁶The children of Bē-bā'-ī were six hundred and twenty-eight. ¹⁷The children of Āz'-gād were two thousand three hundred and twenty-two. ¹⁸The children of Ād-ō-nī'-kām were six hundred and sixty-

seven. ¹⁹The children of Bîg-vâ'-î were two thousand and sixty-seven. ²⁰The children of Ā'-dîn were six hundred and fifty-five. ²¹The children of Ā'-têr of Hêz-ê-kî'-âh were ninety-eight. ²²The children of Hâsh'-ûm were three hundred and twenty-eight. ²³The children of Bê-zâ'-î were three hundred and twenty-four. ²⁴The children of Hâr'-îph were a hundred and twelve. ²⁵The children of Gîb'-ê-ôn were ninety-five. ²⁶The men of Bethlehem and Nê-tô'-phâh were a hundred and eighty-eight. ²⁷The men of Ān'-â-thôth were a hundred and twenty-eight. ²⁸The men of Bêth-âz-mâ'-vêth were forty-two. ²⁹The men of Kîr'-jâth-jê'-â-rîm, Chê-phî'-râh, and Bêēr'-ôth were seven hundred and forty-three. ³⁰The men of Râ'-mâh and Gê'-bâ were six hundred and twenty-one. ³¹The men of Mîch'-mâs were a hundred and twenty-two. ³²The men of Bethel and Ā'-î were a hundred and twenty-three. ³³The men of the other Nê'-bô were fifty-two. ³⁴The children of the other Ê'-lâm were a thousand two hundred and fifty-four. ³⁵The children of Hâr'-îm were three hundred and twenty. ³⁶The children of Jericho were three hundred and forty-five. ³⁷The children of Lod, Hâ'-dîd, and Ô'-nô were seven hundred and twenty-one. ³⁸The children of Sên'-â-âh were three thousand nine hundred and thirty.

³⁹The priests: the children of Jê-daî'-âh, of the house of Jêsh'-û-â, were nine hundred and seventy-three. ⁴⁰The children of Îm'-mêr were a thousand and fifty-two. ⁴¹The children of Pâsh'-ûr were a thousand two hundred and forty-seven. ⁴²The children of Hâr'-îm were a thousand and seventeen.

⁴³The Levites: the children of Jêsh'-û-â, of Kâd'-mî-êl, *and* of the children of Hô'-dê-vâh were seventy-four.

⁴⁴The singers: the children of Ā'-sâph were a hundred and forty-eight.

⁴⁵The gatekeepers: the children of Shâl'-lûm, the children of Ā'-têr, the children of Tâl'-môn, the children of Āk'-kûb, the children of Hâ-tî'-tâ, *and* the children of Shô-bâ'-î were a hundred and thirty-eight.

⁴⁶The Nêth'-î-nîms: the children of Zî'-hâ, the children of Hâ-shû'-phâ, the children of Tâb-bâ'-ôth, ⁴⁷the children of Kê'-rôs, the children of Sî'-â, the children of Pâ'-dôn, ⁴⁸the children of Lê-bâ'-nâ, the children of Hâg'-â-bâ, the children of Shâl'-mâi, ⁴⁹the children of Hâ'-nân, the children of Gîd'-dêl, the children of Gâ'-hâr, ⁵⁰the children of Rê-aî'-âh, the children of Rê'-zîn, the children of Nê-kô'-dâ, ⁵¹the children of Gâz'-zâm, the children of Ūz'-zâ, the children of Phâ-sê'-âh, ⁵²the children of Bê'-saî, the children of Mê-û'-nîm, the children of Nê-phîsh'-ê-sîm, ⁵³the children of Bâk'-bûk, the children of Hâ-kû'-phâ, the children of Hâr'-hûr, ⁵⁴the children of Bâz'-lîth, the children of Mê-hî'-dâ, the children of Hâr'-shâ, ⁵⁵the children of Bâr'-kôs, the children

of Sīs'-ē-rā, the children of Tā'-māh, ⁵⁶the children of Nē-zī'-āh, the children of Hā-tī'-phā.

⁵⁷The children of Solomon's servants: the children of Sō-tā'-ī, the children of Sō'-phē-rēth, the children of Pē-rī'-dā, ⁵⁸the children of Jā'-ā-lā, the children of Dār'-kōn, the children of Gīd'-dēl, ⁵⁹the children of Shēph-ā-tī'-āh, the children of Hāt'-tīl, the children of Pō'-chē-rēth of Zē-bā'-īm, the children of Amon. ⁶⁰All the Nēth'-ī-nīms, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred and ninety-two.

⁶¹And these were they who went up from Tēl-mē'-lāh, Tēl-hā-rē'-shā, Chēr'-ūb, Ād'-dōn, and Īm'-mēr. But they could not show their father's house, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel. ⁶²The children of Dēl-aī'-āh, the children of Tō-bī'-āh, the children of Nē-kō'-dā, six hundred and forty-two.

⁶³And of the priests: the children of Hā-baī'-āh, the children of Kōz, the children of Bār-zil-lā'-ī, who took *one* of the daughters of Bār-zil-lā'-ī the Gileadite to wife, and was called after her name. ⁶⁴These sought their register *among* those who were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found. Therefore they were put out, as defiled from the priesthood. ⁶⁵And the governor said to them that they should not eat of the holy things until there stood up a priest with Ū'-rīm and Thūm'-mīm.

⁶⁶The whole congregation together was forty-two thousand three hundred and sixty, ⁶⁷besides their manservants and their maidservants, of whom *there were* seven thousand three hundred and thirty-seven. And they had two hundred and forty-five singing men and singing women. ⁶⁸Their horses were seven hundred and thirty-six. Their mules were two hundred and forty-five. ⁶⁹Their camels were four hundred and thirty-five, *and* six thousand seven hundred and twenty were *the* asses.

⁷⁰And some of the chief of the fathers gave unto the work. The governor gave to the treasury a thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, *and* five hundred and thirty priests' garments. ⁷¹And *some* of the chief of the fathers gave to the treasury of the work twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand two hundred minas of silver. ⁷²And what the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand darics of gold and two thousand minas of silver, and sixty-seven priests' garments. ⁷³So the priests, and the Levites, and the gatekeepers, and the singers, and *some* of the people, and the Nēth'-ī-nīms, and all Israel, lived in their cities. And when the seventh month came, the children of Israel were in their cities.

CHAPTER 8

¹And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the street that was before the water gate. And they spoke unto Ezra the

scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. ²And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation, both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. ³And he read in it before the street which was in front of the Water Gate from the morning until noon, in front of the men and the women, and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people *listened* to the book of the law. ⁴And Ezra the scribe stood upon a pulpit of wood which they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Māt-tī-thī'-āh, and Shē'-mā, and Ā-naī'-āh, and Ū-rī'-jāh, and Hīl-kī'-āh, and Mā-ā-seī-āh, on his right hand — and on his left hand, Pē-dai'-āh, and Mī'-shā-ēl, and Māl-chī'-āh, and Hāsh'-ūm, and Hāsh-bā-dā'-nā, Zēch-ārī'-āh, and Mē-shūl'-lām. ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people. And when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the LORD with *their* faces to the ground. ⁷Also Jēsh'-ū-ā, and Bā'-nī, and Shēr-ē-bī'-āh, Jā'-mīn, Āk'-kūb, Shāb'-bē-thai, Hō-dī'-jāh, Mā-ā-seī'-āh, Kē-lī'-tā, Āz-ā-rī'-āh, Jō'-zā-bād, Hā'-nān, Pē-lai'-āh, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law. And the people were in their place. ⁸So they read in the book, in the law of God, clearly. And they gave the sense, and caused *them* to understand the reading.

⁹And Nē-hēm-ī'-āh, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep. For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, Go your way *and* eat the fat and drink the sweet, and send portions to him for whom nothing is prepared. For this day is holy unto our LORD. Neither be sorry, for the joy of the LORD is your strength. ¹¹So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, Be quiet, for the day is holy. Neither be grieved. ¹²And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words which were declared to them.

¹³And on the second day the chief of the fathers of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, were gathered unto Ezra the scribe, even to understand the words of the law. ¹⁴And they found written in the law which the LORD had commanded by Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month, ¹⁵and that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth to the mountain and bring olive branches and pine branches and myrtle branches and palm branches, and branches of thick trees, to make booths, as it is written. ¹⁶So the people went out and brought *them*, and made themselves booths, each one upon the roof of his house, and in their courts, and in the courts of the house of

God, and in the street of the Water Gate, and in the street of the Gate of Ephraim. ¹⁷And all the congregation of those who had come again out of the captivity made booths, and sat under the booths. For since the days of Joshua the son of Nun until that day, the children of Israel had not done so. And there was very great gladness. ¹⁸Also day by day, from the first day until the last day, he read in the book of the law of God. And they kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth day was a closing feast, according to the law.

CHAPTER 9

¹Now in the twenty-fourth day of this month, the children of Israel were gathered with fasting and with sackcloth, and with earth upon them. ²And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all strangers, and stood and confessed their sins and the sins of their fathers. ³And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God a fourth part of the day. And *another* fourth part they confessed and worshipped the LORD their God.

⁴Then stood upon the stairs, of the Levites, Jēsh'-ū-ā, and Bā'-nī, Kād'-mī-ēl, Shēb-ā-nī'-āh, Būn'-nī, Shēr-ē-bī'-āh, Bā'-nī *and* Chē-nā'-nī, and cried with a loud voice unto the LORD their God. ⁵Then the Levites, Jēsh'-ū-ā, and Kād'-mī-ēl, Bā'-nī, Hāsh-āb-nī'-āh, Shēr-ē-bī'-āh, Hō-dī'-jah, Shēb-ā-nī'-āh, *and* Pēth-ā-hī'-āh, said, Stand up *and* bless the LORD your God forever and ever. And blessed be Thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. ⁶Thou, *even* Thou, art LORD alone. Thou hast made the heavens, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth, and all *things* that are on it, the seas, and all that is in them, and Thou dost preserve them all. And the host of heaven worships Thee. ⁷Thou art the LORD, the God who chose Abraham and brought him forth out of Ur of the Chāl'-dēēš, and gave him the name of Abraham, ⁸and found his heart faithful before Thee, and made a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Pě-riz'-zīte, and the Jēb'-ū-šīte, and the Gīr'-gā-shīte, *even* to give *it* to his seed. And *Thou* hast performed Thy words, for Thou art righteous.

⁹And Thou didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and didst hear their cry by the Red Sea, ¹⁰and didst give out signs and wonders upon Pharaoh and upon all his servants and upon all the people of his land. For Thou didst know that they were acting proudly against them. So Thou didst get Thee a name, as *it is* this day. ¹¹And Thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land. And their pursuers Thou didst throw into the deep, like a stone into the mighty waters. ¹²Moreover, Thou didst lead them in the day by a cloudy pillar, and in the night by a pillar of fire, to give them light in the way in which they should go. ¹³And Thou didst come

down upon Mount Sī'-naī, and spoke with them from Heaven, and gave them right judgments and true laws, good statutes and commandments. ¹⁴And *Thou* didst make known unto them Thy holy sabbath, and commanded them commandments, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses Thy servant. ¹⁵And *Thou* didst give them bread from Heaven for their hunger, and brought forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst. And Thou didst promise them that they should go in to possess the land which Thou hadst sworn to give them.

¹⁶But they and our fathers acted proudly and hardened their necks, and did not listen to Thy commandments. ¹⁷And *they* refused to obey, neither were *they* mindful of Thy wonders which Thou didst do among them. But *they* hardened their necks, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage. But Thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and didst not forsake them. ¹⁸Yea, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is your God who brought you up out of Egypt, and had worked great blasphemies, ¹⁹yet Thou in Thy great mercies didst not forsake them in the wilderness. The pillar of the cloud did not depart from them by day to lead them in the way, nor the pillar of fire by night, to show them light and the way in which they should go. ²⁰Thou didst also give Thy good Spirit to teach them, and didst not withhold Thy manna from their mouth, and didst give them water for their thirst. ²¹And forty years Thou didst sustain them in the wilderness. They lacked nothing; their clothes did not become old, and their feet did not swell. ²²Moreover Thou didst give them kingdoms and nations, and didst divide them into corners. So they possessed the land of Sī'-hōn, and the land of the king of Hēsh'-bōn, and the land of Og king of Bā'-shān.

²³Thou didst also multiply their children like the stars of the heavens, and didst bring them into the land concerning which Thou hadst promised to their fathers that they should go in to possess *it*. ²⁴So the children went in and possessed the land, and Thou didst humble the people of the land before them, the Canaanites, and didst give them into their hands, with their kings and the people of the land, so that they might do with them as they would. ²⁵And they took strong cities and a rich land, and possessed houses full of all goods, wells already dug, vineyards and oliveyards, and fruit trees in abundance. So they ate and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in Thy great goodness. ²⁶Nevertheless they were disobedient and rebelled against Thee, and cast Thy law behind their backs. And they killed Thy prophets who testified against them to turn them to Thee, and they worked great blasphemies.

²⁷Therefore Thou didst deliver them into the hand of their enemies, who troubled them. And in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto Thee, Thou didst hear *them* from Heaven. And according to Thy manifold mercies, Thou didst give them deliverers, who saved them out

of the hand of their enemies. ²⁸But after they had rest, they did evil again before Thee. Therefore Thou didst leave them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the rule over them. Yet when they returned and cried unto Thee, Thou didst hear them from Heaven. And many times Thou didst deliver them according to Thy mercies, ²⁹and didst testify against them that Thou mightest bring them again unto Thy law. Yet they acted proudly and did not listen unto Thy commandments, but sinned against Thy judgments (which if a man do, he shall live in them), and withdrew the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. ³⁰Yet many years Thou didst have patience with them, and didst testify against them by Thy Spirit by Thy prophets. Yet they would not give ear. Therefore Thou didst give them into the hand of the people of the lands. ³¹But for Thy great mercies' sake, Thou didst not completely destroy them nor forsake them. For Thou art a gracious and merciful God. ³²Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the fearful God, who dost keep covenant and mercy, let not all the trouble that has come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all Thy people, since the time of the kings of Assyria unto this day, seem little before Thee. ³³However, Thou art just in all that is brought upon us, for Thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly. ³⁴Neither have our kings, our princes, our priests, nor our fathers, kept Thy law, nor listened unto Thy commandments and Thy words with which Thou didst testify against them. ³⁵For they have not served Thee in their kingdom, and in Thy great goodness which Thou didst give them, and in the large and rich land which Thou didst give before them — neither did they turn from their wicked works. ³⁶Behold, we are servants this day, and *for* the land that Thou didst give unto our fathers to eat the fruit of it and the good of it, behold, we are servants in it. ³⁷And it yields much increase to the kings whom Thou hast set over us because of our sins. Also they have rule over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great trouble. ³⁸And because of all this we make a sure *covenant*, and write *it*, and our princes, Levites, *and* priests are at the sealing of *it*.

CHAPTER 10

¹Now those who sealed were, Nē-hēm-i'-āh, the governor, the son of Hāch-ā-lī'-āh, and Zūd-kī'-jāh, ²Sē-rai'-āh, Āz-ā-rī'-āh, Jeremiah, ³Pāsh'-ur, Ām-ā-rī'-āh, Māl-chī'-jāh, ⁴Hāt'-tūsh, Shēb-ā-nī'-āh, Māl'-lūch, ⁵Hār'-īm, Mēr'-ē-mōth, Ō-bā-dī'-āh, ⁶Daniel, Gīn'-nē-thōn, Bār'-ūch, ⁷Mē-shūl'-lām, Ā-bī'-jāh, Mī'-jā-mīn, ⁸Mā-ā-zī'-āh, Bīl-gā'-ī, Shēm-āi'-āh. These were the priests. ⁹And the Levites were both Jēsh'-ū-ā the son of Āz-ā-nī'-āh, Bīn'-nū-i of the sons of Hēn-ā'-dād, Kād'-mī-ēl, ¹⁰and their brothers, Shēb-ā-nī'-āh, Hō-dī'-jāh, Kē-lī'-tā, Pē-lai'-āh, Hā'-nān, ¹¹Mī'-chā, Rē'-hōb, Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh, ¹²Zāc'-cūr, Shēr-ē-bī'-āh, Shēb-ā-

nī'-āh, ¹³Hō-dī'-jāh, Bā'-nī, Bē-nī'-nū. ¹⁴The chief of the people were Pār'-ōsh, Pā'-hāth—mō'-āb, Ē'-lām, Zāt'-thū, Bā'-nī, ¹⁵Būn'-nī, Āz'-gād, Bē-bā'-ī, ¹⁶Ād-ō-nī'-jāh, Bīg-vā'-ī, Ā'-dīn, ¹⁷Ā'-tēr, Hīz-kī'-jāh, Āz'-zūr, ¹⁸Hō-dī'-jāh, Hāsh'-ūm, Bē-zā'-ī, ¹⁹Hār'-īph, Ān'-ā-thōth, Nē-bā'-ī, ²⁰Māg'-pī-āsh, Mē-shūl'-lām, Hē'-zīr, ²¹Mē-shēz'-ā-bēel, Zā'-dōk, Jād'-dū-ā, ²²Pēl-ā-tī'-āh, Hā'-nān, Ā-naī'-āh, ²³Hō-shē'-ā, Hān-ā-nī'-āh, Hāsh'-ūb, ²⁴Hāl-lō'-hēsh, Pī'-lē-hā, Shō'-bēk, ²⁵Rē'-hūm, Hā-shāb'-nāh, Mā-ā-seī'-āh, ²⁶and Ā-hī'-jāh, Hā'-nān, Ā'-nān, ²⁷Māl'-lūch, Hār'-īm, Bā'-ā-nāh.

²⁸And the rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the Nēth'-ī-nīmš, and all those who had separated themselves from the people of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters (everyone who had knowledge, and who had understanding), ²⁹were holding fast to their brothers, their honored ones. And they entered into a curse and into an oath, to walk in God's law which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to be careful to do all the commandments of Jehovah our Lord, and His judgments and His statutes. ³⁰And *we swore* that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land nor take their daughters for our sons. ³¹And *if* the people of the land should bring goods or any food on the Sabbath day to sell *it*, *that* we would not buy it from them on the Sabbath or on the holy day, and *that* we would leave the seventh year, and the interest of every debt. ³²Also we put commands upon ourselves, to charge ourselves yearly with the third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God, ³³for the showbread, and for the continual meal offering, and for the continual burnt offering, of the sabbaths, of the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy *things*, and for the sin offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and *for* all the work of the house of our God. ³⁴And we cast the lots among the priests, and the Levites, and the people, for the wood offering, to bring *it* into the house of our God, according to the houses of our fathers, at times appointed year by year, to burn upon the altar of the LORD our God, as *it is* written in the law — ³⁵and to bring the first-fruits of our ground, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year by year, unto the house of the LORD. ³⁶Also to bring the first-born of our sons, and of our cattle, as *it is* written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests who minister in the house of our God. ³⁷And *that* we should bring the first-fruits of our dough, and our offerings, and the fruit of all kinds of trees, of wine and of oil, unto the priests, to the rooms of the house of our God. And the tithes of our ground to the Levites, so that the same Levites might have the tithes in all the cities we farmed. ³⁸And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites take tithes, and the Levites shall bring up the tithes of the tithes to the house of our God, to the rooms, into the treasure-house. ³⁹For the children of Israel and the children

of Levi shall bring the offering of the grain, of the new wine, and the oil, to the rooms where the vessels of the sanctuary are, and the priests who minister, and the gatekeepers and the singers. And we will not forsake the house of our God.

CHAPTER 11

¹And the rulers of the people lived at Jerusalem. The rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of every ten to live in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts in *other* cities. ²And the people blessed all the men who willingly offered themselves to live at Jerusalem.

³Now these are the chief of the province, who lived in Jerusalem. But in the cities of Judah everyone lived in his possession in their cities — Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nēth'-ī-nīmš, and the children of Solomon's servants. ⁴And at Jerusalem lived *certain* of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. From the children of Judah were Ā-thai'-āh the son of Ūz-zī'-āh, the son of Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, the son of Ām-ā-rī'-āh, the son of Shēph-ā-tī'-āh, the son of Mā-hāl'-ā-lēel, of the children of Pē'-rēz, ⁵and Mā-ā-seī'-āh the son of Bār'-ūch, the son of Cōl-hō'-zēh, the son of Hā-zaī'-āh, the son of Ā-dai'-āh, the son of Joi'-ā-rīb, the son of Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, the son of Shī-lō'-nī. ⁶All the sons of Pē'-rēz who lived in Jerusalem were four hundred and sixty-eight mighty men.

⁷And these are the sons of Benjamin — Sāl'-lū the son of Mē-shūl'-lām, the son of Jō'-ēd, the son of Pē-dai'-āh, the son of Kō-lai'-āh, the son of Mā-ā-seī'-āh, the son of Ī'-thī-ēl, the son of Jē-sai'-āh. ⁸And after him were Gāb-bā'-ī, Sāl-lā'-ī, nine hundred and twenty-eight. ⁹And Joel the son of Zich'-rī was their overseer. And Judah the son of Sēn'-ū-āh was second over the city.

¹⁰From the priests were Jē-dai'-āh the son of Joi'-ā-rīb, Jā'-chīn, ¹¹Sē-raī'-āh the son of Hīl-kī'-āh, the son of Mē-shūl'-lām, the son of Zā'-dōk, the son of Mē-raī'-ōth, the son of Ā-hī'-tūb, *who was* the ruler of the house of God. ¹²And their brothers who did the work of the house were eight hundred and twenty-two. And Ā-dai'-āh the son of Jē-rō'-hām, the son of Pēl-ā-lī'-āh, the son of Amzi, the son of Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, the son of Pā'-shur, the son of Māl-chī'-āh, ¹³and his brothers, chief of the fathers, two hundred and forty-two. And Ā-māsh'-aī the son of Āz'-ā-rēel, the son of Ā-hā'-saī, the son of Mē-shīl'-lē-mōth, the son of Īm'-mēr, ¹⁴and their brothers, mighty men of power, were a hundred and twenty-eight. And their overseer was Zāb'-dī-ēl, the son of *one of* the great men.

¹⁵Also from the Levites were Shēm-aī'-āh the son of Hāsh'-ūb, the son of Āz-rī'-kām, the son of Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh, the son of Būn'-nī. ¹⁶And Shāb'-bē-thai and Jō'-zā-bād, of the chief of the Levites, *had* the over-

sight of the outward business of the house of God. ¹⁷And Māt-tā-nī'-āh the son of Mī'-chā, the son of Zāb'-dī, the son of Ā'-sāph, was the leader to begin the thanksgiving in prayer. And Bāk-bū-kī'-āh was the second among his brothers, and *then* Abda the son of Shām'-mū-ā, the son of Gā'-lāl, the son of Jē-dū'-thūn. ¹⁸All the Levites in the holy city were two hundred and eighty-four. ¹⁹Moreover the gatekeepers, Āk'-kūb, Tāl'-mōn, and their brothers who kept the gates, were a hundred and seventy-two.

²⁰And the rest of Israel, of the priests *and* the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, each one in his inheritance. ²¹But the Nēth'-ī-nīms lived in Ō'-phēl; and Zī'-hā and Gis'-pā were over the Nēth'-ī-nīms. ²²The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Ūz'-zī the son of Bā'-nī, the son of Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh, the son of Māt-tā-nī'-āh, the son of Mī'-chā. Of the sons of Ā'-sāph, the singers were over the business of the house of God. ²³For *it was* the king's commandment concerning them that a certain portion should be for the singers, due for every day. ²⁴And Pēth-ā-hī'-āh the son of Mē-shēz'-ā-bēel, of the children of Zē'-rāh the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in all matters concerning the people. ²⁵And for the villages, with their fields, *some* of the children of Judah lived at Kīr'-jāth-ār'-bā, and in its villages, and at Dī'-bōn, and in its villages, and at Jē-kāb'-zēel, and *in* its villages, ²⁶and at Jēsh'-ū-ā, and at Mō-lā'-dāh, and at Bēth'-phē-lēt, ²⁷and at Hā'-zār-shū'-āl, and at Bēer-shē'-bā, and *in* the villages of it, ²⁸and at Ziklag, and at Mē-kō'-nāh, and in its villages, ²⁹and at Ēn-rīm'-mon, and at Zā-rē'-āh, and at Jār'-mūth, ³⁰Zā-nō'-āh, Adullam, *in* their villages, at Lā'-chish, and the fields of it, at Ā-zē'-kāh, and *in* its villages. And they lived from Bēer-shē'-bā unto the valley of Hīn'-nom. ³¹The children also of Benjamin from Gē'-bā *lived* at Mīch'-māsh, and Ai'-jā, and Bethel, and their villages, ³²*and* at Ān'-ā-thōth, Nob, Ān'-ā-nī'-āh, ³³Hā'-zōr, Rā'-māh, Gīt-tā'-im, ³⁴Hā'-dīd, Zē-bō'-im, Nē-bāl'-lāt, ³⁵Lod, and Ō'-nō, the valley of craftsmen. ³⁶And divisions of the Levites were *in* Judah *and* in Bethlehem.

CHAPTER 12

¹Now these are the priests and the Levites who went up with Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl the son of Shē-āl'-tī-ēl, and Jēsh'-ū-ā – Sē-raī'-āh, Jeremiah, Ezra, ²Ām-ā-rī'-āh, Māl'-lūch, Hāt'-tūsh, ³Shēch-ā-nī'-āh, Ré'-hūm, Mēr'-ē-mōth, ⁴Īd'-dō, Gīn'-nē-thō, Ā-bī'-jāh, ⁵Mī'-ā-mīn, Mā-ā-dī'-āh, Bīl'-gāh, ⁶Shēm-aī'-āh, and Joi'-ā-rīb, Jē-dai'-āh, ⁷Sāl'-lū, Ā'-mōk, Hil-kī'-āh, Jē-dai'-āh. These were the chief of the priests and of their brothers in the days of Jēsh'-ū-ā. ⁸Moreover the Levites were Jēsh'-ū-ā, Bīn'-nū-ī, Kād'-mī-ēl, Shēr-ē-bī'-āh, Judah. Māt-tā-nī'-āh was over the thanksgiving, he and his brothers. ⁹Also Bāk-bū-kī'-āh and Ūn'-nī, their brothers, were over against them in the watches.

¹⁰And Jēsh'-ū-ā fathered Joi'-ā-kim, Joi'-ā-kim also fathered Ē-lī-āsh'-ib, and Ē-lī-āsh'-ib fathered Joi'-ā-dā, ¹¹and Joi'-ā-dā fathered Jonathan, and Jonathan fathered Jād'-dū-ā. ¹²And in the days of Joi'-ā-kim were priests, the chief of the fathers. From *the house of Sē-rai'-āh* was Mē-rai'-āh. From Jeremiah was Hān-ā-nī'-āh. ¹³From Ezra was Mē-shūl'-lām. From Ām-ā-rī'-āh was Jē-hō-hā'-nān. ¹⁴From Mēl'-ī-cū was Jonathan. From Shēb-ā-nī'-āh was Joseph. ¹⁵From Hār'-im was Ād'-nā. From Mē-rai'-ōth was Hēl-kā'-ī. ¹⁶From Id'-dō was Zēch-ā-rī'-āh. From Gīn'-nē-thōn was Mē-shūl'-lām. ¹⁷From Ā-bī'-jāh was Zich'-rī. From Mīn-ī'-ā-mīn, of Mō-ā-dī'-āh, was Pīl-tā'-ī. ¹⁸From Bīl'-gāh was Shām'-mū-ā. From Shēm-aī'-āh was Jē-hōn'-ā-thān. ¹⁹And from Joi'-ā-rib was Māt-tē'-naī. From Jē-dai'-āh was Ūz'-zī. ²⁰From Sāl-lā'-ī was Kāl-lā'-ī. From Ā'-mōk was Ē'-bēr. ²¹From Hil-kī'-āh was Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh. From Jē-dai'-āh was Nēth'-ā-nēel.

²²The Levites in the days of Ē-lī-āsh'-ib, Joi'-ā-dā, and Jō-hā'-nān, and Jād'-dū-ā, were recorded chief of the fathers — also the priests, until the reign of Dā-rī'-ūs the Persian. ²³The sons of Levi, the chief of the fathers, were written in the Book of the Chronicles, even until the days of Jō-hā'-nān the son of Ē-lī-āsh'-ib. ²⁴And the chief of the Levites were Hāsh-ā-bī'-āh, Shēr-ē-bī'-āh, and Jēsh'-ū-ā the son of Kād'-mī-ēl, with their brothers over against them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, ward over against ward. ²⁵Māt-tā-nī'-āh, and Bāk-bū-kī'-āh, Ō-bā-dī'-āh, Mē-shūl'-lām, Tāl'-mōn, and Āk'-kūb, were gatekeepers keeping the ward at the thresholds of the gates. ²⁶These were in the days of Joi'-ā-kim the son of Jēsh'-ū-ā, the son of Jō'-zā-dāk, and in the days of Nē-hēm-ī'-āh the governor, and of Ezra the priest, the scribe.

²⁷And at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, they sought the Levites out of all their places to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, and with thanksgiving, and with singing, *with* cymbals, psalteries, and with harps. ²⁸And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain country around Jerusalem, and from the villages of the Nē-tōph'-ā-thī — ²⁹also from the house of Gil'-gāl, and out of the fields of Gē'-bā and Āz-mā'-vēth (for the singers had built themselves villages all around Jerusalem.) ³⁰And the priests and the Levites purified themselves. And they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall. ³¹Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and chose two great *companies* to give thanks. *One* went to the right upon the wall toward the Dung Gate. ³²And after them went Hō-shāi'-āh, and half the princes of Judah, ³³and Āz-ā-rī'-āh, Ezra, and Mē-shūl'-lām, ³⁴Judah, and Benjamin, and Shēm-aī'-āh, and Jeremiah, ³⁵and *many* of the priests' sons with trumpets — Zēch-ā-rī'-āh the son of Jonathan, the son of Shēm-aī'-āh, the son of Māt-tā-nī'-āh, the son of Mī-chai'-āh, the son of Zāc'-cūr, the son of Ā'-sāph, ³⁶and his brothers, Shēm-aī'-āh, and Āz-ā-rā'-ēl, Mīl'-ā-laī,

Gil'-ā-laī, Mā-ā'-ī, Nēth'-ā-nēel, and Judah, Hā-nā'-nī, with the musical instruments of David the man of God, and *with* Ezra the scribe before them.

³⁷And at the Fountain Gate, which was across from them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the going up of the wall, above the house of David, even to the Water Gate eastward. ³⁸And the other *company which gave* thanks went across from *them*, and I after them, and half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the Tower of the Furnaces even to the broad wall, ³⁹and from above the Gate of Ephraim, and above the old gate, and above the Fish Gate, and the tower of Hān'-ā-nēel, and the tower of Mē'-āh, even to the Sheep Gate. And they stood still in the Prison Gate. ⁴⁰So stood the two *companies to give* thanks in the house of God, and I, and half of the rulers with me. ⁴¹And the priests, Ē-lī'-ā-kīm, Mā-ā-seī'-āh, Mīn-ī'-ā-mīn, Mī-chai'-āh, Ēl-ī-ō-ē'-naī, Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, and Hān-ā-nī'-āh, were with trumpets, ⁴²and Mā-ā-seī'-āh, and Shēm-aī'-āh, and Ēl-ē-ā'-zār, and Ūz'-zī, and Jē-hō-hā'-nān, and Māl-chī'-jāh, and Ē'-lām, and Ē'-zēr. And the singers sang loud, with Jēz-rā-hī'-āh *their* overseer. ⁴³Also that day they offered great sacrifices, and rejoiced. For God had made them rejoice with great joy. The wives also and the children rejoiced, so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

⁴⁴And at that time some were chosen over the rooms for the treasuries, for the offerings, for the first-fruits, and for the tithes, to gather to them out of the fields of the cities the portions of the law for the priests and Levites. For Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites who waited. ⁴⁵And both the singers and the gatekeepers kept the charge of their God, and the charge of the cleansing, according to the commandment of David *and* of Solomon his son. ⁴⁶For in the days of David and Ā'-sāph of old *there were* chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God. ⁴⁷And all Israel gave the portions of the singers and the gatekeepers, every day its portion, in the days of Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl and in the days of Nē-hēm-ī'-āh. And they set *the holy things* apart for the Levites, and the Levites set *them* apart for the children of Aaron.

CHAPTER 13

¹On that day they read in the book of Moses in the ears of the people. And in it it was found written that the Ammonite and the Moabite should not come into the congregation of God forever, ²because they did not meet the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Bā'-lāam against them so that he should curse them. However our God turned the curse into a blessing. ³Now when they had heard the law, they separated all the mixed multitude from Israel.

⁴And before this, Ē-li-āsh'-īb the priest, who was set over the rooms of the house of our God, *and* who was related to Tō-bī'-āh, ⁵and he had prepared for himself a large room where they had in days of old laid the meal offering, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, which was commanded *to be given* to the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the offerings of the priests. ⁶But in all this *time* I was not at Jerusalem. For in the thirty-second year of Ār-tā-xēr'-ēš king of Babylon, I came to the king. And after some days I was given permission to leave the king. ⁷And I came to Jerusalem, and understood the evil which Ē-li-āsh'-īb did for Tō-bī'-āh in preparing him a room in the courts of the house of God. ⁸And it grieved me very much. Therefore I threw all the household stuff of Tō-bī'-āh out of the room. ⁹Then I commanded, and they purified the rooms. And I brought there again the vessels of the house of God, with the meal offering and the frankincense.

¹⁰And I saw that the portions of the Levites had not been given *to them*; for the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled each one to his field. ¹¹Then I contended with the rulers and said, Why is the house of God forsaken? And I gathered them together and set them in their place. ¹²Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil into the treasuries. ¹³And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shēl-ē-mī'-āh the priest, and Zā'-dōk the scribe, and of the Levites, Pē-dai'-āh. And next to them was Hā'-nān the son of Zāc'-cūr, the son of Māt-tā-nī'-āh. For they were counted faithful, and their office was to distribute to their brothers. ¹⁴Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds which I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices of it.

¹⁵In those days I saw in Judah *some* treading wine-presses on the Sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and loading asses — and also wine, grapes, and figs, and all *kinds of* burdens which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I testified *against them* in the day in which they sold food. ¹⁶Men of Tyre also lived in it, who brought fish and all kinds of goods, and sold on the Sabbath to the children of Judah and in Jerusalem. ¹⁷Then I contended with the nobles of Judah and said to them, What evil thing is this that you do, and defile the Sabbath day? ¹⁸Did not your fathers do this, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us and upon this city? Yet you bring more wrath upon Israel by defiling the Sabbath. ¹⁹And when the gates of Jerusalem began to be dark before the Sabbath, I commanded that the gates should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. And I set *some* of my servants at the gates, so that there should be no burden brought in on the Sabbath day. ²⁰So the merchants and sellers of all kinds of goods stayed the night outside Jerusalem once or twice. ²¹Then I testified against them, and said to them, Why do you stay around the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you. From

that time on they did not come on the Sabbath. ²²And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and *that* they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the Sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, *concerning* this also, and spare me according to the greatness of Thy mercy.

²³In those days I also saw Jews who had married wives from Āsh'-dōd, from Ammon, *and* from Moab. ²⁴And their children spoke half in the speech of Āsh'-dōd, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. ²⁵And I contended with them, and cursed them, and struck certain of them, and plucked off their hair. And I made them swear by the name of God, *saying*, You shall not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves. ²⁶Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel. But women from other lands caused even him to sin. ²⁷Shall we then listen to you, to do all this great evil, to sin against our God in marrying strange wives? ²⁸And *one* of the sons of Joi'-ā-dā, the son of Ē-lī-āsh'-ib the high priest, was son-in-law to Sān-bāl'-lāt the Hōr'-ōn-ite. Therefore I chased him from me. ²⁹Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood and of the Levites. ³⁰So I cleansed them from all strangers, and appointed charges unto the priests and the Levites, every one in his business, ³¹and for the wood offering, at chosen times, and for the first-fruits. Remember me, O my God, for good!

The Book of ESTHER

CHAPTER 1

¹Now in the days of Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs (this is the Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs who reigned from India even to Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ā, *over* a hundred and twenty-seven provinces), ²in those days, when king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs sat upon the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shū'-shān the palace, ³in the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants. The power of Persia and Mē'-dī-ā, the nobles and princes of the provinces, were before him ⁴when he showed the riches of his glorious kingdom and the honor of his excellent majesty many days, a hundred and eighty days. ⁵And when these days had expired, the king made a feast to all the people who were present in Shū'-shān the palace, both unto great and small, for seven days in the court of the garden of the king's palace. ⁶*There were* white, green, and blue *hangings*, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble. The beds were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red and blue and white and black marble. ⁷And they gave *them* drink in vessels of gold (the vessels being different from one another), and royal wine in abundance, according to the state of the king. ⁸And the drinking was according to the law. No one compelling, for so the king had commanded all the officers of his house that they should do according to every man's pleasure. ⁹Also Vāsh'-tī the queen made a feast for the women in the royal house which *belonged* to king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs.

¹⁰On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mē'-hū'-mān, Bīz'-thā, Hār-bō'-nā, Bīg'-thā, and Ā-bāg'-thā, Zē'-thār, and Cār'-cās, the seven officers who served in the presence of Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs the king, ¹¹to bring Vāsh'-tī the queen before the king with the royal crown, in order to show the people and the princes her beauty — for she was beautiful to look upon. ¹²But the queen Vāsh'-tī refused to come at the king's command by his officers. Therefore the king was very angry, and his anger burned within him. ¹³Then the king said to the wise men who knew the times (for so was the king's manner toward all who knew law and judgment — ¹⁴and the next to him was Cār-shē'-nā, Shē'-thār, Ād-mā'-thā, Tār'-shīsh, Mē'-rēs, Mār-sē'-nā, *and* Mē-mū'-cān, the seven princes of Persia and Mē'-dī-ā, who saw the king's face *and* who sat the first in the kingdom), ¹⁵What shall we do to the queen Vāsh'-tī according to law, because she has not done the commandment of the king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs by the officers? ¹⁶And Mē-mū'-cān answered before the king and princes, Vāsh'-tī the queen has not only done wrong to the king, but also to all the princes, and to all the people who are in all the provinces of king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs. ¹⁷For this deed of the queen shall become known to all women, so that their husbands shall be despised in their eyes, and it shall be reported *that* the king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs commanded Vāsh'-tī the queen

to be brought in before him, but she did not come. ¹⁸The ladies of Persia and Mē'-dī-ā shall say *the same* unto all the king's princes who have heard of the deed of the queen. So *there shall be* too much contempt and wrath. ¹⁹If it please the king, let there be a royal command from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, so that it may not be changed, that Vāsh'-tī come no more before king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs. And let the king give her royal state unto another who is better than she is. ²⁰And when the king's decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his empire (for it is great), all the wives shall give their husbands honor, both the great and small. ²¹And the saying pleased the king and the princes. And the king did according to the word of Mē-mū'-cān. ²²For he sent letters into all the king's provinces, into every province according to the writing of it, and to every people in their language, so that every man should bear rule in his own house, and that it should be published according to the language of every people.

CHAPTER 2

¹After these things, when the wrath of king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs had calmed down, he remembered Vāsh'-tī and what she had done, and what was ordered against her. ²Then the king's servants who served him said, Let beautiful young virgins be sought for the king. ³And let the king choose officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, so that they may gather together all the beautiful young virgins unto Shū'-shān the palace, to the house of the women, unto the hand of Hē'-gē the king's officer, keeper of the women. And let their ointments be given *to them*. ⁴And let the young woman who pleases the king be queen instead of Vāsh'-tī. And the thing pleased the king, and he did so.

⁵Now in Shū'-shān the palace there was a certain Jew whose name was Mōr-dē-cā'-ī, the son of Jā'-ir, the son of Shīm'-ē-ī, the son of Kish, a Benjamite ⁶who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captivity which had been carried away with Jēc-ō-nī'-āh king of Judah, whom Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon had carried away. ⁷And he brought up Hā-dās'-sāh, that is, Esther, his uncle's daughter. For she had neither father nor mother, and the young woman was fair and beautiful — whom Mōr-dē-cā'-ī, when her father and mother were dead, took for his own daughter.

⁸So when the king's commandment and his order was heard, and when many young women had been gathered together unto Shū'-shān the palace, into the hand of Hē'-gāī, Esther was also brought unto the king's house, into the hand of Hē'-gāī, keeper of the women. ⁹And the young woman pleased him, and she received kindness from him. And

he quickly gave her the ointments for herself, with such things as were set aside to her, and seven young women *who were* fit to be given her, out of the king's house. And he moved her and her maids to the best *place* in the house of the women. ¹⁰Esther had not revealed her people nor her kindred, for Môr-dē-cā'-ī had commanded her that she should not show it. ¹¹And Môr-dē-cā'-ī walked every day in front of the court of the women's house in order to know how Esther did and what was to become of her.

¹²Now when every maid's turn had come to go in to king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs, after she had been twelve months, according to the law of the women (for so the days of their anointing were done — six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odors, and with *other* things for the purifying of the women), ¹³then indeed the young woman came to the king. Whatever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women to the king's house. ¹⁴She went in the evening, and on the next day she returned to the second house of the women, into the hand of Shā-āsh'-gāz, the king's officer who kept the concubines. She did not come in to the king any more, unless the king delighted in her, and she was called by name.

¹⁵Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Āb'-ī-hāil the uncle of Môr-dē-cā'-ī, who had taken her for his daughter, had come to go in unto the king, she asked nothing but what was chosen by Hē'-gāi the king's officer, the keeper of the women. And Esther had favor in the sight of all who looked upon her. ¹⁶So Esther was taken to king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs into his royal house in the tenth month, which is the month Tē'-bēth, in the seventh year of his reign. ¹⁷And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she received grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins. So *much so* that he set the royal crown upon her head, and made her queen instead of Vāsh'-tī. ¹⁸Then the king made a great feast unto all his princes and his servants, Esther's feast. And he ordered a rest for the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the state of the king. ¹⁹And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Môr-dē-cā'-ī sat in the king's gate. ²⁰Esther had not yet revealed her kindred nor her people, as Môr-dē-cā'-ī had commanded her. For Esther obeyed the command of Môr-dē-cā'-ī as she did when she was brought up with him.

²¹In those days, while Môr-dē-cā'-ī sat in the king's gate, two of the king's officers, Big'-thān and Tē'-rēsh, of those who kept the door, were angry and tried to lay a hand on king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs. ²²And the thing was known to Môr-dē-cā'-ī, who told *it* to Esther the queen. And Esther told the king *of it* in Môr-dē-cā'-ī's name. ²³And when the matter was searched into, it was found out. Therefore they were both hanged on a tree. And it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

CHAPTER 3

¹After these things king Ā-hās-ū-ē-rūs promoted Hā'-mān the son of Hām-mē-dā'-thā the Āg'-ā-gīte, and lifted him up, and set his seat above all the princes who were with him. ²And all the king's servants who were in the king's gate bowed and worshipped Hā'-mān, for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mōr-dē-cā'-ī did not bow nor worship. ³Then the king's servants who were in the king's gate said to Mōr-dē-cā'-ī, Why do you break the king's commandment? ⁴Now when they spoke daily unto him, and *when* he did not listen to them, they told Hā'-mān, to see if Mōr-dē-cā'-ī's matters would stand. For he had told them that he was a Jew. ⁵And when Hā'-mān saw that Mōr-dē-cā'-ī did not bow nor worship him, then Hā'-mān was full of wrath. ⁶And he scorned to lay hands only on Mōr-dē-cā'-ī, for they had revealed to him the people of Mōr-dē-cā'-ī. Therefore Hā'-mān sought to destroy all the Jews who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ā-hās-ū-ē-rūs, the people of Mōr-dē-cā'-ī.

⁷In the first month, that is, the month Nisan, in the twelfth year of king Ā-hās-ū-ē-rūs, they cast Pur, that is, the lot, before Hā'-mān from day to day, and from month to month, to the twelfth *month*, that is, the month Ā'-dār.

⁸And Hā'-mān said to king Ā-hās-ū-ē-rūs, There is a certain people scattered abroad and dispersed among the people, in all the provinces of your kingdom. And their laws are different from all people, neither do they keep the king's laws. Therefore it is not for the king's gain to allow them *to live*. ⁹If it pleases the king, let it be written that they may be destroyed. And I will pay ten thousand talents of silver to the hands of those who have charge of the business, to bring it into the king's treasuries. ¹⁰And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it to Hā'-mān the son of Hām-mē-dā'-thā the Āg'-ā-gīte, the Jews' enemy. ¹¹And the king said to Hā'-mān, The silver is given to you, the people also, to do with them as seems good to you. ¹²Then the king's scribes were called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and there was written according to all that Hā'-mān had commanded to the king's lieutenants, and to the governors who were over every province, and to the rulers of every people of every province, according to the writing of it, and to every people according to their language. It was written in the name of king Ā-hās-ū-ē-rūs and sealed with the king's ring. ¹³And the letters were sent by postal riders into all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, upon the thirteenth of the twelfth month, which is the month Ā'-dār, and *to take* what they owned for a prize. ¹⁴The copy of the writing, for a commandment to be given in every province, was published unto all

people so that they should be ready for that day. ¹⁵The posts went out, being hurried by the king's commandment, and the decree was given in Shù'-shān the palace. And the king and Hā'-mān sat down to drink, but the city Shù'-shān was perplexed.

CHAPTER 4

¹When Môr-dē-cā'-ī understood all that was done, Môr-dē-cā'-ī tore his clothes and put on sackcloth with ashes and went out into the middle of the city, and cried with a loud and bitter cry. ²And *he* even came before the king's gate—for none *might* enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. ³And in every province, wherever the king's commandment and his decree came, *there was* great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping and wailing. And many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

⁴So Esther's maids and her officers came and told her. Then the queen was exceedingly grieved, and she sent clothing to clothe Môr-dē-cā'-ī, and to take away his sackcloth from him. But he did not receive it. ⁵Then Esther called for Hā'-tāch, *one* of the king's officers whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a commandment to Môr-dē-cā'-ī to know what it was and why it was. ⁶So Hā'-tāch went forth to Môr-dē-cā'-ī, to the street of the city which was in front of the king's gate. ⁷And Môr-dē-cā'-ī told him of all that had happened to him, and of the sum of the money which Haman had promised to pay to the king's treasuries for the Jews in order to destroy them. ⁸Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree which was given at Shù'-shān in order to destroy them, to show *it* to Esther and to declare *it* to her, and to command her that she should go in to the king to beg grace of him, and to seek *help* for her people. ⁹And Hā'-tāch came and told Esther the words of Môr-dē-cā'-ī.

¹⁰Again Esther spoke to Hā'-tāch, and gave him commandment to Môr-dē-cā'-ī—¹¹All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that whoever, whether man or woman, shall come to the king into the inner court, who is not called, *there is* one law of his to put him to death, except such to whom the king shall hold out the golden scepter so that he may live. But I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days. ¹²And they told Môr-dē-cā'-ī Esther's words. ¹³Then Môr-dē-cā'-ī commanded them to answer Esther, Do not think within yourself that you shall escape in the king's house more than all the Jews. ¹⁴For if you are completely silent at this time, *then* relief and deliverance shall arise to the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house shall be destroyed. And who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for *such* a time as this?

¹⁵Then Esther told them to return Môr-dē-cā'-ī *this answer*—¹⁶Go, gather together all the Jews who are present in Shù'-shān, and fast for

me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day. My maidens and I will also fast in the same way. And so I will go in unto the king, which is not according to the law. And if I perish, I perish. ¹⁷So Môr-dē-cā'-ī went his way and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

CHAPTER 5

¹Now on the third day Esther put on *her* royal *clothing*, and stood in the inner court of the king's house, across from the king's house. And the king sat upon his royal throne in the royal house, across from the gate of the house. ²And when the king saw Esther the queen standing in the court, she received favor in his sight. And the king held out to Esther the golden scepter that was in his hand. So Esther drew near and touched the top of the scepter. ³Then the king said to her, What do you desire, queen Esther? And what is your wish? It shall be given to you even to half of the kingdom. ⁴And Esther answered, If *it seems* good unto the king, let the king and Haman come today to the banquet which I have prepared for him. ⁵Then the king said, Cause Haman to hurry so that he may do as Esther has said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

⁶And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is your petition that it shall be granted unto you? And what is your request? It shall be performed even to half of the kingdom. ⁷Then Esther answered and said, As to my petition and my request, ⁸if I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it pleases the king to grant my petition and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come to the banquet which I shall prepare for them, and I will do tomorrow as the king has said.

⁹Then Haman went forth that day joyful and with a glad heart. But when Haman saw Môr-dē-cā'-ī in the king's gate, that he did not stand up nor move for him, he was full of anger against Môr-dē-cā'-ī. ¹⁰But Haman held himself in. And when he came home, he sent and called for his friends and Zē'-rēsh his wife. ¹¹And Haman told them of the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all *the things* in which the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king. ¹²Moreover Haman said, Yes, Esther the queen let no man but me come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared. And also tomorrow I am invited to her banquet, with the king. ¹³Yet all this avails me nothing as long as I see Môr-dē-cā'-ī the Jew sitting at the king's gate.

¹⁴Then Zē'-rēsh his wife and all his friends said to him, Let a gallows fifty cubits high be made, and tomorrow speak to the king that Môr-dē-cā'-ī may be hanged on it. Then go in merrily with the king to the

banquet. And the thing pleased Haman, and he caused the gallows to be made.

CHAPTER 6

¹On that night the king could not sleep, and he commanded to bring the book of records of the chronicles. And they were read before the king. ²And it was found written that Môr-dē-cā'-ī had told of Big-thā'-nā and Tē'-rēsh, two of the king's officers, the keepers of the door who tried to lay a hand on the king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs. ³And the king said, What honor and dignity has been done to Môr-dē-cā'-ī for this? Then the king's servants who served him said, Nothing has been done for him.

⁴And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman had come into the outer court of the king's house to speak to the king to hang Môr-dē-cā'-ī on the gallows which he had prepared for him. ⁵And the king's servants said to him, Behold, Haman stands in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. ⁶So Haman came in. And the king said to him, What shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor? Now Haman thought in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself? ⁷And Haman answered the king, For the man whom the king delights to honor, ⁸let the royal clothing be brought, which the king *usually* wears, and the horse that the king rides upon, and the royal crown which is set upon his head. ⁹And let this clothing and horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king's most noble princes so that they may dress the man whom the king delights to honor, and bring him on horseback through the streets of the city, and proclaim before him, This is what shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor. ¹⁰Then the king said to Haman, Make haste! Take the clothing and the horse, as you have said, and do even so to Môr-dē-cā'-ī the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not fail to do any of all the things you have spoken. ¹¹Then Haman took the clothing and the horse and dressed Môr-dē-cā'-ī, and brought him on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, This is what shall be done to the man whom the king delights to honor!

¹²And Môr-dē-cā'-ī came again to the king's gate. But Haman hurried to his house mourning, and having his head covered. ¹³And Haman told Zē'-rēsh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. Then his wise men and Zē'-rēsh his wife said to him, If Môr-dē-cā'-ī is of the seed of the Jews, before whom you have begun to fall, you shall not prevail against him but shall surely fall before him. ¹⁴And while they were still talking with him, the king's officers came. And they hurried to bring Haman to the banquet which Esther had prepared.

CHAPTER 7

¹So the king and Haman came to the banquet of Esther the queen. ²And the king said again to Esther on the second day of the banquet of wine, What is your petition, queen Esther, that it may be granted you? And what is your request? And it shall be performed, *even* to the half of the kingdom. ³Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favor in your sight, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and my people at my request. ⁴For we are sold, my people and I, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to perish. But if we had been sold for men-slaves and women-slaves, I would have held my tongue, although the enemy could not make up for the king's damage. ⁵Then the king Ā-hās-ū-ē-rūs answered and said to Esther the queen, Who is he, and where is he who dares presume in his heart to do so? ⁶And Esther said, The man *who is our* adversary and enemy is this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen.

⁷And the king, arising from the banquet of wine in his wrath, went into the palace garden. And Haman stood up to beg for his life from Esther the queen, for he saw that evil was determined against him by the king. ⁸Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the place of the banquet of wine. And Haman had fallen upon the bed on which Esther was. Then the king said, Will he also force the queen before me in the house? As the word went out of the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. ⁹And Hār-bō'nāh, one of the officers, said before the king, Also look! the gallows fifty cubits high which Haman made for Mōr-dē-cā'-ī, who had spoken good for the king, stands in the house of Haman. Then the king said, Hang him on it! ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mōr-dē-cā'-ī. Then the king's wrath was pacified.

CHAPTER 8

¹On that day king Ā-hās-ū-ē-rūs gave the house of Haman the Jews' enemy to Esther the queen. And Mōr-dē-cā'-ī came before the king, for Esther had told what he was to her. ²And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it to Mōr-dē-cā'-ī. And Esther set Mōr-dē-cā'-ī over the house of Haman.

³And Esther spoke yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and begged him with tears to put away the evil of Haman the Āg'-ā-gīte, and his plot which he had plotted against the Jews. ⁴Then the king held out the golden scepter toward Esther. So Esther arose and stood before the king, ⁵and said, If it please the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and *if* the thing is right before the king, and *if* I am pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to bring back the letters (a

sly plan by Haman the son of Hām-mē-dā'-thā the Āg'-ā-gīte), which he wrote to destroy the Jews who are in all the king's provinces. ⁶For how can I bear to see the evil that shall come upon my people? Or how can I endure to see the slaughter of my kindred?

⁷Then the king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs said to Esther the queen and to Môr-dē-cā'-ī the Jew, Behold, I have given Esther the house of Haman, and have hanged him upon the gallows, because he laid his hand upon the Jews. ⁸And you write for the Jews as it pleases you, in the king's name, and seal it with the king's ring. For the writing which is written in the king's name and sealed with the king's ring, no man may turn back. ⁹Then the king's scribes were called at that time in the third month, that is, the month Sī'-vān, on the twenty-third of it. And it was written according to all that Môr-dē-cā'-ī commanded to the Jews, and to the lieutenants and the governors and rulers of the provinces which are from India to Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ā, a hundred and twenty-seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing of it, and to every people in their language, and to the Jews according to their writing and according to their language. ¹⁰And he wrote in the name of king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs and sealed it with the king's ring. And *he* sent letters by riders on horseback, *and* riders on mules, camels, *and* young drōm-ē-dār'-ies. ¹¹In *them* the king granted the Jews which were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their life, to destroy, to kill and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province who desired to attack them, *both* little ones and women, and *to take* what they owned for a prize, ¹²upon one day in all the provinces of king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs — upon the thirteenth of the twelfth month, which is the month Ā'-dār. ¹³The copy of the writing for a commandment to be given in every province was announced to all people, even that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. ¹⁴So the posts that rode upon mules *and* camels went out, being hurried and pressed on by the king's commandment. And the order was given at Shū'-shān the palace.

¹⁵And Môr-dē-cā'-ī went out from the presence of the king in royal clothing of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a garment of fine linen and purple. And the city of Shū'-shān rejoiced and was glad. ¹⁶The Jews had light and gladness and joy and honor. ¹⁷And in every province, and in every city where the king's commandment and his order came, the Jews had joy and gladness, a feast and a good day. And many of the people of the land became Jews, for the fear of the Jews fell upon them.

CHAPTER 9

¹Now in the twelfth month, that is, the month Ā'-dār, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his order came to be done, in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to

have power over them (though it was turned around, so that the Jews had rule over the ones who hated them), ²the Jews gathered themselves together in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ā-hās-ū-ē-rūs, in order to lay hand on any who sought their harm. And no man could withstand them, for the fear of them fell upon all people. ³And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants and the governors and officers of the king helped the Jews, because the fear of Môr-dē-cā'-ī fell upon them. ⁴For Môr-dē-cā'-ī was great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces. For this man Môr-dē-cā'-ī became greater and greater. ⁵So the Jews struck all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and destruction, and did what they would unto those who hated them. ⁶And in Shû'-shān the palace the Jews killed and destroyed five hundred men. ⁷And Pār-shān-dā'-thā, and Dāl'-phōn, and Ās-pā'-thā, ⁸and Pôr-ā'-thā, and Ā-dā'-lī-ā, and Ār-ī-dā'-thā, ⁹and Pār-māsh'-tā, and Ar'-ī-saī, and Ār'-ī-daī, and Vā-jēz'-ā-thā, ¹⁰they killed the ten sons of Haman the son of Hām-mē-dā'-thā, the enemy of the Jews. But they did not lay their hands on the spoil. ¹¹On that day the number of those who were killed in Shû'-shān the palace was brought before the king.

¹²And the king said to Esther the queen, The Jews have killed and destroyed five hundred men in Shû'-shān the palace, and the ten sons of Haman. What have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? Now what is your petition, that it may be granted you? Or what further request do you have? And it shall be done. ¹³Then Esther said, If it pleases the king, let it be granted to the Jews who are in Shû'-shān to do tomorrow also according to this day's decree, and let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows. ¹⁴And the king commanded it to be done so. And the order was given at Shû'-shān, and they hanged Haman's ten sons. ¹⁵For the Jews who were in Shû'-shān gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Ā'-dār, and killed three hundred men at Shû'-shān. But they did not lay their hands upon the spoil. ¹⁶But the other Jews who were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together and stood for their lives, and had rest from their enemies, and killed seventy-five thousand of their foes. But they did not lay their hands on the spoil.

¹⁷And on the thirteenth day of the month Ā'-dār, and on the fourteenth day of the same, they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness. ¹⁸But the Jews who were at Shû'-shān gathered together on the thirteenth of it and on the fourteenth of it. And on the fifteenth of the same, they rested and made it a day of feasting and gladness. ¹⁹Therefore the Jews of the villages, who lived in the unwalled towns, made the fourteenth day of the month Ā'-dār a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and a day of sending portions to one another.

²⁰And Môr-dē-cā'-ī wrote these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of the king Ā-hās-ū-ē-rūs, near

and far, ²¹to establish *this* among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Ā'-dār, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly, ²²as the days in which the Jews rested from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a good day — that they should make them days of feasting and joy, and of sending portions to one another, and gifts to the poor. ²³And the Jews undertook to do as they had begun, and as Môr-dē-cā'-ī had written to them — ²⁴because Haman the son of Hām-mē-dā'-thā the Āg'-ā-gīte, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, the lot, to finish them and to destroy them. ²⁵But when *Esther* came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked plot which he had plotted against the Jews should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. ²⁶Therefore they called these days Pū'-rīm after the name of Pur. Therefore for all the words of this letter, and of *that* which they had seen concerning this matter, and which had come to them, ²⁷the Jews ordained, and took upon them and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, and according to their time every year — ²⁸and *that* these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, every family, every province, and every city — and *that* these days of Pū'-rīm should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.

²⁹Then Esther the queen, the daughter of Āb'-ī-hāil, and Môr-dē-cā'-ī the Jew, wrote with all authority to confirm this second letter of Pū'-rīm. ³⁰And he sent the letters to all the Jews, to the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs, with words of peace and truth, ³¹in order to confirm these days of Pū'-rīm in their set times, according as Môr-dē-cā'-ī the Jew and Esther the queen had ordered them, and as they had decreed for themselves and for their seed the matters of the fastings and of their cry. ³²And the order of Esther confirmed these matters of Pū'-rīm. And it was written in the book.

CHAPTER 10

¹And the king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs laid a tax upon the land and upon the isles of the sea. ²And all the acts of his power and of might, and the declaration of the greatness of Môr-dē-cā'-ī, with which the king made him great, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Mē'-dī-ā and Persia? ³For Môr-dē-cā'-ī the Jew was next to king Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs and great among the Jews, and pleasing to the multitude of his brothers, seeking the wealth of his people and speaking peace to all his seed.

The Book of JOB

CHAPTER 1

¹There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job. And that man was perfect and upright, and one who feared God and turned aside from evil. ²And there were born to him seven sons and three daughters. ³His possessions also were seven thousand sheep and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household — so that this man was the greatest of all the men of the east. ⁴And his sons went and feasted *in their* houses, each one on his day. And *they* sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. ⁵And when they had gone around the days of *their* feasting, Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning and offered burnt offerings *according* to the number of them all. For Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts. So Job did always.

⁶Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD. And Satan also came among them. ⁷And the LORD said to Satan, Where do you come from? Then Satan answered the LORD and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. ⁸And the LORD said to Satan, Have you set your heart against My servant Job, because *there is* none like him in the earth, a perfect and upright man, one who fears God and turns away from evil? ⁹Then Satan answered the LORD and said, Does Job fear God for nothing? ¹⁰Hast Thou not made a hedge around him, and around his house, and around all that he has on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. ¹¹But put forth Thy hand now, and touch all that he has, and he will curse Thee to Thy face. ¹²And the LORD said to Satan, Behold, all that he has is in your power. Only do not put forth your hand upon him. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

¹³And there was a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house. ¹⁴And there came a messenger to Job and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them. ¹⁵And the Să-bē'-āns swooped down and took them away. Yea, they have killed the servants with the edge of the sword. And I only have escaped alone to tell you. ¹⁶While he was still speaking, there also came another and said, The fire of God has fallen from the heavens and has burned up the sheep and the servants, and destroyed them. And I only have escaped alone to tell you. ¹⁷While he was still speaking, there also came another and said, The Chāl-dē'-āns made out three bands and swooped down upon the camels, and have carried them away, yea, and have killed the servants with the edge of

the sword. And I only have escaped alone to tell you. ¹⁸While he was still speaking, there also came another and said, Your sons and your daughters were eating and drinking wine in their oldest brother's house. ¹⁹And, behold, a great wind came from the wilderness and struck the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead. And I only have escaped alone to tell you. ²⁰Then Job arose, and tore his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground and worshipped. ²¹And *he* said, I came naked out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return there. The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away. Blessed be the name of the LORD. ²²In all this Job did not sin, nor charge God foolishly.

CHAPTER 2

¹Again there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD. And Satan also came among them to present himself before the LORD. ²And the LORD said to Satan, Where do you come from? And Satan answered the LORD and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. ³And the LORD said unto Satan, Have you set your heart unto My servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one who fears God and turns away from evil? And still he is keeping hold of his integrity, although you moved Me against him to destroy him without cause. ⁴And Satan answered the LORD and said, Skin for skin — yea, all that a man has he will give for his life. ⁵Put forth Thy hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse Thee to Thy face. ⁶And the LORD said to Satan, Behold, he is in your hand — but save his life.

⁷So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD and struck Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the top of his head. ⁸And he took a broken piece of pottery to scrape himself with. And he sat down among the ashes.

⁹Then his wife said to him, Do you still hold to your integrity? Curse God and die! ¹⁰But he said to her, You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

¹¹Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come upon him, they each one came from his own place — Ē-lí-phāz the Tē-mān-īte, and Bil'-dād the Shú'-hīte, and Zō'-phār the Nā-ām'-ā-thite. For they had met together to come to mourn with him and to comfort him. ¹²And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and did not know him, they lifted up their voice and wept. And each one tore his robe, and *they* sprinkled dust upon their heads toward Heaven. ¹³So

they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights. And no one spoke a word to him, for they saw that his grief was very great.

CHAPTER 3

¹After this Job opened his mouth and cursed his day. ²And Job spoke and said,

³Let the day perish in which I was born,
and the night *in which* it was said,
A man-child is conceived.

⁴Let that day be darkness!
Let not God look upon it from above,
neither let the light shine upon it.

⁵Let darkness and the shadow of death
claim it.

Let a cloud dwell upon it;
Let the blackness of the day terrify it.

⁶As for that night, let darkness seize
upon it!

Let it not rejoice among the days of
the year,

Let it not come into the number of
the months.

⁷Lo, let that night be silent;
let no joyful voice come in it.

⁸Let those curse it who curse the day,
who are ready to stir up Lē-vī'-ā-
thān.

⁹Let the stars of its twilight be dark;
let it look for light, but have none,
neither let it see the dawning of the
day —

¹⁰because it did not shut up the doors
of my *mother's* womb,
nor hide sorrow from my eyes.

¹¹Why did I *not* give up the spirit
when I came out of the belly?

¹²Why did the knees go before me?
or why the breasts, that I should
suck?

¹³For now I should have lain still and
been quiet;

I should have slept. Then I would
have been at rest

¹⁴with kings and wise men of the earth,
who built ruins for themselves,

¹⁵or with princes who had gold,
who filled their houses with silver.

¹⁶Or as a hidden untimely birth I would
not have been,
like infants *who* never saw light.

¹⁷There the wicked cease from trou-
bling,
and there the weary are at rest.

¹⁸There the prisoners are at ease to-
gether;
they hear not the voice of the slave
driver.

¹⁹The small and the great are there,
and the slave is free from his master.

²⁰Why is light given to him who is in
misery,
and life to the bitter in soul?

²¹to *those* who long for death, but it
comes not;
and dig for it more than for hidden
treasures?

²²to *those* who rejoice exceedingly,
and are glad, when they can find the
grave?

²³Why is *light* given to a man whose
way is hidden,
whom God has hedged in?

²⁴For my sighing comes before I eat,
and my groanings are poured out like
the waters.

²⁵For the thing which I greatly feared
has come upon me,
and that which I was afraid of has
come to me.

²⁶I was not in safety, nor did I have
rest,

Nor was I quiet; yet trouble comes.

CHAPTER 4

¹Then Ē-li'-phāz the Tē'-mān-ite an-
swered:

²If we try a word with you, will you be
grieved?

But who can withhold himself from
speaking?

³Behold, you have instructed many,
and you have made the weak hands
strong.

⁴Your words have upheld him who was
falling,

and you have made strong the feeble
knees.
⁵But now it has come upon you, and
you faint.
 It touches you, and you are troubled.

⁶Is not your fear your hope?
*Is not your hope the uprightness of
your ways?*

⁷Remember, I pray you, who ever per-
ished who was innocent?

Or where were the righteous cut off?

⁸As I have seen, the ones who plow
iniquity
and sow wickedness reap the same.

⁹By the blast of God they perish,
and by the breath of His nostrils they
are destroyed.

¹⁰The roar of the lion, and the voice of
the fierce lion,
and the teeth of the young lions, are
broken.

¹¹The strong lion perishes for lack of
prey,
and the strong lion's cubs are scat-
tered abroad.

¹²Now a thing was secretly brought to
me,
and my ear received a little of it.

¹³In thoughts from the visions of the
night,
when deep sleep falls upon men,

¹⁴fear came upon me, and trembling,
which made all my bones shake.

¹⁵Then a spirit passed before my face;
the hair of my flesh stood up.

¹⁶It stood still,
but I could not tell the form of it.
An image was before my eyes;
there was silence; then I heard
a voice,

¹⁷Shall man who dies be more just than
God?

Shall a man be more pure than his
Maker?

¹⁸Behold, He puts no trust in His serv-
ants,
and His angels He charges with folly!

¹⁹How much less in those who live in
houses of clay,
whose foundation is in the dust,
who are crushed before the moth?

²⁰They are destroyed from morning till
evening;
they perish forever without anyone
caring.

²¹Does not the loftiness which is in
them go away?
They die, even without wisdom.

CHAPTER 5

¹Call now — is there anyone who will
answer you?
And to which of the saints will you
turn?

²For wrath kills the foolish man,
and envy slays the silly one.

³I have seen the foolish taking root,
but suddenly I cursed his dwelling-
place.

⁴His children are far from safety,
and they are crushed in the gate,
neither is there any to deliver *them*.

⁵*Their* harvest the hungry eats,
and takes it even out of the thorns;
and the robber swallows up their
wealth.

⁶For affliction does not come forth from
the dust,
neither does trouble spring up out
of the ground;

⁷but man is born to trouble,
as the sparks fly upward.

⁸I would seek unto God,
and unto God I would commit my
cause —

⁹*to God* who does things great and be-
yond search;
marvelous things without number,

¹⁰who gives rain upon the earth
and sends waters upon the field,

¹¹to set upon high those who are low,
so that those who mourn may be
lifted up to safety.

¹²He brings to nothing the plots of the
crafty,
so that their hands cannot do wisely.

¹³He takes the wise in their own crafti-
ness;
and the counsel of the wily is carried
headlong.

¹⁴They meet with darkness in the day-
time,
and grope in the noonday as in the
night.

- ¹⁵But He saves the poor from the sword,
from their mouth,
and from the hand of the mighty.
- ¹⁶So the poor have hope,
and iniquity shuts her mouth.
- ¹⁷Behold, happy is the man whom God
corrects.
Therefore do not despise the chastening
of the Almighty.
- ¹⁸For He makes sore, and binds up;
He wounds, and His hands make
whole.
- ¹⁹He will deliver you in six troubles;
yea, in seven no evil shall touch you.
- ²⁰In famine He shall redeem you from
death;
and in war from the power of the
sword.
- ²¹You shall be hidden from the whip of
the tongue;
neither shall you be afraid of robbery
when it comes.
- ²²At destruction and famine you shall
laugh;
neither shall you be afraid of the
beasts of the earth.
- ²³For you shall be in covenant with the
stones of the field;
and the beasts of the field shall be at
peace with you.
- ²⁴And you shall know that your tent is
in peace;
and you shall visit your fold, and
shall miss nothing.
- ²⁵You shall know also that your seed
shall be great,
and your offspring as the grass of the
earth.
- ²⁶You shall come to your grave in a full
age,
like a shock of grain comes in its
season.
- ²⁷Behold this; we have searched it, it
is so.
Hear it and know *it* for your good.
- ³For now it would be heavier than the
sand of the sea;
therefore are my words swallowed
up.
- ⁴For the arrows of the Almighty are
within me,
the poison of which drinks up my
spirit;
the terrors of God set themselves in
order against me.
- ⁵Does the wild ass bray when he has
grass?
Or does the ox low over his fodder?
- ⁶Can that which has no taste be eaten
without salt?
Or is there any taste in the white of
an egg?
- ⁷My soul refuses to touch them;
they are as sorrowful food to me.
- ⁸Oh that I might have my desire,
and that God would grant me the
thing that I long for!
- ⁹Even that it would please God to de-
stroy me;
that He would loose His hand and
cut me off!
- ¹⁰Then should I yet have comfort;
yea, I would rejoice in pain, though
He did not spare *me*;
for I have not hidden the words of
the Holy One.
- ¹¹What is my strength, that I should
hope?
And what is my end, that I should be
patient?
- ¹²Is my strength the strength of stones?
Or is my flesh of brass?
- ¹³Is not my help in me?
And is wisdom fully driven away
from me?
- ¹⁴To him who is afflicted, pity is *due*
from his friends,
but he forsakes the fear of the Al-
mighty.
- ¹⁵My brothers have dealt deceitfully as
a brook,
as the streams of brooks they pass
away;
¹⁶*brooks* which are black because of the
ice,
and in which the snow is hidden.

CHAPTER 6

- ¹Then Job answered and said,
²Oh that my grief were but weighed,
and my ruin laid in the balances to-
gether!

- 17When they become warm, they go away;
when it is hot, they vanish out of their place.
- 18The paths of their way are turned aside;
they go to nothing and are lost.
- 19The troops of Tē'-mā looked,
the companies of Shē'-bā hoped for them.
- 20They were ashamed because they had hoped;
they came there and were ashamed.
- 21For now you are like them;
you see my casting down, and are afraid.
- 22Did I say, Give to me?
or, Offer a bribe for me from your wealth?
- 23or, Deliver me from the enemy's hand?
or, Redeem me from the hand of the mighty?
- 24Teach me, and I will be silent;
and cause me to understand where I have gone astray.
- 25Right words are powerful,
but what does your arguing argue?
- 26Do you intend to criticize words,
and the speeches of one who is hopeless, that are as wind?
- 27Yea, you cause anger to fall on the fatherless,
and you dig a *pit* for your friend.
- 28And now, please look upon me;
for if I lie, *it is* before your face.
- 29Turn back, I pray you, let there be no sin;
yea, return again, my righteousness is in this matter.
- 30Is there wrong in my tongue?
Cannot my taste tell things that are wrong?
- and as a hireling looks for his wages,
3so I am made to possess months of vanity,
and weary nights are appointed to me.
- 4When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise?
But the night is long,
and I am full of tossing to and fro until the dawning of the day.
- 5My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust;
my skin is broken and has run afresh.
- 6My days are swifter than a weaver's shuttle,
and are ended without hope.
- 7O remember that my life is a breath;
my eye shall no more see good.
- 8The eye of him who has seen me shall see me no *more*;
Your eyes are upon me, and I am gone.
- 9As the cloud falls and vanishes away,
so he who goes down to the grave shall come up no more.
- 10He shall return no more to his house,
neither shall his place know him any more.
- 11Therefore I will not hold my mouth;
I will speak in the trouble of my spirit;
I will complain in the bitterness of my soul.
- 12Am I *like the sea*, or a whale,
that Thou dost set a watch over me?
- 13When I say, My bed shall comfort me,
my couch shall ease my complaint —
- 14then Thou dost scare me with dreams,
and dost terrify me with visions;
15so that my soul chooses strangling,
and death rather than my life.
- 16I despise it; I would not live always;
let me alone, for my days are vanity.
- 17What is man, that Thou shouldst magnify him?
and that Thou shouldst set Thy heart upon him?
- 18and that Thou shouldst remember him every morning,
and try him every moment?
- 19Wilt Thou never look away from me,

CHAPTER 7

- 1Is *there* not a warfare to man upon earth?
Are *not* his days also like the days of a hireling?
- 2As a servant earnestly desires the shadow,

nor let me alone until I swallow down
my spittle?

²⁰I have sinned. What shall I do to
Thee, O Thou watcher of men?

Why hast Thou set me as a mark
against Thee,
so that I am a burden to myself?

²¹And why dost Thou not pardon my
transgression,
and take away my iniquity?
For now I shall sleep in the dust,
and Thou shalt seek me in the
morning, but I shall not be.

CHAPTER 8

¹Then Bil'-dād the Shû'-hite answered
and said,

²How long will you speak these things,
since the words of your mouth are
like a strong wind?

³Does God twist judgment?

Or does the Almighty twist justice?

⁴If your children have sinned against
Him,
and *if* He has cast them away for
their transgression,

⁵if you would seek earnestly to God
and make your prayer unto the Al-
mighty,

⁶if you were pure and upright,
surely now He would awake for you,
and make the dwelling-place of your
righteousness blessed.

⁷Though your beginning was small,
yet your end should greatly increase.

⁸For, I pray you, ask of the former age,
and prepare yourself to the search of
their fathers —

⁹for we are *but* of yesterday and know
nothing,
because our days upon earth are a
shadow —

¹⁰shall they not teach you, and tell you,
and speak words out of their heart?

¹¹Can the rush grow up without mire?
Can the reed-grass grow without
water?

¹²While it is yet in its greenness, and
not cut down,
it dries out before any *other* herb.

¹³So are the paths of all who forget
God;

and the hope of the ungodly shall
perish.

¹⁴*His* hope shall be cut off,
and *his* trust shall be in a spider's
web.

¹⁵He shall lean upon his house, but it
shall not stand;
he shall hold fast to it, but it shall not
endure.

¹⁶He is green before the sun,
and his branches shoot forth in his
garden.

¹⁷His roots are wrapped around the
heap,
and he sees the place of stones.

¹⁸If he is destroyed from his place,
then it shall deny him: I have not
seen you.

¹⁹Behold, this is the joy of his way,
and out of the earth shall others
grow.

²⁰Behold, God will not cast away an
innocent *man*,
neither will He help the evil-doers,

²¹until He fills your mouth with
laughter,
and your lips with rejoicing.

²²Those who hate you shall be clothed
with shame;
and the tent of the wicked shall be
no more.

CHAPTER 9

¹Then Job answered and said,

²Truly I know it is so,
but how should man be just with
God?

³If he will argue with Him,
he cannot answer Him one of a thou-
sand.

⁴*He* is wise in heart, and mighty in
strength.

Who has hardened *himself* against
Him and been blessed —

⁵*He* who removes the mountains, and
they know it not,
when He overturns them in His
anger;

⁶*He* who shakes the earth out of its
place,
and the pillars of it tremble;

- ⁷He who commands the sun, and it does not rise;
and seals up the stars;
- ⁸who alone stretches out the heavens,
and walks upon the waves of the sea;
- ⁹who made the Bear, Ōr-ī'-on,
and Plei'-ā-dēs, and the chambers of the south;
- ¹⁰who does great things past finding out;
yea, marvelous things without number?
- ¹¹Lo, He goes by me, and I see Him not;
He passes on also, but I do not perceive Him.
- ¹²Behold, He takes away — who can turn Him back?
Who will say to Him, What doest Thou?
- ¹³God will not withdraw His anger;
the helpers of pride stoop under Him.
- ¹⁴How much less shall I answer Him,
and choose my arguments with Him?
- ¹⁵Whom, though I were righteous, *yet* I would not answer,
but for my judgment I pray unto Him.
- ¹⁶If I had called and He had answered me,
yet would I not believe that He had listened to my voice —
- ¹⁷He who breaks me with a tempest,
and multiplies my wounds without cause;
- ¹⁸who will not allow me to take my breath,
but fills me with bitterness.
- ¹⁹If I *speak* of strength, lo, He is mighty!
And if of judgment, who shall set me a time?
- ²⁰If I justify myself, my own mouth shall condemn me;
though I am perfect, He shall prove me perverse.
- ²¹*Though* I were perfect, yet I would not know my soul.
I would despise my life.
- ²²It is all the same — therefore I say,
He destroys the perfect and the wicked.
- ²³If the whip kills suddenly,
He will mock at the calamity of the innocent.
- ²⁴The earth is given into the hand of the wicked;
He covers the faces of its judges;
if it is not He, then who is it?
- ²⁵Now my days are swifter than a runner;
they flee away, they see no good.
- ²⁶They have passed away like the swift ships;
like the eagle who swoops on the prey.
- ²⁷If I say, I will forget my complaint,
I will depart from my heaviness and be of good cheer,
- ²⁸I am afraid of all my sorrows;
I know that Thou wilt not hold me innocent.
- ²⁹I shall become condemned,
why then should I labor in vain?
- ³⁰If I wash myself with snow water,
and make my hands ever so clean,
- ³¹yet Thou wilt plunge me into the ditch,
and my own clothes shall despise me.
- ³²For He is not a man, as I am, that I should answer Him,
that we should come together in judgment.
- ³³Neither is there any mediator between us,
who might lay his hand on us both.
- ³⁴Let Him take His rod away from me,
and let not His fear make me afraid;
- ³⁵then would I speak and not fear Him;
for it is not so with me.

CHAPTER 10

- ¹My soul is weary of my life;
I will leave my complaint upon myself;
I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.
- ²I will say to God, Do not condemn me;
make me know why Thou dost contend with me.
- ³Is it good unto Thee that Thou shouldst press down,
that Thou shouldst despise the work of Thy hands,

- and shine upon the wisdom of the wicked?
⁴Hast Thou eyes of flesh?
 Or dost Thou see as a man sees?
⁵Are Thy days like the days of man?
 Are Thy years like man's days,
⁶that Thou dost seek out my iniquity,
 and search for my sin?
⁷Thou knowest that I am not wicked;
 and there is none who can deliver out
 of Thy hand.
⁸Thy hands have made me and shaped
 me, together all around;
 yet Thou dost destroy me.
⁹Remember, I beseech Thee, that Thou
 hast formed me as the clay;
 and wilt Thou bring me into the dust
 again?
¹⁰Hast Thou not poured me out like
 milk,
 and curdled me like cheese?
¹¹Thou hast clothed me with skin and
 flesh,
 and hast fenced me with bones and
 sinews.
¹²Thou hast granted me life and favor,
 and Thy providence has preserved
 my spirit.
¹³And these *things* hast Thou hidden in
 Thy heart;
 I know that this is with Thee.
¹⁴If I sin, when Thou dost mark me,
 and Thou wilt not acquit me from my
 iniquity.
¹⁵If I am wicked, woe unto me;
 and if I am righteous, I will not lift
 up my head —
 being filled with shame, and looking
 upon my affliction.
¹⁶For it increases! Thou dost hunt me
 as a fierce lion;
 and again Thou showest Thyself mar-
 velous upon me.
¹⁷Thou dost renew Thy witnesses
 against me,
 and dost increase Thy anger upon
 me;
 army after army is against me.
¹⁸Why then hast Thou brought me forth
 out of the womb?
 Oh that I had given up the spirit, and
 no eye had seen me!
- ¹⁹I should have been as though I had
 not been;
 I would have been carried from the
 womb to the grave.
²⁰Are not my days few?
 Cease then, and let me alone, that
 I may take comfort a little
²¹before I go where I shall not return,
 even to the land of darkness and the
 shadow of death;
²²a land of thick darkness, as darkness
itself,
 a land of the shadow of death,
 without any order,
 and where the light is as darkness.

CHAPTER 11

- ¹Then Zō'-phār the Nā-ām'-ā-thite
 answered and said,
²Should not the multitude of words be
 answered?
 And should a man full of talk be justi-
 fied?
³Should your lies make men silent?
 And when you mock, shall no man
 make you ashamed?
⁴For you have said, My doctrine is
 pure,
 and I am clean in Thy eyes.
⁵But oh that God would speak,
 and open His lips against you,
⁶and that He would tell you the secrets
 of His wisdom,
 that sound wisdom is manifold!
 Know therefore that God forgets
 for you some of your iniquity.
⁷Can you by searching find out God?
 Can you perfectly find out the Al-
 mighty?
⁸*It is as high as heaven* — what can you
 do?
It is deeper than hell — what can you
 know?
⁹The measure of it is longer than the
 earth,
 and broader than the sea.
¹⁰If He passes through and shuts up,
 or gathers together, then who can
 turn Him back?
¹¹For He knows vain men;

- and when He sees wickedness, will
He not search it?
- ¹²For foolish man would be wise,
though man be born a wild ass's colt.
- ¹³If you prepare your heart
and stretch out your hands toward
Him;
- ¹⁴if iniquity is in your hand, put it far
away,
and do not let wickedness dwell in
your tents —
- ¹⁵surely then you shall lift up your face
without spot;
yea, you shall be steadfast and shall
not fear;
- ¹⁶for you shall forget your misery,
and you shall remember it as waters
that pass away.
- ¹⁷And your life shall be clearer than the
noonday;
though there be darkness, you shall
be as the morning.
- ¹⁸And you shall be safe, because there
is hope;
yea, you shall look *around you*, and
you shall take your rest in safety.
- ¹⁹Also you shall lie down, and none
shall make *you* afraid.
Yea, many shall seek your favor.
- ²⁰But the eyes of the wicked shall fail,
and they shall have no escape,
and their hope shall be like the giving
up of the spirit.
- ⁶The tents of robbers are at peace,
and those who provoke God are sure,
in whatever God brings unto their
hand.
- ⁷But now ask the animals, and they
shall teach you;
and the birds of the air, and they
shall tell you;
- ⁸or speak to the earth, and it shall teach
you;
and the fish of the sea shall declare it
to you;
- ⁹who of all these does not know
that the hand of the LORD has done
this?
- ¹⁰In whose hand is the soul of every
living thing,
and the breath of all mankind?
- ¹¹Does not the ear try words?
And does not the mouth taste its
food?
- ¹²With the old man is wisdom,
and understanding in length of days.
- ¹³With Him is wisdom and strength;
He has wisdom and understanding.
- ¹⁴Behold, He breaks down, and it can-
not be built up again;
He shuts up a man, and there can be
no opening.
- ¹⁵Behold, He withholds the waters, and
they dry up;
also He sends them out, and they
overturn the earth.
- ¹⁶With Him is strength and sound wis-
dom;
the deceived and the deceiver are
His.
- ¹⁷He leads wise men away stripped,
and makes the judges fools.
- ¹⁸He cuts away the bonds of kings,
and binds their loins with a girdle.
- ¹⁹He leads priests away stripped,
and overthrows the mighty.
- ²⁰He removes the speech of the men of
trust,
and takes away the understanding of
the aged.
- ²¹He pours scorn upon princes,
and unties the belt of the mighty.
- ²²He discovers deep things out of dark-
ness,

CHAPTER 12

- ¹And Job answered and said,
- ²No doubt you are the people, and wis-
dom will die with you.
- ³But I have understanding as well as
you;
I do not fall short of you;
yes, who does not know such things
as these?
- I am like one mocked by his neighbor,
who calls upon God, and He answers
him.
- The just, the upright man is laughed
to scorn.
- He that is ready to slip with his feet is
like a lamp which is despised
in the thought of him who is at ease.

- and brings out to light the shadow of death.
- ²³He gives greatness to the nations, and destroys them.
He spreads out the nations, and leads them away.
- ²⁴He takes away the heart of the chief of the people of the land, and causes them to wander in a wilderness where there is no path.
- ²⁵They grope in the dark without light, and He makes them to stagger like a drunken man.
- ¹⁵Though he slay me, yet will I trust in Him —
but I will maintain my own ways before Him.
- ¹⁶This also shall be my salvation, that a hypocrite shall not come before Him.
- ¹⁷Listen carefully to my words, and let what I say be in your ears.
- ¹⁸Behold now, I have set my cause in order;
I know that I shall be justified.
- ¹⁹Who is he that will plead for me, for now, if I hold my tongue, I shall give up the spirit.

CHAPTER 13

- ¹Lo, my eye has seen all this, my ear has heard and understood it.
- ²What you know, I know also —
I do not fall short of you.
- ³Surely I would speak to the Almighty, and I desire to argue my case before God.
- ⁴But you are makers of lies, you are all doctors of no value.
- ⁵Oh that you would altogether hold your peace!
and it would be your wisdom.
- ⁶Hear now my reasoning, and listen to the pleadings of my lips.
- ⁷Would you speak unrighteously for God?
and talk deceitfully for Him?
- ⁸Will you accept His person?
Will you contend for God?
- ⁹Is it good that He should search you out?
Or as one man mocks another, do you mock Him?
- ¹⁰He will surely blame you, if you secretly favor persons.
- ¹¹Shall not His highness make you afraid?
and his dread fall upon you?
- ¹²Your remembered sayings are like ashes,
your bodies like bodies of clay.
- ¹³Be quiet. Let me alone so that I may speak,
and let come on me what may.
- ¹⁴Why do I take my flesh in my teeth
and put my life in my hand?
- ²⁰Only do not do two things to me;
then I will not hide myself from Thee.
- ²¹Withdraw Thy hand far from me, and let not Thy fear make me afraid.
- ²²Then call Thou, and I will answer;
or let me speak, and answer Thou me.
- ²³How many are my iniquities and sins?
Make me to know my transgression and my sin.
- ²⁴Why dost Thou hide Thy face,
and hold me for Thy enemy?
- ²⁵Wilt Thou break a leaf driven to and fro?
Wilt Thou pursue the dry stubble?
- ²⁶For Thou dost write bitter things against me,
and dost make me to possess the sins of my youth.
- ²⁷Thou dost put my feet also in the stocks,
and dost look closely unto all my paths;
Thou dost set a limit for the soles of my feet.
- ²⁸Man, like a rotten thing, wears away,
like a garment that is moth-eaten.

CHAPTER 14

- ¹Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.
- ²He comes forth like a flower, and is cut down;
he also flees as a shadow, and does not stay.
- ³And dost Thou open Thy eyes upon such a one,

- and bring me into judgment with Thee?
⁴Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?
 No one!
⁵Since his days are fixed,
 the number of his months is with Thee,
 and Thou hast set his bounds so that he cannot pass,
⁶look away from him, so that he may rest
 until he shall finish his day, like a hireling.
⁷For there is hope of a tree,
 if it is cut down, that it will sprout again,
 and that the tender branch of it will not cease.
⁸Though the root of it becomes old in the earth,
 and *though* the stump of it dies in the ground,
⁹yet through the scent of water it will bud
 and bring forth branches like a plant.
¹⁰But man dies, and wastes away;
 yea, man gives up the spirit, and where is he?
¹¹As the waters fail from the sea,
 and a river falls away and dries up,
¹²so man lies down and does not rise.
 Till the heavens are no more, they shall not awake,
 nor be awakened out of their sleep.
¹³O that Thou wouldst hide me in the grave,
 that Thou wouldst keep me secret,
 until Thy wrath is past,
 that Thou wouldst set me a fixed time, and remember me!
¹⁴If a man die, shall he live again?
 All the days of my warfare I will wait,
 until my change comes.
¹⁵Thou shalt call, and I will answer Thee;
 Thou shalt have a desire to the work of Thy hands.
¹⁶For now Thou dost number my steps;
 dost thou not watch over my sin?
¹⁷My transgression is sealed up in a bag,
 and Thou dost sew up my iniquity.
¹⁸And surely a falling mountain crumbles away,
 and the rock is moved out of its place.
¹⁹The waters wear the stones;
 Thou dost wash away the things which grow out of the dust of the earth;
 and Thou dost destroy the hope of man.
²⁰Thou dost always have Thy way against him, and he passes;
 Thou dost change his face, and dost send him away.
²¹His sons come to honor, and he knows it not;
 and they are brought low, but he does not understand them.
²²But his flesh upon him shall have pain,
 and his soul within him shall mourn.

CHAPTER 15

- ¹Then E-li'-pház the Tē'-mān-ite answered and said,
²Should a wise man answer with windy knowledge,
 and fill his belly with the east wind?
³Should he reason with talk that does no good,
 or with speeches with which he cannot do good?
⁴Yea, you do away with fear,
 and take away prayer before God.
⁵For your iniquity teaches your mouth,
 and you choose the tongue of the crafty.
⁶Your own mouth condemns you, and not I;
 yes, your own lips testify against you.
⁷Are you the first man that was born?
 Or were you made before the hills?
⁸Have you heard the secret of God?
 And do you limit wisdom to yourself?
⁹What do you know that we do not know?
 What do you understand that is not in us?
¹⁰With us are both the grayheaded and very aged men,
 much older than your father.

- ¹¹Are the comforts of God small with you?
Is there any secret thing with you?
- ¹²Why does your heart carry you away?
And what do your eyes wink at,
- ¹³that you turn your spirit against God,
and let such words go out of your mouth?
- ¹⁴What is man, that he should be clean?
And *what is he who is born of a woman,*
that he should be righteous?
- ¹⁵Behold, He puts no trust in His saints;
yea, the heavens are not clean in His sight.
- ¹⁶How much more hateful and filthy is man,
who drinks iniquity like water?
- ¹⁷I will show you; hear me;
and that which I have seen I will declare;
- ¹⁸that which wise men have told from their fathers,
and have not hidden it;
- ¹⁹unto whom alone the earth was given,
and no stranger passed among them.
- ²⁰The wicked man labors in pain all his days,
and the number of years is hidden to the terrible one.
- ²¹A fearful sound is in his ears;
in peace the destroyer shall come upon him.
- ²²He does not believe that he shall come back out of darkness,
and that he is waited for by the sword.
- ²³He wanders abroad for bread, *saying,*
Where is it?
He knows that the day of darkness is ready at hand.
- ²⁴Trouble and pain shall make him afraid;
they shall overflow against him, as a king ready to the battle —
- ²⁵because he stretches out his hand against God,
and sets himself against the Almighty.
- ²⁶He runs upon him, with a stiff neck,
with the thick layers of his shields,
- ²⁷because he has covered his face with fatness,
and has put layers of fat upon his loins.
- ²⁸And he lives in ruined cities,
and in houses where no man lives,
which are ready to become heaps.
- ²⁹He shall not be rich, nor shall his wealth hold out,
nor shall he prolong their *days* upon the earth.
- ³⁰He shall not depart out of darkness;
the flame shall dry up his branches,
and by the breath of his mouth he shall go away.
- ³¹Let not him who is deceived trust in vanity;
for vanity shall be his reward.
- ³²It shall be done before his time,
and his branch shall not be green.
- ³³He shall shake off his unripe grape,
like the vine,
and shall cast off his flower like the olive.
- ³⁴For the company of the ungodly shall not bear fruit,
and fire shall devour the tents of bribery.
- ³⁵They conceive mischief, and bring forth evil,
and their belly prepares deceit.

CHAPTER 16

- ¹Then Job answered and said,
- ²I have heard many such things;
you are all tiresome comforters.
- ³Shall words of wind have an end?
Or what provokes you that you should answer?
- ⁴I also could speak as you do;
if your soul were in my soul's place,
I could heap up words against you,
and shake my head at you.
- ⁵I might make you strong with my mouth,
and the moving of my lips would spare *you*.
- ⁶Though I speak, my pain is not held back,
and *though* I forbear, in what way am I eased?
- ⁷But now He has made me weary;

CHAPTER 17

- Thou hast destroyed all my company.
- ⁸And you have filled me with wrinkles, *which* is a witness *against me*.
And rising up against me, my leanness bears witness to my face.
- ⁹He has torn me in His wrath, and hated me;
He gnashes upon me with His teeth;
my enemy sharpens his eyes upon me.
- ¹⁰They have gaped upon me with their mouth;
and have scornfully beaten me upon the cheek;
they have gathered themselves together against me.
- ¹¹God has delivered me to the ungodly,
and turned me over into the hands of the wicked.
- ¹²I was at ease, but He has broken me in pieces;
yea, He has also taken me by my neck and shaken me to pieces
and set me up for His mark.
- ¹³His archers hem me in;
He cuts my kidneys apart, and does not spare;
He pours out my gall upon the ground.
- ¹⁴He breaks me with break upon break;
He runs upon me like a giant.
- ¹⁵I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin
and defiled my horn in the dust.
- ¹⁶My face is smeared with weeping,
and on my eyelids is the shadow of death;
- ¹⁷though no violence was in my hand,
and my prayer is pure.
- ¹⁸O earth, do not cover my blood,
and let my cry have no place.
- ¹⁹Also now, behold, my Witness is in Heaven,
and He who testifies of me is on high.
- ²⁰My friends scorn me;
my eye pours out tears unto God.
- ²¹O that one might plead for a man with God,
as a man *pleads* for his neighbor!
- ²²When a few years have come,
then I shall go the way from which I shall not return.
- ¹My spirit is broken, my days are ended,
the grave is ready for me.
- ²Surely there are mockers with me.
And does not my eye rest on their insults?
- ³Lay down a pledge for me with Thyself;
who is he who will strike hands with me.
- ⁴For Thou hast hidden their heart from understanding;
therefore Thou shalt not lift them up.
- ⁵He who for a share speaks flattery to his friends,
even the eyes of his children shall fail.
- ⁶He has made me also a byword of the people;
and I have become one in whose face they spit.
- ⁷My eye also is dim because of sorrow,
and all my members are like a shadow.
- ⁸Upright *men* shall be amazed at this,
and the innocent shall stir himself up against the hypocrite.
- ⁹The righteous also shall hold on his way,
and he who has strong hands shall be stronger and stronger.
- ¹⁰For as for you all, return, and come now;
and I shall not find a wise man among you.
- ¹¹My days are past, my purposes are broken off,
even the thoughts of my heart.
- ¹²They change the night into day;
the light is short because of darkness.
- ¹³If I wait, the grave is my home.
If I have made my bed in the darkness;
- ¹⁴if I have said to rotteness, You are my father,
and to the worm, You are my mother
and my sisters —
- ¹⁵where then is my hope?
And as for my hope, who shall see it?
- ¹⁶They shall go down to the bars of the pit,
when our rest together is in the dust.

CHAPTER 18

¹Then Bīl'-dād the Shû'-hîte answered and said,

²How long will it be *until* you set an end to words?

Understand, and afterwards we will speak.

³Why are we counted as cattle, or seem stupid in your sight?

⁴He tears himself in his anger; shall the earth be forsaken for you? And shall the rock be moved out of its place?

⁵Yes, the light of the wicked shall be put out, and the spark of his fire shall not shine.

⁶The light shall be dark in his tent, and his candle shall be put out with him.

⁷The steps of his strength shall be hampered, and his own plans shall throw him down.

⁸For he is thrown into a net by his own feet, and he walks upon a net.

⁹The trap shall take *him* by the heel, *and* the robber shall hold sway against him.

¹⁰The rope is laid for him in the ground, and a trap for him in the way.

¹¹Terrors shall make him afraid on every side, and shall pursue him close to his heels.

¹²His strength shall be hunger-bitten, and trouble shall be ready at his side.

¹³It shall devour the strength of his skin; even the first-born of death shall devour his strength.

¹⁴His hope shall be rooted out of his tent, and it shall bring him to the king of terrors.

¹⁵It shall dwell in his tent, because it is none of his; brimstone shall be scattered upon his home.

¹⁶His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above his branch shall be cut off.

¹⁷His memory shall perish from the earth, and he shall have no name in the street.

¹⁸He shall be driven from light to darkness, and chased out of the world.

¹⁹He shall have neither son nor kinsman among his people, nor any remaining in his dwellings.

²⁰Those of the west have been amazed at his day, as those from the east have been made afraid.

²¹Surely such are the dwellings of the wicked, and this is the place of him who does not know God.

CHAPTER 19

¹Then Job answered and said,

²How long will you grieve my soul and break me in pieces with words?

³These ten times you have blamed me; you are not ashamed that you make yourselves strange to me.

⁴And if indeed I have been guilty, my error remains with myself.

⁵If indeed you will magnify yourselves against me, and plead against me my misery,

⁶know now that God has overthrown me, and has closed His net about me.

⁷Behold, I cry out, Violence! But I am not heard.

I cry aloud, but there is no justice.

⁸He has fenced up my way so that I cannot pass, and He has set darkness in my paths.

⁹He has stripped me of my glory, and has taken the crown from my head.

¹⁰He has destroyed me on every side, and I am gone, and He has uprooted my hope like a tree.

¹¹He has also kindled His wrath against me, and unto Himself He counts me as one of His enemies.

¹²His troops come together

and raise up their way against me,
and camp around my tent.

¹³He has put my brothers far from me,
and my friends have truly turned
away from me.

¹⁴My people have fallen away,
and my familiar friends have forgot-
ten me.

¹⁵Those who dwell in my house, and
my maids, count me as a stranger;
I am a foreigner in their sight.

¹⁶I called my servant, and he gave me
no answer;
I must beg him with my mouth.

¹⁷My breath is hated by my wife,
and I must beg to the children of my
mother's womb.

¹⁸Even young children despised me;
I arose, and they spoke against me.

¹⁹All my close friends turned away from
me;
and those whom I loved have turned
against me.

²⁰My bone clings to my skin and to my
flesh,
and I have escaped with the skin of
my teeth.

²¹Have pity upon me, have pity upon
me, O my friends!

For the hand of God has touched me.

²²Why do you, like God, persecute me
and *why* are *you* not satisfied with
my flesh?

²³Oh that my words were now written!
Oh that they were printed in a book!

²⁴that they were engraved with an iron
and lead pen,
and cut in the rock forever.

²⁵For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that He shall stand at the last
day upon the earth;

²⁶and though after my skin worms de-
stroy this body,
yet in my flesh I shall see God,

²⁷whom I shall see for myself,
and my eyes shall behold, and not
another's.

My heart is exhausted within me.

²⁸But you ought to say, Why do we
persecute him,
since the root of the matter is found
in me?

²⁹Be afraid of the sword;
for wrath *brings* the punishment of
the sword,
so that you may know *there is* a
judgment.

CHAPTER 20

¹Then Zó'-phär the Nā-ām'-ā-thite
answered and said,

²Therefore my thoughts cause me to
answer,
and for this I make haste.

³I have heard the rebuke meant to
shame me,
and the spirit of my understanding
causes me to answer.

⁴Do you know this from days of old,
since man was placed upon earth,
⁵that the singing of the wicked is short,
and the joy of the ungodly is *only* for
a minute?

⁶Though his honor mounts up to the
heavens,

and his head reaches unto the clouds,
⁷yet he shall perish forever like his own
dung;

they who have seen him shall say,
Where is he?

⁸He shall fly away like a dream, and
shall not be found;

yes, he shall be chased away like a
vision of the night.

⁹The eye that has seen him shall see
him no more;

neither shall his place see him any
more.

¹⁰His children shall seek to please the
poor,

and his hands shall restore their
goods.

¹¹His bones are full of his youth,
which shall lie down with him in the
dust.

¹²Though wickedness is sweet in his
mouth,

though he hides it under his tongue;

¹³though he spares it and does not for-
sake it,

but keeps it still within his mouth;
¹⁴yet his food in his bowels is turned,
it is the gall of asps within him.

15He has swallowed down riches, and
 he shall vomit them up again;
 God shall cast them out of his belly.
 16He shall suck the poison of asps;
 the viper's tongue shall slay him.
 17He shall not see the rivers,
 the flowings of the brooks of honey
 and butter.
 18He shall give back that which he
 labored for,
 and shall not swallow it down —
 according to the wealth which he
 has gotten,
 he shall not rejoice.
 19For he has pressed down and
 forsaken the poor;
 he has violently taken away a house
 which he did not build.
 20Surely he shall not feel quietness in
 his belly,
 he shall not save *any* of that which he
 desired.
 21None of his food shall be left;
 therefore no man shall look for his
 goods.
 22In the fullness of his plenty he shall
 be in trouble;
 every hand of the wicked shall come
 upon him.
 23When he is about to fill his belly,
 God shall cast the fury of His wrath
 upon him,
 and shall rain it upon him while he
 is eating.
 24He shall flee from the iron weapon,
 and the bow of steel shall strike
 through him.
 25It is drawn, and comes out of the
 body;
 yea, the glittering sword comes out
 of his gall; terrors are upon him.
 26All darkness shall be hidden in his
 secret places;
 a fire not blown shall burn him;
 it shall go ill with him who is left in
 his tent.
 27The heavens shall reveal his iniquity;
 and the earth shall rise up against
 him.
 28The increase of his house shall depart,
 and shall flow away in the day of his
 wrath.

29This is the portion of a wicked man
 from God,
 and the inheritance given to him by
 God.

CHAPTER 21

1But Job answered and said,
 2Listen carefully to my speech,
 and let this be your comfort.
 3Allow me to speak;
 and after I have spoken, mock on.
 4As for me, is my complaint to man?
 Why should my spirit not be troubled?
 5Turn unto me and be amazed,
 and lay your hand upon your mouth.
 6Even when I remember, I am afraid,
 and trembling takes hold on my flesh.
 7Why do the wicked live, become old,
 yes, become mighty in power?
 8Their seed is established in their sight
 with them,
 and their offspring before their eyes.
 9Their houses are safe from fear;
 neither is the rod of God upon them.
 10Their bull breeds and does not fail;
 their cow calves, and does not cast
 her calf.
 11They send forth their little ones like
 a flock,
 and their children dance.
 12They take the timbrel and harp,
 and rejoice at the sound of the organ.
 13They spend their days in wealth
 and go down in a moment to the
 grave.
 14Therefore they say to God, Depart
 from us;
 for we do not desire the knowledge
 of your ways.
 15What is the Almighty, that we should
 serve him?
 And what profit should we have if
 we pray to him?
 16Lo, their good is not in their hand;
 the wisdom of the wicked is far from
 me.
 17How often is the candle of the wicked
 put out,
 and their trouble comes upon them!
 He shares out pains in His anger;
 18they are as stubble before the wind,

CHAPTER 22

and as chaff that the storm steals away.

⁹God lays up his iniquity for his children.

He rewards him, and he shall know it.

¹⁰His eyes shall see his ruin, and he shall drink of the wrath of the Almighty.

¹¹For what pleasure does he have in his house after him, when the number of his months is cut off in the middle?

¹²Shall anyone teach God knowledge, since He shall judge those who are on high?

¹³One dies in his full strength, being wholly at ease and quiet.

¹⁴His breasts are full of milk, his bones are wet with marrow.

¹⁵And another dies in the bitterness of his soul, and never eats with pleasure.

¹⁶They lie down together in the dust, and the worms shall cover them.

¹⁷Behold, I know your thoughts, and the plots which you wrongfully hatch against me.

¹⁸For you say, Where is the house of the prince? And where are the dwelling-places of the wicked?

¹⁹Have you not asked those who go by the way?

And do you not know their signs,

²⁰that the wicked is kept for the day of ruin?

They shall be brought forth to the day of wrath.

²¹Who shall declare his way to his face? And who shall repay him what he has done?

²²Yet shall he be brought to the grave, and shall remain in the tomb.

²³And the clods of the valley shall be sweet to him, and every man shall draw after him, as there is no numbering of those before him.

²⁴How then do you comfort me in vain, since in your answers there remain transgression?

¹Then E-li'-phāz the Tē'-mān-ite answered and said,

²Can a man be any good to God, as he who is wise may be of good to himself?

³Is it any pleasure to the Almighty that you are righteous? Or is it gain to Him that you make your ways perfect?

⁴Will He reprove you for fear of you? Will He enter into judgment with you?

⁵Is not your wickedness great, and your iniquity without measure?

⁶For you have taken a pledge from your brother for nothing, and stripped the naked of their clothing.

⁷You have not given water to the weary to drink, and you have held back bread from the hungry.

⁸But as for the mighty man, he had the earth, and the honored man lived in it.

⁹You have sent widows away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken.

¹⁰Therefore snares are all around you, and sudden fear troubles you;

¹¹or darkness, so that you cannot see; and a flood of waters cover you.

¹²Is not God high in Heaven?

And behold the height of the stars, how high they are!

¹³And you say, How does God know? Can He judge through the dark cloud?

¹⁴Thick clouds are a covering to Him, so that He does not see; and He walks in the circuit of Heaven.

¹⁵Do you keep to the old way which wicked men have walked?

¹⁶who are cut down before their time; whose foundation was overflowed with a flood;

¹⁷who said to God, Depart from us; and, What can the Almighty do to them?

¹⁸Yet He filled their houses with good things;
 but the wisdom of the wicked is far from me.
¹⁹The righteous see it, and are glad;
 and the innocent laugh them to scorn.
²⁰Truly our foe is cut down,
 and fire has burned up their wealth.
²¹Now become one with Him, and be at peace.
 Thereby good shall come to you.
²²Receive, I pray you, the law from His mouth,
 and lay up His words in your heart.
²³If you return to the Almighty, you shall be built up;
 you shall put away iniquity far from your tents.
²⁴Then you shall lay up gold like dust,
 and the gold of Ō'-phir like the stones of the brooks.
²⁵Yea, the Almighty shall be your defense,
 and you shall have plenty of silver.
²⁶For then you shall have your delight in the Almighty,
 and shall lift up your face unto God.
²⁷You shall make your prayer unto Him,
 and He shall hear you,
 and you shall pay your vows.
²⁸You shall also order a thing, and it shall be fulfilled to you;
 and the light shall shine upon your ways.
²⁹When men are cast down, then you shall say, *There is lifting up*;
 and He shall save the humble person.
³⁰He shall deliver the island of the innocent;
 and it is delivered by the pureness of your hands.

CHAPTER 23

¹Then Job answered and said,
²Even today is my complaint bitter;
 my stroke is heavier than my groaning.
³Oh that I knew where I might find Him!
 that I might come even to His seat!
⁴I would order my cause before Him,

and fill my mouth with arguments.
⁵I would know the words which He would answer me,
 and understand what He would say to me.
⁶Will He plead against me with His great power?
 No, but He would put strength in me.
⁷There the righteous might reason with Him;
 so should I be delivered forever from my Judge.
⁸Behold, I go forward, but He is not there;
 and backward, but I cannot see Him;
⁹on the left hand, where He works, but I cannot behold Him.
 He hides Himself on the right hand,
 so that I cannot see Him.
¹⁰But He knows the way that I take;
 when He has tried me, I shall come forth as gold.
¹¹My foot has held fast to His steps;
 I have kept His way, and have not fallen away.
¹²Neither have I gone back from the commandment of His lips;
 I have counted the words of His mouth more than my necessary food.
¹³But He is in one mind, and who can turn Him?
 And what His soul desires, even that He does.
¹⁴For He does what is appointed for me,
 and many such things are with Him.
¹⁵Therefore I am troubled at His presence;
 when I look, I am afraid of Him.
¹⁶For God makes my heart soft,
 and the Almighty troubles me;
¹⁷because I was not cut off before the darkness,
 neither has He covered the darkness from my face.

CHAPTER 24

¹Why, since times are not hidden from the Almighty,
 do those who know Him not see His days?

- ²Some remove the landmarks;
they violently take away flocks and
feed them.
- ³They drive away the ass of the father-
less,
they take the widow's ox for a pledge.
- ⁴They turn the needy out of the way;
the poor of the earth hide themselves
together.
- ⁵Behold, like wild asses in the desert,
they go forth to their work, rising
early for a prey.
- The wilderness yields food for them
and for their children.
- ⁶They reap *each one* his grain in the
field;
and they gather the grapes of the
wicked.
- ⁷They cause the naked to spend the
night without clothing,
so that they have no covering in the
cold.
- ⁸They are wet with the showers of the
mountains,
and embrace the rock for lack of a
shelter.
- ⁹They pluck the fatherless from the
breast,
and take a pledge from the poor.
- ¹⁰They cause him to go naked without
clothing,
and they take away the sheaf from
the hungry;
- ¹¹who make oil within their walls,
and tread their wine-presses, and *still*
suffer thirst.
- ¹²Men groan from out of the city,
and the soul of the wounded cries
out;
yet God does not attend to them.
- ¹³They are of those who rebel against
the light;
they know not the ways of it,
nor stay in the paths of it.
- ¹⁴The murderer rising with the light
kills the poor and needy,
and in the night is like a thief.
- ¹⁵The eye also of the adulterer waits for
the twilight,
saying, No eye will see me;
and sets his face in secret.
- ¹⁶In the dark they dig through houses
which they had marked for them-
selves in the daytime;
they do not know the light.
- ¹⁷For the morning is to them like the
shadow of death;
for they know the terrors of the
shadow of death.
- ¹⁸He is swift as the waters;
their portion is cursed in the earth;
he does not behold the way of the
vineyards.
- ¹⁹Drought and heat eat up the snow
waters;
so does the grave *those who* have
sinned.
- ²⁰The womb shall forget him;
the worm shall feed sweetly upon
him;
he shall be remembered no more;
and wickedness shall be broken like
a tree.
- ²¹He ill-treats the women who bear no
children;
and does no good to the widow.
- ²²He also draws the mighty with his
power;
he rises up, and no man is sure of life.
- ²³Though he is blessed with safety, on
which he rests;
yet his eyes are upon their ways.
- ²⁴They are lifted up for a little while,
but are gone and brought low;
they are taken out of the way like all
others,
and are cut off like the tops of the
ears of grain.
- ²⁵And if it is not so now, who will make
me a liar,
and make my speech worth nothing?

CHAPTER 25

¹Then Bîl'-dād the Shû'-hite an-
swered and said,

²Rule and fear are with Him;
He makes peace in His high places.

³Is there any number of His armies?
And upon whom does not His light
arise?

⁴How then can man be justified with
God?

Or how can he who is born of a woman be clean?

⁵Look even to the moon, and it shines not;
yea, the stars are not pure in His sight.

⁶How much less man, who is a maggot, and the son of man, who is a worm?

CHAPTER 26

¹But Job answered and said,

²How have you helped him who is without power?

How have you saved the arm that has no strength?

³How have you advised him who has no wisdom?

And how have you plentifully declared the thing as it is?

⁴To whom have you spoken words?

And whose spirit came from you?

⁵The souls of the dead tremble under the waters,
and those who dwell in them.

⁶Hell is naked before Him,
and the place of ruin has no covering.

⁷He stretches out the north over the empty place,
and hangs the earth upon nothing.

⁸He binds up the waters in His thick clouds;
and the cloud is not torn under them.

⁹He holds back the face of His throne,
and spreads His cloud upon it.

¹⁰He has hemmed in the waters with bounds,
until the day and night come to an end.

¹¹The pillars of Heaven tremble
and wonder at His rebuke.

¹²He divides the sea with His power,
and by His understanding He strikes through the proud.

¹³By His Spirit He has made the heavens beautiful;
His hand formed the crooked serpent.

¹⁴Lo, these are parts of His ways;
but how little a portion is heard of Him!

But the thunder of His power who can understand?

CHAPTER 27

¹Moreover Job continued his parable and said,

²As God lives, who has taken away my judgment;
and the Almighty, who has made my soul bitter;

³as long as my breath is in me,
and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

⁴my lips shall not speak wickedness,
nor my tongue utter deceit.

⁵God forbid that I should justify you;
until I die I will not remove my purity from me.

⁶I hold fast my righteousness, and will not let it go;
my heart shall not shame me as long as I live.

⁷Let my enemy be like the wicked,
and he who rises up against me as the unrighteous.

⁸For what is the hope of the ungodly,
though he has increased,
when God takes away his soul?

⁹Will God hear his cry when trouble comes upon him?

¹⁰Will he delight himself in the Almighty?
Will he always call upon God?

¹¹I will teach you by the hand of God;
that which is with the Almighty I will not hide.

¹²Behold, all you have seen it yourselves;
why then are you so completely vain?

¹³This is the portion of a wicked man with God,
and the inheritance of cruel men which they shall receive from the Almighty.

¹⁴If his children are multiplied, it is for the sword;
and his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.

¹⁵Those who remain of him shall be buried in death;
and his widows shall not weep.

¹⁶Though he heap up silver like the dust,
and provide clothing like the clay,

- ¹⁷He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on,
and the innocent shall divide the silver.
- ¹⁸He builds his house like a moth,
and like a booth that the watchman makes.
- ¹⁹The rich man shall lie down, but he shall not be gathered.
He opens his eyes, and he is not.
- ²⁰Fears shall take hold of him like waters;
a storm steals him away in the night.
- ²¹The east wind carries him away, and he goes;
and a stormy wind sweeps him out of his place.
- ²²For God shall cast upon him, and not spare;
in fleeing he would flee out of his hand.
- ²³Men shall clap their hands at him,
and shall hiss him out of his place.
- ⁹He puts forth His hand upon the flinty rock;
He overturns the mountains by the roots.
- ¹⁰He cuts out rivers among the rocks;
and His eye sees every precious thing.
- ¹¹He holds back the floods from overflowing;
and the hidden things He brings to light.
- ¹²But where shall wisdom be found?
And where is the place of understanding?
- ¹³Man does not know the price of it;
neither is it found in the land of the living.
- ¹⁴The depth says, It is not in me;
and the sea says, It is not with me.
- ¹⁵It cannot be gotten for gold,
neither shall silver be weighed for the price of it.
- ¹⁶It cannot be valued with the gold of Ō'-phīr,
with the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
- ¹⁷The gold and the crystal cannot equal it,
and the exchange of it shall not be for vessels of fine gold.
- ¹⁸No mention shall be made of coral, or of pearls;
for the price of wisdom is above rubies.
- ¹⁹The topaz of Ê-thī-ō'-pī-ā shall not equal it,
neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
- ²⁰Where then does wisdom come from,
and where is the place of understanding?
- ²¹It is hid from the eyes of all living,
and hidden from the birds of the air.
- ²²The place of ruin and death say,
We have heard the fame of it with our ears.

CHAPTER 28

- ¹Surely there is a vein for the silver,
and a place for gold where they refine it.
- ²Iron is taken out of the earth,
and brass is melted out of the stone.
- ³He sets an end to darkness,
and perfectly searches out the stones of darkness and the shadow of death.
- ⁴He breaks open a shaft at the side of the stranger;
they are forgotten by the foot that passes by;
they hang far away from men, they swing to and fro.
- ⁵As for the earth, out of it comes bread;
and under it is turned up as it were fire.
- ⁶The stones of it are the place of sapphires;
and it has dust of gold.
- ⁷There is a path which no bird knows,
and which the vulture's eye has not seen;
- ⁸the lion's whelps have not walked on it,
nor has the fierce lion passed by it.
- ²³God understands the way of it,
and He knows the place of it.
- ²⁴For He looks to the end of the earth,
and sees under all the heavens;
- ²⁵making a weight for the winds,
and measuring out the waters by measure.

²⁶When He made a decree for the rain,
and a way for the lightning to
thunder;
²⁷then did He see it, and declare it;
He prepared it, yea, and searched it
out.
²⁸And to man He said,
Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is
wisdom!
And to depart from evil is understand-
ing!

CHAPTER 29

¹Moreover Job continued his parable
and said,

²Oh that I were as in months past,
as in the days when God used to
watch over me;

³when His candle shone upon my head,
when I walked through darkness by
His light;

⁴as I was in the days of my youth,
when the secret of God was upon my
tent;

⁵when the Almighty was yet with me,
when my children were around me;

⁶when I washed my steps with butter,
and the rock poured out rivers of oil
for me;

⁷when I went out to the gate through
the city,
when I prepared my seat in the street!

⁸The young men saw me and hid them-
selves;

and the aged arose and stood up.

⁹The princes held back from talking,
and laid their hand upon their mouth.

¹⁰The nobles held their peace,
and their tongue did cling to the roof
of their mouth.

¹¹When the ear heard me, then it blessed
me;
and when the eye saw me, it gave
witness to me;

¹²because I delivered the poor who
cried,
and the fatherless, and *him who had*
none to help him.

¹³The blessing of him who was ready
to perish came upon me;
and I caused the widow's heart to
sing for joy.

¹⁴I put on righteousness, and it clothed
me;
my judgment was like a robe and a
diadem.

¹⁵I was eyes to the blind,
and I was feet to the lame.

¹⁶I was a father to the poor;
and the cause which I did not know
I searched out.

¹⁷And I broke the jaws of the wicked,
and plucked the spoil out of his teeth.

¹⁸Then I said, I shall die in my nest,
and I shall multiply my days like the
sand.

¹⁹My root was spread out by the waters,
and the dew lay all night upon my
branch.

²⁰My glory was fresh in me,
and my bow was renewed in my
hand.

²¹*Men* gave ear unto me, and waited,
and kept silent at my counsel.

²²After my words they never spoke
again;
and my speech dropped upon them.

²³And they waited for me like the rain;
and they opened their mouth wide as
for the latter rain.

²⁴I smiled kindly upon those who did
not believe it;
and they could not cast down the
light of my face.

²⁵I chose out their way, and sat chief,
and lived like a king in the army,
as one who comforts the mourners.

CHAPTER 30

¹But now those that are younger than I
make fun of me,
whose fathers I would have refused
to set with the dogs of my flock.

²Yea, the strength of their hands, in
what way should it profit me,
men in whom ripe age must perish?

³They are dried up with want and
famine;
they gnaw the dry ground, in the
gloom of waste and ruin.

⁴They pluck mallows by the bushes,
and juniper roots for their food.

⁵They were driven forth from among
men

- (they cried after them as after a thief).
- ⁶They must dwell in the gloom of the valley,
in holes of the earth, and in the rocks.
- ⁷They bray among the bushes;
they are gathered together under the nettles.
- ⁸They are children of fools, yea, sons of nameless men;
they have been whipped out of the land.
- ⁹And now I am their song;
yea, I am their byword.
- ¹⁰They despise me, and they flee far from me,
and do not wait to spit in my face.
- ¹¹Because He has untied my cord and afflicted me,
they have also let loose the bridle before me.
- ¹²Upon my right hand rise the youths;
they push away my feet,
and they raise up against me the ways of their ruin.
- ¹³They have broken down my path,
they gain by my trouble;
they have no helper.
- ¹⁴As through a wide break they came on;
with a crash they rolled themselves upon me.
- ¹⁵Fears have turned upon me;
they pursue my soul like the wind;
and my good passes away like a cloud.
- ¹⁶And now my soul is poured out upon me;
the days of affliction have taken hold upon me.
- ¹⁷My bones are pierced in me in the night;
and the gnawing pain takes no rest.
- ¹⁸By the great force of *my disease* my clothing is changed;
it binds me about like the collar of my coat.
- ¹⁹He has cast me into the mire,
and I have become like dust and ashes.
- ²⁰I cry before Thee, and Thou didst not hear me;
I stand up, and Thou dost not look upon me.
- ²¹Thou hast become cruel to me;
with Thy strong hand Thou dost oppose Thyself to me.
- ²²Thou liftest me up to the wind; Thou dost cause me to ride upon it;
and Thou dost melt me.
- ²³For I know that Thou wilt bring me to death,
and to the house appointed for all living.
- ²⁴However, He will not stretch out His hand to the grave,
though they cry in his ruin.
- ²⁵Did I not weep for him who was in trouble?
Was not my soul grieved for the poor?
- ²⁶When I looked for good, then evil came;
and when I waited for light, darkness came.
- ²⁷My bowels boiled, and did not rest;
the days of trouble came upon me.
- ²⁸I went blackened without the sun;
I stood up;
I cried in the congregation.
- ²⁹I am a brother to jackals,
and a companion of ostriches.
- ³⁰My skin is black upon me,
and my bones are burned with heat.
- ³¹Therefore my harp has turned to mourning,
and my organ into the voice of those who weep.

CHAPTER 31

- ¹I made a covenant with my eyes;
why then should I think upon a virgin?
- ²For what part from God is from above?
and *what* is the inheritance of the Almighty from on high?
- ³Is not trouble to the wicked?
And a strange punishment to the workers of iniquity?
- ⁴Does He not see my ways,
and count all my steps?
- ⁵If I have walked with vanity,
or if my foot has hurried to deceit,
- ⁶let me be weighed in an even balance
so that God may know my uprightness.

- 7 If my step has turned out of the way,
 and if my heart has walked after my
 eyes,
 and if any blot has held fast to my
 hands;
 8 then let me sow, and let another eat;
 and let my harvests be rooted out.
 9 If my heart has been deceived by a
 woman,
 or if I have laid wait at my neighbor's
 door,
 10 then let my wife grind to another,
 and let others bow down upon her.
 11 For that would be a shameful crime;
 yea, it would be an iniquity to be
 punished by the judges.
 12 For it is a fire that burns to ruin,
 and would root out all my gain.
 13 If I despised the cause of my man-
 servant or of my maidservant,
 when they argued with me;
 14 what then shall I do when God rises
 up?
 And when He visits, what shall I
 answer Him?
 15 Did not He who made me in the
 womb make him?
 And did not One shape us in the
 womb?
 16 If I have withheld the poor from their
 desire,
 or have caused the eyes of the widow
 to fail,
 or have eaten my bit by myself alone,
 and the fatherless has not eaten of it
 18 (for from my youth he was brought
 up with me, as with a father,
 and I have been led from my mother's
 womb);
 19 If I have seen any perish for lack of
 clothing,
 or any poor without covering;
 20 if his loins have not blessed me,
 and if he were not warmed with the
 fleece of my sheep;
 21 if I have lifted up my hand against
 the fatherless,
 when I saw my help in the gate;
 22 then let my arm fall from my shoulder-
 blade,
 and let my arm be broken from the
 bone.
 23 For trouble from God was a terror to
 me,
 and because of His highness I could
 not do anything.
 24 If I have made gold my hope,
 or have said to the fine gold, My
 trust!
 25 if I rejoiced because my wealth was
 great,
 and because my hand had gotten
 much;
 26 if I looked unto the sun when it shone,
 or the moon walking in brightness,
 27 and my heart has been secretly
 tempted, or my mouth has kissed
 my hand;
 28 this also were an iniquity to be pun-
 ished by the judge;
 for I would have denied the God who
 is above.
 29 If I rejoiced at the ruin of him who
 hated me,
 or lifted up myself when evil found
 him
 30 (also I have not allowed my mouth
 to sin
 by asking his life with a curse);
 31 if the men of my camp did not say,
 Who can find one who has not been
 satisfied with his meat?
 32 (The stranger did not sleep in the
 street,
 but I opened my doors to the traveler);
 33 if I covered my transgressions like
 Adam,
 by hiding my iniquity in my bosom,
 34 then let me tremble before a great
 multitude,
 and be terrified by the scorn of
 families,
 so that keeping silence I shall not go
 out of the door.
 35 Oh that I had one to hear me!
 (lo, here is my mark, let the Almighty
 answer me);
 and that my Foe had written a book.
 36 Surely I would carry it upon my
 shoulder,
 and bind it like a crown to me.
 37 I would declare to Him the number
 of my steps;
 like a prince I would go near Him.

³⁸If my lands cry against me,
 or the furrows likewise complain of it;
³⁹if I have eaten the fruits of it without
 money,
 or have caused the owners of it to
 lose their life,
⁴⁰let thistles grow instead of wheat, and
 weeds instead of barley.

The words of Job are ended.

CHAPTER 32

¹So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. ²Then the wrath of Ē-lī'-hū the son of Bā-rā'-chēl the Bū'-zite, of the family of Ram, was kindled. His wrath was kindled against Job, because he had justified himself rather than God. ³Also his wrath was kindled against his three friends, because they had found no answer and had condemned Job. ⁴Now Ē-lī'-hū had waited beside Job with words, because they were older than he was. ⁵When Ē-lī'-hū saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then his wrath was kindled.

⁶And Ē-lī'-hū the son of Bā-rā'-chēl the Bū'-zite answered and said,

I am young,
 and you are very old;
 therefore I was afraid,
 and dared not show you my opinion.
 I said, Days should speak,
 and the multitude of years should
 teach wisdom.

But there is a spirit in man;
 and the inspiration of the Almighty
 gives them understanding.
 Great men are not always wise;
 neither do the aged understand judgment.

⁰Therefore I say, Listen to me.
 I also will declare my opinion.

¹Behold, I waited for your words;
 I listened to your reasons,
 while you searched out what to say.

²Yes, I listened to you,
 and, behold, there was none of you
 who proved Job wrong,

or who answered his words.

¹³Beware that you do not say, We have
 found out wisdom;
 God has pushed him down, not man.
¹⁴Now he has not directed his words
 against me;
 and I will not answer him with your
 speeches.

¹⁵They were amazed, they answered no
 more;
 they quit speaking.

¹⁶Shall I wait, because they answer no
 more;
 because they stand still and answer
 no more?

¹⁷I also will answer my part;
 I also will declare my opinion.

¹⁸For I am full of words;
 the spirit within me presses upon
 me.

¹⁹Behold, my belly is as wine which has
 no vent;
 it is ready to burst like new wine-
 skins.

²⁰I will speak so that I may be re-
 freshed;
 I will open my lips and answer.

²¹Let me not, I pray you, accept any
 man's person,
 neither let me give flattering titles to
 men.

²²For I do not know how to give flat-
 tering titles;
 else my Maker would soon take me
 away.

CHAPTER 33

¹Therefore, Job, I pray you, hear my
 speeches,
 and listen to all my words.

²Behold, now I have opened my mouth,
 my tongue has spoken in my mouth,
³my words shall be of the uprightness
 of my heart,
 and what I know my lips have clearly
 spoken.

⁴The Spirit of God has made me,
 and the breath of the Almighty has
 given me life.

⁵If you can answer me,
 set your words in order before me,
 stand up.

6Behold, I am toward God even as you
 are;
 I also am formed out of the clay.
 7Behold, my terror shall not make you
 afraid,
 neither shall my hand be heavy upon
 you.
 8Surely you have spoken in my hearing,
 and I have heard the voice of your
 words, *saying*,
 9I am clean, without transgression;
 I am innocent, neither is there in-
 iquity in me.
 10Behold, He finds reasons to be against
 me,
 He counts me for His enemy;
 11He puts my feet in the stocks;
 He marks all my paths.
 12Behold, in this you are not right;
 I will answer you that God is greater
 than man.
 13Why do you fight against Him?
 For He does not give account of any
 of His matters.
 14For God speaks once, yea, twice,
 though man does not understand it.
 15In a dream, in a vision of the night,
 when deep sleep falls upon men
 in slumberings upon the bed;
 16then He opens the ears of men, and
 seals their teaching,
 17so that He may withdraw man from
 his purpose,
 and hide pride from man.
 18He keeps back his soul from the
 grave,
 and his life from perishing by the
 sword.

19He is also chastened with pain upon
 his bed,
 and the multitude of his bones with
 strife;
 20so that his life is sick of bread,
 and his soul of dainty food.
 21His flesh is eaten away so that it can-
 not be seen;
 and his bones which were not seen
 stick out.
 22Yea, his soul draws near to the grave,
 and his life to the destroyers.
 23If there has been a messenger for him,

a mediator, one among a thousand,
 to show man what is right toward
 God;
 24then He is gracious to him and says,
 Deliver him from going down to the
 pit;
 for I have found a ransom.
 25His flesh shall be fresher than a
 child's;
 he shall return to the days of his
 youth;
 26he shall pray unto God, and He will
 be gracious unto Him;
 and he shall see His face with joy,
 for He will give unto man his right-
 eousness.
 27He looks upon men, and if any say,
 I have sinned and twisted *that which*
was right,
 and it did not profit me,
 28He will deliver his soul from going
 into the pit,
 and his life shall see the light.

29Lo, all these things God oftentimes
 works two and three times with
 a man,
 30to bring back his soul from the pit,
 to be lighted with the light of the
 living.
 31Hear this, O Job, listen to me;
 hold your peace, and I will speak.
 32If you have anything to say, answer
 me;
 speak, for I desire to justify you.
 33If not, listen to me;
 hold your peace, and I will teach you
 wisdom.

CHAPTER 34

1Then E-li'-hū answered and said,
 2 Hear my words, O wise men;
 and give ear to me, you who have
 knowledge.
 3For the ear tries words
 as the mouth tastes meat.
 4Let us choose for ourselves what is
 right;
 let us know among ourselves what is
 good.
 5For Job has said, I am righteous;
 and God has taken away my right;

- ⁶do I lie against my right? —
my wound cannot be cured; *it is*
without transgression.
- ⁷What man is like Job, who drinks up
scorning like water;
- ⁸who goes in company with the workers
of iniquity,
and walks with wicked men?
- ⁹For he has said, It profits a man nothing
that he should delight himself in
God.
- ¹⁰Therefore listen to me, you men of
understanding;
far be it from God that He should do
wickedness;
and from the Almighty, that He
should do wrong.
- ¹¹For the work of a man He shall give
back to him,
and cause every man to find accord-
ing to his ways.
- ¹²Yes, surely God will not do wickedly,
neither will the Almighty twist judg-
ment.
- ¹³Who has given Him a charge over the
earth?
Or who has set the whole world in
order?
- ¹⁴If He sets His heart upon man,
if He gathers to Himself his spirit
and his breath,
- ¹⁵all flesh shall perish together, and
man shall turn again to dust.
- ¹⁶If now you have understanding, hear
this;
listen to the voice of my words.
- ¹⁷Shall one who hates right govern?
And will you condemn Him who is
just and mighty?
- ¹⁸Is it fit to say to a king, You are
wicked?
And to princes, You are ungodly?
- ¹⁹How much less to Him who does not
accept the persons of princes,
nor look upon the rich more than the
poor?
For they are the work of His hands.
- ²⁰In a moment they shall die,
and the people shall be troubled at
midnight, and pass away;
and the mighty shall be taken away
without hands.
- ²¹For His eyes are upon the ways of
man,
and He sees all his steps.
- ²²There is no darkness, nor shadow of
death,
where the workers of iniquity may
hide themselves.
- ²³For He does not need to set a time to
man
to go before God in judgment;
- ²⁴He shall break in pieces mighty men
without number,
and set others in their place.
- ²⁵Therefore He knows their works,
and He overturns them in the night,
so that they are destroyed.
- ²⁶He strikes them as wicked men
in the open sight of others;
- ²⁷because they turned back from Him,
and would not act wisely in any of
His ways;
- ²⁸so that they caused the cry of the poor
to come unto Him,
and He hears the cry of the afflicted.
- ²⁹When He gives quietness, who then
can make trouble?
And when He hides His face, who can
behold Him?
Whether it be done unto a nation, or
against a man only;
- ³⁰that ungodly men may not reign,
that the people may not be trapped.
- ³¹Surely it is right to be said to God,
I have borne chastisement, I will not
be wicked;
- ³²that which I see not, teach Thou me;
if I have done iniquity, I will do it
no more.
- ³³Must He repay you according to your
mind,
because you refuse it?
So you must choose, and not I;
therefore speak what you know.
- ³⁴Let men of understanding tell me,
and let a wise man listen to me.
- ³⁵Job has spoken without knowledge,
and his words were without wis-
dom.
- ³⁶My desire is that Job may be tried
unto the end
because of his answers for wicked
men.
- ³⁷For he adds rebellion to his sins;

he claps his hands among us,
and multiplies his words against God.

CHAPTER 35

¹Moreover Ē-li'-hū answered and said,

²Do you think this to be right,
that you said, My righteousness is
more than God's?

³For you said, What good will it be
unto Thee?

And, What good shall I have, more
than if I had sinned?

⁴I will answer you,
and your friends with you.

Look to the heavens, and see;

⁵and behold the clouds which are
higher than you.

⁶If you sin, what do you do against
Him?

Or if your transgressions are multi-
plied, what do you do unto Him?

⁷If you are righteous, what do you give
Him?

Or what does He receive from your
hand?

⁸Your wickedness *may hurt* a man as
you are;

and your righteousness *may profit* the
son of man.

⁹Because of the multitude of cruel bur-
dens they cry out;

they cry out because of the arm of
the mighty.

¹⁰But none says, Where is God my
Maker,

who gives songs in the night;

¹¹who teaches us more than the animals
of the earth,

and makes us wiser than the birds of
the sky?

¹²There they cry, but He gives no
answer,

because of the pride of evil men.

¹³Surely God will not hear vanity,
neither will the Almighty look upon
it.

¹⁴Although you say you do not see Him,
judgment is before Him; therefore
trust in Him.

¹⁵And now, is it for nothing that He has
punished in His anger?

Yet he has taken full knowledge of
sins.

¹⁶Therefore Job opens his mouth in
vanity;

he multiplies words without knowl-
edge.

CHAPTER 36

¹Ē-li'-hū went on and said,

²Bear with me a little, and I will show
you

what I have yet to speak on God's
behalf.

³I will bring my knowledge from afar,
and will credit righteousness to my
Maker.

⁴For truly my words shall not be false;
He who is perfect in knowledge is
with you.

⁵Behold, God is mighty, and does not
despise;

He is mighty in strength and wisdom.

⁶He will not keep alive one who is
wicked,

but gives right to the poor.

⁷He withdraws not His eyes from the
righteous,

but they are on the throne with kings;
yes, He causes them to sit forever,
and they are very high.

⁸And if they are bound in chains,
and are held in cords of affliction,

⁹then He shows them their work, and
their sins,

that they have behaved themselves
proudly.

¹⁰He also opens their ears to teaching,
and commands that they return
from iniquity.

¹¹If they obey and serve *Him*,

they shall spend their days in blessed-
ness

and their years in pleasures.

¹²But if they do not obey, they shall
perish by the sword,

and they shall die without knowledge.

¹³But the ungodly in heart heap up
wrath;

they cry not when He binds them.

¹⁴They die in youth,

and their life is among the defiled.

¹⁵He delivers the poor in his affliction,
 and opens their ears in trouble.
¹⁶Even so He would have removed you
 out of trouble
 into a broad place where there is no
 trouble;
 and that which should be set on your
 table would be full of fatness.
¹⁷But you have fulfilled the judgment of
 the wicked;
 judgment and justice take hold of
 you.
¹⁸Because there is wrath, beware lest
 He take you away with His stroke;
 then a great ransom cannot deliver
 you.
¹⁹Will He esteem your riches?
 No, not gold, nor all the forces of
 strength.
²⁰Desire not the night,
 when people are cut off in their place.
²¹Beware, do not turn to iniquity;
 for this you have chosen rather than
 affliction.
²²Behold, God lifts Himself up by His
 power;
 who teaches like Him?
²³Who has appointed Him His way;
 or who can say, Thou hast done
 wrong?
²⁴Remember that you magnify His
 work which men behold.
²⁵Every man has seen it;
 man may see it afar off.
²⁶Behold, God is great, and we do not
 know Him,
 neither can the number of His years
 be searched out.
²⁷For He draws up the drops of water;
 they pour down rain according to its
 mist,
²⁸which the clouds pour down
 and drop down upon man plentifully.
²⁹Also can any understand the spread-
 ing of the clouds,
 or the noise of His tabernacle?
³⁰Behold, He spreads His light upon it,
 and covers the bottom of the sea.
³¹For by them He judges the people;
 He gives plenty of food.
³²He covers His hands with the light-
 ning,

and commands it to strike the mark;
³³the thunder reveals Him to His friend,
 and the cattle concerning the storm
 that is coming.

CHAPTER 37

¹My heart trembles at this also,
 and it moves out of its place.
²Listen carefully to the noise of His
 voice,
 and the sound that goes out of His
 mouth.
³He directs it under the whole heaven,
 and His lightning to the ends of the
 earth.
⁴After it a voice roars;
 He thunders with the voice of His
 majesty,
 and He will not hold them when His
 voice is heard.
⁵God thunders marvelously with His
 voice;
 He does great things which we can-
 not understand.
⁶For he says to the snow, Be upon the
 earth;
 likewise to the small rain, and to the
 great rain in its strength.
⁷He seals up the hand of every man,
 so that all men may know His work.
⁸Then the beasts go into dens
 and remain in their places.
⁹Out of the south comes the whirlwind;
 and cold out of the north.
¹⁰By the breath of God ice is given;
 and the breadth of the waters is
 frozen tight.
¹¹Also by filling *them* with water He
 loads the thick clouds;
 He scatters His bright cloud,
¹²and it is turned around by His steer-
 ing,
 so that they may do whatever He
 commands them
 upon the face of the land.
¹³Whether as a whip, or for His land,
 or for mercy,
 He causes it to come.
¹⁴Listen to this, O Job;
 stand still, and consider the wonder-
 ful works of God.
¹⁵Do you know when God placed them,

- and caused the light of His cloud
to shine?
- ¹⁶Do you know the balancing of the
clouds,
the wonderful works of Him who is
perfect in knowledge?
- ¹⁷How your clothes are warm
when He quiets the earth by the south
wind?
- ¹⁸Have you spread out the sky with
Him, which is strong as a molded
mirror?
- ¹⁹Teach us what we shall say unto Him;
for because of darkness we cannot
frame *our speech*.
- ²⁰Shall it be told Him that I speak?
If a man speak, surely he shall be
swallowed up.
- ²¹And now men do not see the sun;
it is in the clouds;
but the wind passes and clears them.
- ²²Fair weather comes out of the north;
with God is fearful majesty.
- ²³The Almighty, whom we cannot find
out,
is excellent in power;
yet to judgment and overflowing
righteousness He does no violence.
- ²⁴Men therefore fear Him;
He does not respect any who are
proud in heart.

CHAPTER 38

- ¹Then the LORD answered Job out
of the whirlwind, and said,
- ²Who is this that darkens counsel by
words without knowledge?
- ³Now gird up your loins like a man;
for I will ask of you, and you shall
answer me.
- ⁴Where were you when I laid the
foundations of the earth?
Tell if you have understanding!
- ⁵Who has laid the measures of it, if you
know?
Or who has stretched the line upon
it?
- ⁶Upon what are foundations of it
fastened,
or who laid its corner stone,
⁷when the morning stars sang together
and all the sons of God shouted for
joy?
- ⁸Or who shut up the sea with doors,
when it broke forth as if it had come
out of the womb?
- ⁹When I made the cloud its robe,
and the thick darkness a swaddling
band for it,
¹⁰and set My limit to it,
and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, You shall come this far, but
no further;
and here the pride of your waves
shall stop?
- ¹²Have you commanded the morning
since your days,
and caused the dawn to know its
place,
¹³that it might take hold of the ends of
the earth,
that the wicked might be shaken out
of it?
- ¹⁴It is turned like clay to the seal;
and they stand forth like a garment.
- ¹⁵And from the wicked their light is
withheld,
and the high arm shall be broken.
- ¹⁶Have you entered into the springs of
the sea?
Or have you walked in search of the
depths?
- ¹⁷Have the gates of death been opened
to you?
Or have you seen the doors of the
shadow of death?
- ¹⁸Have you understood the breadth of
the earth?
Tell, if you know it all!
- ¹⁹Where is the way where light dwells?
And as for darkness, where is its
place,
²⁰that you should take it to the bounds
of it,
and that you should know the paths
to its house?
- ²¹Do you know it, because you were
born then?
Or because the number of your days
is great?
- ²²Have you entered into the storehouses
of the snow?

Or have you seen the storehouses of the hail,
²³which I have kept for the time of trouble,
 against the day of battle and war?
²⁴By what way is the light parted,
 and by what way does the east wind spread itself upon the earth?
²⁵Who has cut a channel for the overflowing of waters,
 or a way for the lightning of thunder;
²⁶to cause it to rain on the earth where no man is;
 on the wilderness in which there is no man;
²⁷to satisfy the deserted and waste ground,
 and to cause the bud of the tender herb to spring forth?
²⁸Has the rain a father?
 Or who has brought forth the drops of dew?
²⁹Out of whose womb came the ice?
 And the hoary-frost of heaven, who brought it forth?
³⁰The waters are hidden as under stone,
 and the face of the deep is frozen.
³¹Can you bind the chains of the Plei'-
 ā-dēs,
 or loose the bands of Ō-ri'-on?
³²Can you bring the Māzz'-ā-rōth in their season?
 Or can you guide the Bear with its sons?
³³Do you know the ordinances of the heavens?
 Can you set up the rulership of it in the earth?
³⁴Can you lift up your voice to the clouds,
 so that floods of waters may cover you?
³⁵Can you send lightnings, that they may go,
 and say to you, Here we are?
³⁶Who has put wisdom in the inward parts?
 Or who has given understanding to the mind?

³⁷Who can number the clouds in wisdom?
 Or who can empty out the bottles of the sky,
³⁸when the dust grows into hardness,
 and the clods cling fast together?
³⁹Will you hunt the prey for the lion,
 or fill the appetite of the young lions,
⁴⁰when they crouch in their dens,
 and sit in a hiding place to lie in wait?
⁴¹Who provides food for the raven?
 When its young ones cry to God,
 they wander for lack of food.

CHAPTER 39

¹Do you know the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth?
 Or can you tell when the hinds calve?
²Can you number the months that they fulfill?
 Or do you know the time when they bring forth?
³They bow themselves, they bring forth their young ones,
 they cast out their sorrows.
⁴Their young ones are strong, they grow up in the open fields;
 they go forth and do not return again.
⁵Who has sent out the wild ass free?
 Or who has untied the bands of the wild ass?
⁶I have made the wilderness its house,
 and the salt land its dwellings.
⁷It scorns the multitude of the city,
 neither does it listen to the shouting of the driver.
⁸The range of mountains is its pasture,
 and it searches after every green thing.
⁹Will the wild ox be willing to serve you,
 or stay by your crib?
¹⁰Can you tie the wild ox with his band in the furrow?
 Or will he harrow the valleys after you?
¹¹Will you trust him because his strength is great?
 Or will you leave labor to him?

¹²Will you trust him, that he will bring
home your seed
and gather it into your barn?

¹³The wing of the ostrich beats joy-
ously;
but are her pinions and feathers the
loving stork's?

¹⁴For she leaves her eggs in the earth,
and warms them in the dust,

¹⁵and forgets that the foot may crush
them,
or that the wild beast may break
them.

¹⁶She is hardened against her young
ones, as though they were not hers;
her labor is in vain without fear;

¹⁷because God has caused her to forget
wisdom,
neither has He given her understand-
ing.

¹⁸When the time comes she lifts herself
up on high;
she scorns the horse and its rider.

¹⁹Have you given the horse strength?
Have you clothed his neck with
strength?

²⁰Can you make him afraid like a grass-
hopper?
The glory of his nostrils is fearful.

²¹He paws in the valley, and rejoices in
his strength;
he goes on to meet the armed men.

²²He mocks at fear, and is not fright-
ened;
neither does he turn back from the
sword.

²³The quiver rattles against him,
the glittering spear and the shield.

²⁴He swallows the ground with fierce-
ness and rage;
neither does he stand still at the
sound of the trumpet.

²⁵He says among the trumpets, ha, ha!
And he smells the battle afar off,
the thunder of the captains, and the
shouting.

²⁶Does the hawk fly by your wisdom,
and stretch her wings toward the
south?

²⁷Does the eagle mount up at your
command

and make her nest on high?

²⁸She lives and stays on the rock,
upon the crag of the rock and the
strong place.

²⁹From there she seeks the prey,
and her eyes see afar off.

³⁰Her young ones also suck up blood;
and where the dead are, there she is.

CHAPTER 40

¹Moreover the LORD answered Job
and said,

²Shall he who contends with the Al-
mighty teach Him?
He who reproves God, let him answer
it.

³Then Job answered the LORD and
said,

⁴Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer
Thee?

I will lay my hand upon my mouth.

⁵Once I have spoken; but I will not
answer;
yea, twice, but I will go no further.

⁶Then the LORD answered Job out
of the whirlwind, and said,

⁷Gird up your loins now like a man;
and I will ask of you, and you shall
tell Me.

⁸Will you also set aside My judgment?
Will you condemn Me so that you
may be righteous?

⁹Have you an arm like God?
Or can you thunder with a voice like
Him?

¹⁰Adorn yourself now with majesty and
honor;
and dress yourself with glory and
beauty.

¹¹Cast abroad the rage of your wrath;
and behold everyone who is proud,
and humble him.

¹²Look on everyone who is proud, and
bring him low;
and tread down the wicked in their
place.

¹³Hide them in the dust together;
and bind their faces in secret.

- ¹⁴Then I also will confess unto you
that your own right hand can save
you.
- ¹⁵Behold now the bē'-hě-mōth,
which I made along with you;
he eats grass like an ox.
- ¹⁶Lo, now, his strength is in his loins,
and his force is in the navel of his
belly.
- ¹⁷He moves his tail like a cedar;
the sinews of his thighs are knit to-
gether.
- ¹⁸His bones are like strong pieces of
brass;
his bones are like bars of iron.
- ¹⁹He is the first of the ways of God;
He who made him has given him his
sword.
- ²⁰Surely the mountains bring forth food
for him,
where all the beasts of the field play.
- ²¹He lies under the shady trees,
in the hiding place of the reed and
mire.
- ²²The shady trees cover him with their
shadow;
the willows of the brooks are around
him.
- ²³Behold, though a river floods over, he
does not tremble;
he feels safe even if Jordan swells up
to his mouth.
- ²⁴Shall any take him before his eyes,
or pierce through his nose with
cords?
- ⁶Shall the companions make a banquet
of him?
Shall they divide him among the
merchants?
- ⁷Can you fill his skin with barbed irons,
or his head with fish spears?
- ⁸Lay your hand upon him,
think of the battle, you will never do
it again.
- ⁹Behold, the hope of him is in vain;
shall not one be cast down even at
the sight of him?
- ¹⁰None is so fierce as to dare to stir him
up;
who then is able to stand before
Me?
- ¹¹Who has gone before Me, that I
should repay him?
Whatever is under the whole heaven
is Mine.
- ¹²I will not keep silent concerning his
limbs,
or his mighty strength, or his goodly
frame.
- ¹³Who can uncover the face of his
clothing,
or who can come to him with his
double bridle?
- ¹⁴Who can open the doors to his face?
His teeth are fearful all around.
- ¹⁵His scales are his pride,
shut up together with a close seal.
- ¹⁶One is so near to another
that no air can come between them.
- ¹⁷They are joined one to another,
they stick together so that they can-
not be separated.
- ¹⁸By his sneezings a light shines,
and his eyes are like the eyelids of
the morning.
- ¹⁹Out of his mouth go burning lamps,
and sparks of fire leap out.
- ²⁰Out of his nostrils goes smoke,
as out of a boiling pot and burning
reeds.
- ²¹His breast kindles coals,
and a flame goes out of his mouth.
- ²²In his neck remains strength,
and sorrow dances before him.
- ²³The flakes of his flesh are joined to-
gether;
they are firm upon him; they cannot
be moved.

CHAPTER 41

- ¹Can you draw out the lē-vī'ā-thān
with a hook?
or his tongue with a cord which you
let down?
- ²Can you put a hook into his nose,
or bore his jaw through with a thorn?
- ³Will he make many cries unto you?
Will he speak soft words to you?
- ⁴Will he make a covenant with you?
Will you take him for a servant for-
ever?
- ⁵Will you play with him as with a bird?
Or will you bind him for your
maidens?

- ²⁴His heart is as firm as a stone,
yes, as hard as a piece of the lower
millstone.
- ²⁵When he raises himself up, the mighty
are afraid;
because of terrors they are beside
themselves.
- ²⁶If one lay at him with the sword, it
will not hold;
the spear, the dart, nor the javelin.
- ²⁷He counts iron as straw,
and brass as rotten wood.
- ²⁸The arrow cannot make him flee;
slingstones are turned by him into
stubble.
- ²⁹Darts are counted as stubble;
he laughs at the shaking of a spear.
- ³⁰Sharp stones are under him;
he spreads sharp-pointed things upon
the mire.
- ³¹He makes the deep boil like a pot;
he makes the sea like a pot of oint-
ment.
- ³²He makes a path to shine after him;
one would think the deep to be gray-
headed.
- ³³Upon earth there is nothing like him,
who is made to be fearless.
- ³⁴He beholds all high things;

He is a king over all the children of
pride.

CHAPTER 42

- ¹Then Job answered the LORD and
said,
- ²I know that Thou canst do everything,
and that no thought can be withheld
from Thee.
- ³Who is he who hides counsel without
knowledge?
Therefore I have spoken what I did
not understand;
things too wonderful for me, which
I did not know.
- ⁴Hear, I beseech Thee, and I will
speak;
I will ask of Thee, and declare Thou
unto me.
- ⁵I have heard of Thee by the hearing of
the ear;
but now my eye sees Thee.
- ⁶Therefore I despise myself,
and repent in dust and ashes.
- ⁷And after the LORD had spoken
these words unto Job, the LORD said to
Ē-lī'-phāz the Tē'-mān-ite,

My wrath is kindled against you and against your two friends. For you have not spoken of Me what is right, as My servant Job has. ⁸Therefore now take to yourselves seven bulls and seven rams, and go to My servant Job, and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering. And My servant Job will pray for you — for I will accept him — so that I may not deal with you *according to your* foolishness, in that you have not spoken of Me what is right, like My servant Job. ⁹So Ē-lī'-phāz the Tē'-mān-ite, and Bil'-dād the Shū'-hīte, and Zō'-phār the Nā-ām'-ā-thīte, went. And *they* did according as the LORD commanded them. The LORD also accepted the face of Job. ¹⁰And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends. Also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. ¹¹Then there came unto him all his brothers, and all his sisters, and all those who had known him before. And *they* ate bread with him in his house. And they sympathized with him and comforted him over all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him. Every man also gave him a piece of money, and everyone an earring of gold. ¹²So the LORD blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning. For he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she asses. ¹³He also had seven sons and three daughters. ¹⁴And he called the name of the first Jē-mī'-mā; and

the name of the second Kě-zī'-ă; and the name of the third Kěr-ěn-hăp'-pŭch. ¹⁵And in all the land there were no women found so beautiful as the daughters of Job. And their father gave them inheritance among their brothers. ¹⁶After this Job lived a hundred and forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons' sons, *even* four generations. ¹⁷So Job died, being old and full of days.

The Book of PSALMS

PSALM 1

- ¹Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful.
²But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in His law he meditates day and night.
³And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water that brings forth its fruit in its season; his leaf also shall not wither, and whatever he does shall be blessed.

- ⁴The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away.
⁵Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
⁶For the LORD knows the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

PSALM 2

- ¹Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?
²The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers plot together, against the LORD and against His anointed, saying,
³Let us break their bands in two and cast away their cords from us.
⁴He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the LORD shall laugh at them.
⁵Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and trouble them in His great wrath.
⁶Yet have I set My king upon My holy hill of Zion.
⁷I will declare the decree; the LORD has said unto Me, Thou art My Son; this day I have begotten Thee.
⁸Ask of Me, and I shall give the heathen for Thy inheritance,

and the uttermost parts of the earth for Thy possession.

- ⁹Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.
¹⁰Therefore be now wise, O you kings; be instructed, you judges of the earth.
¹¹Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling.
¹²Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled in but a little time.

Blessed are all who put their trust in Him.

PSALM 3

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son.

- ¹LORD, O how those who trouble me have increased!
Many are the ones who rise up against me.
²Many *there are* who say of my soul, *There is no help for him in God.*
Sē'-lāh.
³But Thou, O LORD, art a shield for me;
my glory, the One who lifts up my head.
⁴I cried unto the LORD with my voice, and He heard me out of His holy hill.
Sē'-lāh.
⁵I have lain down and slept;
I have awakened; for the LORD kept me.
⁶I am not afraid of ten thousands of people
who have set *themselves* against me round about.
⁷Arise, O LORD;
save me, O my God;
for Thou hast stricken all my enemies on the cheek.

Thou hast broken the teeth of the
ungodly.

⁸Salvation *belongs* to the LORD;
Thy blessing is upon Thy people.
Sē'-lāh.

PSALM 4

To the chief musician upon Neginoth, A Psalm
of David.

¹Hear me when I call, O God of my
righteousness;
Thou hast enlarged me *when I was*
in trouble;
have mercy upon me, and hear my
prayer.

²O sons of men, how long *will you turn*
my glory into shame?
How long will you love vanity *and*
seek after a lie?
Sē'-lāh.

³But know that the LORD has set apart
him who is godly for Himself.
The LORD hears when I call unto
Him.

⁴Tremble, and sin not;
speak within your own heart upon
your bed and be still.
Sē'-lāh.

⁵Offer the sacrifices of righteousness,
and put your trust in the LORD.

⁶There are many who say, Who will
show us *any* good?
LORD, lift Thou up the light of Thy
face upon us.

⁷Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
more than in the time *that* their grain
and their wine increased.

⁸I will lie down, both in peace and in
sleep.
For Thou, LORD, alone dost make
me dwell in safety.

PSALM 5

To the chief musician upon Nehiloth, A Psalm
of David.

¹Give ear to my words, O LORD;
hear my groanings.

²Listen to the voice of my cry,
my King and my God;
for unto Thee I will pray.

³My voice Thou shalt hear in the morn-
ing, O LORD;
in the morning I will direct *my*
prayer unto Thee, and will look up.

⁴For Thou art not a God that hast
pleasure in wickedness;
neither shall evil dwell with Thee.

⁵The foolish shall not stand in Thy
sight;
Thou dost hate all doers of evil.

⁶Thou shalt destroy those who speak
lies;
the LORD will despise the bloody
and deceitful man.

⁷But as for me, I will come *into* Thy
house
in the multitude of Thy mercy;
and in Thy fear I will worship
toward Thy holy temple.

⁸Lead me, O LORD, in Thy righteous-
ness
because of my enemies;
make Thy way straight before my
face.

⁹For *there is* no faithfulness in their
mouth;
their inward part is very wickedness;
their throat is an open grave;
they flatter with their tongue.

¹⁰Hold them guilty, O God;
let them fall by their own counsels;
cast them out in the multitude of
their transgressions,
for they have rebelled against Thee.

¹¹But let all who put their trust in Thee
rejoice;
let them always shout for joy,
because Thou dost defend them.
And let those who love Thy name be
joyful in Thee.

¹²For Thou, LORD, wilt bless the
righteous;
with favor Thou wilt circle him as
with a shield.

PSALM 6

To the chief musician on Neginoth upon Sheminih, A Psalm of David.

- ¹O LORD, rebuke me not in Thy anger,
nor chasten me in the heat of Thy
fury.
²Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for I
am weak;
O LORD, heal me, for my bones are
troubled.
³My soul also is exceedingly troubled;
but Thou, O LORD, how long?
⁴Return, O LORD, deliver my soul;
O save me for Thy mercies' sake.
⁵For in death there is no memory of
Thee;
in the grave who shall give Thee
thanks?
⁶I am weary with my groaning;
all the night I make my bed swim;
I water my bed with my tears.
⁷My eye is aging because of grief;
it becomes old because of all my
enemies.
⁸Depart from me, all you workers of
iniquity;
for the LORD has heard the voice of
my weeping.
⁹The LORD has heard my cry;
the LORD will receive my prayer.
¹⁰Let all my enemies be ashamed and
exceedingly troubled;
let them turn back *and* be ashamed
in a moment.

PSALM 7

A Shiggaion of David, which he sang unto the LORD, concerning the words of Cush the Benjamite.

- ¹O LORD my God, in Thee do I put
my trust;
save me from all who pursue me, and
deliver me,
²lest he tear my soul like a lion,
tearing it in pieces while *there* is no
one to deliver.
³O LORD my God, if I have done this;
if there is iniquity in my hands;

⁴if I have rewarded evil unto him who
was at peace with me
(yea, I have delivered him who is
my enemy without cause) —
⁵let the enemy persecute my soul and
take it;
yea, let him trample down my life
upon the earth
and lay my honor in the dust.
Sē'-lāh.

- ⁶Arise, O LORD, in Thy anger;
lift up Thyself because of the rage
of my enemies,
and awake for me *to* the judgment
which Thou hast commanded.
⁷So shall the congregation of the peo-
ple gather about Thee;
for their sakes therefore return Thou
on high.
⁸The LORD shall judge the people;
judge me, O LORD, according to my
righteousness,
and according to my purity that is
in me.
⁹O let the wickedness of the wicked
come to an end,
but establish the just.
For the righteous God
tries the minds and hearts.
¹⁰My defense is from God,
who saves the upright in heart.
¹¹God judges the righteous,
and God is angry *with the wicked*
every day.

- ¹²If he does not turn,
He will whet His sword;
He has bent His bow
and made it ready.
¹³Yes, He has prepared for him the
instruments of death;
He has made His arrows against the
hot pursuers.
¹⁴Behold, he labors in pain with in-
iquity,
and has conceived mischief,
and has brought forth falsehood.
¹⁵He dug a pit,
and has fallen into the ditch *which*
he made.

- ¹⁶His mischief shall return upon his own head,
and his violent dealings shall come upon his own head.
- ¹⁷I will praise the LORD according to His righteousness,
and will sing praise to the name of the LORD most high.

PSALM 8

To the chief musician upon Gittith. A Psalm of David.

- ¹O LORD our Lord,
how excellent is Thy name in all the earth! —
who has set Thy glory above the heavens.
- ²Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings
Thou hast ordained strength because of Thy enemies,
that Thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.
- ³When I look at Thy heavens, the work of Thy fingers,
the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained —
- ⁴what is man that Thou art mindful of him?
and the son of man, that Thou dost visit him?
- ⁵For Thou hast made him a little lower than the angels,
and hast crowned him with glory and honor.
- ⁶Thou didst make him rule over the works of Thy hands;
Thou hast put all things under his feet —
- ⁷all sheep and oxen,
yes, and the beasts of the field;
- ⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
and whatever passes through the paths of the seas.
- ⁹O LORD, our Lord,
how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!

PSALM 9

To the chief musician upon Muth-labben, A Psalm of David.

- ¹I will praise *Thee*, O LORD,
with my whole heart;
I will show forth all Thy marvelous works.
- ²I will be glad and rejoice in Thee,
I will sing praise to Thy name, O Thou most high.
- ³When my enemies have turned back,
they shall fall and perish at Thy presence.
- ⁴For Thou hast maintained my right and my cause;
Thou didst sit in the throne judging right.
- ⁵Thou hast rebuked the heathen, Thou hast destroyed the wicked,
Thou hast put out their name forever and ever.
- ⁶O enemy, wastes have come to an end forever,
and as to the cities you have destroyed,
their memorial has perished with them.
- ⁷But the LORD shall endure forever;
He has prepared His throne for judgment.
- ⁸And He shall judge the world in righteousness;
He shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness.
- ⁹The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed,
a refuge in times of trouble.
- ¹⁰And those who know Thy name will put their trust in Thee;
for Thou, LORD, hast not forsaken those who seek Thee.
- ¹¹Sing praises to the LORD, who dwells in Zion;
declare among the people His doings.
- ¹²When he who seeks for blood remembers them,
He forgets not the cry of the humble.

¹³Have mercy upon me, O LORD;
see my trouble from those who hate
me,
Thou who dost lift me up from the
gates of death —
¹⁴so that I may show forth all Thy praise
in the gates of the daughter of Zion;
I will rejoice in Thy salvation.

¹⁵The heathen have sunk down in the
pit *that* they made;
in the net which they hid, their own
foot is taken.

¹⁶The LORD is known by the judgment
which He executes;
the wicked is snared in the work of
his own hands.

Hīg-gai'-'ōn. Sē'-lāh.

¹⁷The wicked shall be turned into hell,
and all the nations that forget God.

¹⁸For the needy shall not always be for-
gotten;
the hope of the poor shall *not* perish
forever.

¹⁹Arise, O LORD; let not man be strong.
Let the nations be judged in Thy
sight.

²⁰Put them in fear, O LORD,
so that the nations may know them-
selves to be but men.

Sē'-lāh.

PSALM 10

¹Why dost Thou stand afar off, O
LORD?

Why dost Thou hide in times of
trouble?

²The wicked in *his* pride persecutes the
poor;
let them be taken in the plans that
they have imagined.

³For the wicked boasts of his heart's
desire,
and blesses the covetous whom the
LORD despises.

⁴The wicked, through the pride of his
face, will not seek *Him*;
all his thoughts are, There is no God!

⁵His ways are always grievous;
Thy judgments are far above, out of
his sight.

As *for* all his enemies, he puffs at
them.

⁶He has said in his heart, I shall not be
moved!

From generation to generation, I shall
not be in evil.

⁷His mouth is full of cursing and deceit
and fraud;
under his tongue are mischief and
vanity.

⁸He sits in the hiding-places of the
villages;
in the secret places he murders the
innocent.

His eyes are secretly set against the
poor.

⁹He lies in wait secretly, like a lion in
his den.

He lies in wait to catch the poor;
he catches the poor when he draws
him into his net.

¹⁰He crouches *and* humbles himself so
that the poor may fall by his might.

¹¹He has said in his heart, God has
forgotten;
He hides His face; He will never see!

¹²Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up Thy
hand;
forget not the humble.

¹³Why does the wicked condemn God?
He has said in his heart, Thou wilt
not judge.

¹⁴Thou hast seen *it*; for Thou beholdest
mischief and spite,
to repay *it* with Thy hand.
The poor commits himself to Thee;
Thou art the Helper of the fatherless.

¹⁵Break Thou the arm of the wicked
and the evil one;
seek out his wickedness, *until* Thou
dost find none.

¹⁶The LORD is King forever and ever;
the heathen have perished out of His
land.

¹⁷LORD, Thou hast heard the desire of the humble;
 Thou wilt prepare their heart,
 Thou wilt cause Thy ear to hear,
¹⁸to judge the fatherless and the oppressed,
 so that the man of the earth may no more terrify.

PSALM 11

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

¹I put my trust in the LORD;
 how can you say to me,
 Flee like a bird to the mountains;
²for lo, the wicked bend *their* bow,
 they make ready their arrow upon the string,
 so that they may secretly shoot at the upright in heart.
³If the foundations are destroyed,
 what can the righteous do?
⁴The LORD is in His holy temple;
 the LORD's throne is in Heaven;
 His eyes behold, His eyelids try the children of men.
⁵The LORD tries the righteous;
 but His soul hates the wicked
 and the one who loves violence,
⁶Upon the wicked He shall rain snares,
 fire and brimstone;
 and a horrible tempest shall be the portion of their cup.
⁷For the righteous LORD loves righteousness;
 His face looks upon the upright.

PSALM 12

To the chief musician upon Sheminith, A Psalm of David.

¹Help, LORD, for the godly man ceases;
 for the faithful fail from among the children of men.
²They speak vanity each one with his neighbor;
 with flattering lips *and* with a double heart they speak.
³The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips

and the tongue that speaks proud things,
⁴that has said, With our tongue we shall do much;
 our lips are our own; who is lord over us?

⁵For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy,
 I will now arise, says the LORD.
 I will set in safety *him* at whom they puff.
⁶The words of the LORD are pure words,
 like silver tried in a furnace of earth,
 purified seven times.
⁷Thou shalt keep them, O LORD,
 Thou shalt preserve them from this generation forever.
⁸The wicked walk on every side,
 when evil is praised by the sons of men.

PSALM 13

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

¹How long wilt Thou forget me, O LORD? Forever?
 How long wilt Thou hide Thy face from me?
²How long shall I take counsel in my heart,
 having sorrow in my heart daily?
 How long shall my enemy be lifted up over me?
³Look upon me *and* hear, O LORD my God;
 enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the *sleep of death*,
⁴lest my enemy say, I have overcome him,
and lest those who trouble me rejoice when I am moved.

⁵But I have trusted in Thy mercy;
 my heart shall rejoice in Thy salvation.
⁶I will sing unto the LORD,
 because He has dealt bountifully with me.

PSALM 14

To the chief musician, A *Psalms* of David.

¹The fool has said in his heart, *There is no God!*

They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, *there is none who does good.*

²The LORD looked down from Heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any who understood *and sought God.*

³They have all gone aside, they have *all together become filthy; there is none who does good, no, not one.*

⁴Do all the workers of iniquity have no knowledge?
Those who are eating up my people *act as if they have eaten bread, and do not call upon the LORD.*

⁵There they were in great fear; for God is in the generation of the righteous.

⁶You have shamed the counsel of the poor, because the LORD is his refuge.

⁷O that the salvation of Israel *had come out of Zion!*
When the LORD brings back the captivity of His people, Jacob shall rejoice, *and Israel shall be glad.*

PSALM 15

A *Psalms* of David.

¹LORD, who shall dwell in Thy tabernacle?

Who shall dwell on Thy holy hill?

²He who walks uprightly, and works righteousness, and speaks the truth in his heart;

³who does not backbite with his tongue, nor do evil to his neighbor,

nor take up a reproach against his neighbor;

⁴in whose eyes the reprobate is despised,

but he honors those who fear the LORD;

he has sworn to suffer loss, and does not change;

⁵he has not put out his money at interest,

nor has he taken a bribe against the innocent.

He who does these *things* shall not be moved forever.

PSALM 16

A secret treasure of David.

¹Watch over me, O God; for in Thee do I put my trust.

²I have said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord;

I have no goodness but in Thee.

³As to the saints who are in the earth, they are the excellent in whom is all my delight.

⁴The sorrows of those *who hasten after another god* shall be multiplied; their drink offerings of blood I will not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.

⁵The LORD is the portion of my inheritance, and of my cup; Thou dost uphold my lot.

⁶The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yea, I have a beautiful inheritance.

⁷I will bless the LORD, who has given me wisdom; my heart also instructs me in the night seasons.

⁸I have set the LORD always before Me; because *He is* at My right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹Therefore My heart is glad, and My soul rejoices; My flesh also shall rest in hope;

¹⁰For Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell;
neither wilt Thou allow Thy Holy One to see corruption.

¹¹Thou wilt show me the ways of life; in Thy presence is fullness of joy.
At Thy right hand are pleasures forevermore.

PSALM 17

A Prayer of David.

¹Hear the right, O LORD;
listen to my cry;
Give ear unto my prayer from lips without deceit.

²Let my sentence come forth from Thy presence;
let Thy eyes behold the things that are right.

³Thou hast proved my heart; Thou hast visited *me* in the night;
Thou hast tried me, *and* shalt find nothing,
my mouth does not go beyond my thoughts.

⁴Concerning the works of men, by the words of Thy lips,
I am kept *from* the paths of the destroyer.

⁵Hold up my steps in Thy paths,
so that my footsteps do not slip.

⁶I have called upon Thee, for Thou wilt hear me, O God;
bow down Thy ear unto me; *hear* my speech.

⁷Show Thy marvelous loving-kindness, O Thou who dost save those who put their trust in Thee,
by Thy right hand from those who rise up *against them*.

⁸Keep me as the apple of the eye;
hide me under the shadow of Thy wings

⁹from the wicked who stripped me.
My deadly enemies go all around me.

¹⁰They are enclosed in their own fat;
with their mouth they speak proudly,

¹¹Our steps have now hemmed him in.

They have set their eyes bowing down to the earth,

¹²like a lion *who* is greedy for his prey,
and like a young lion lurking in secret places.

¹³Arise, O LORD, disappoint him, cast him down;
deliver my soul from the wicked *by* Thy sword —

¹⁴from men *by* Thy hand, O LORD,
from men of the world whose portion is in *this* life,
and whose belly Thou dost fill with Thy treasure.

They are full of children,
and leave the rest of their *riches* to their babes.

¹⁵As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness;
when I awake, I shall be satisfied with Thy image.

PSALM 18

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David, the servant of the LORD, who spoke to the LORD the words of this song in the day that the LORD delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul; and he said,

¹I love Thee, O LORD, my strength.

²The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer;
my God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.

³I will call upon the LORD, *who is worthy* to be praised;
so shall I be saved from my enemies.

⁴The sorrows of death hemmed me in,
and the floods of ungodly men made me afraid.

⁵The sorrows of hell were all around me;
the snares of death were in front of me.

⁶In my distress I called upon the LORD,
and cried unto my God;

- He heard my voice out of His temple,
and my cry came before Him, into
His ears.
- ⁷Then the earth shook and trembled;
and the foundations of the hills
moved
and were shaken, because He was
angry.
- ⁸There went up a smoke out of His
nostrils,
and fire out of His mouth devoured;
coals were kindled by it.
- ⁹He also bowed the heavens, and came
down;
and darkness was under His feet.
- ¹⁰And He rode upon a cherub, and did
fly;
yea, He did fly upon the wings of
the wind.
- ¹¹He made darkness His secret place;
His tabernacle around Him was of
the dark waters
and thick clouds of the skies.
- ¹²At the brightness before Him,
hailstones and coals of fire
passed through His thick clouds.
- ¹³The LORD also thundered in the
heavens,
and the Highest gave forth His voice;
hailstones and coals of fire.
- ¹⁴Yea, He sent out His arrows and scat-
tered them;
and He shot out lightnings and
crushed them.
- ¹⁵Then the channels of waters were
seen,
and the foundations of the world
were uncovered,
at Thy rebuke, O LORD,
at the blast of the breath of Thy
nostrils.
- ¹⁶He sent from above, He took me,
He drew me out of many waters.
- ¹⁷He delivered me from my strong
enemy,
and from those who hated me;
for they were too strong for me.
- ¹⁸They went before me in the day of
my calamity;
but the LORD was my stay.
- ¹⁹He brought me forth also into a large
place;
He delivered me because He de-
lighted in me.
- ²⁰The LORD rewarded me according
to my righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my
hands He has repaid me.
- ²¹For I have kept the ways of the
LORD,
and have not wickedly departed
from my God.
- ²²For all His judgments were before
me,
and I did not put away His statutes
from me.
- ²³I was also upright before Him,
and I kept myself from my iniquity.
- ²⁴Therefore the LORD has returned to
me according to my righteousness,
according to the cleanness of my
hands in His eyes.
- ²⁵With the merciful Thou wilt show
Thyself merciful;
with an upright man Thou wilt show
Thyself upright;
- ²⁶with the pure Thou wilt show Thyself
pure;
and with the perverse Thou wilt
show Thyself perverse.
- ²⁷For Thou wilt save the afflicted
people,
but wilt bring down high looks.
- ²⁸For Thou wilt light my candle;
the LORD my God will make my
darkness light.
- ²⁹For by Thee I have run through a
troop;
and by my God I have leaped over a
wall.
- ³⁰As for God, His way is perfect;
the word of the LORD is tried;
He is a shield to all those who trust
in Him.
- ³¹For who is God besides Jehovah?
Or, who is a Rock except our God?
- ³²the God who girds me with strength,
and makes my way perfect.
- ³³He makes my feet like hinds' feet,
and sets me upon my high places.
- ³⁴He teaches my hands to war,

so that a bow of steel is bent by my arms.
³⁵Thou hast also given me the shield of Thy salvation;
 and Thy right hand has held me up,
 and Thy gentleness has made me great.
³⁶Thou hast given a wide place for my steps under me,
 so that my feet did not slip.
³⁷I have pursued my enemies and overtaken them;
 neither did I turn again until they were destroyed.
³⁸I have wounded them so that they were not able to rise;
 they have fallen under my feet.
³⁹For Thou hast girded me with strength for the battle;
 Thou hast humbled under me those who rose up against me.
⁴⁰Thou hast also given me the neck of my enemies;
 so that I might destroy those who hate me.
⁴¹They cried, but *there was* none to save;
even unto the LORD, but He did not answer them.
⁴²Then I beat them small as the dust before the wind;
 I cast them out like the dirt in the streets.
⁴³Thou hast delivered me from the strivings of the people;
 Thou hast made me the head of the heathen;
 a people *whom* I have not known shall serve me.
⁴⁴As soon as they hear of me, they shall obey me;
 the strangers shall bow down to me.
⁴⁵The strangers shall fade away,
 and be afraid out of their strongholds.
⁴⁶The LORD lives; and blessed be my rock,
 and let the God of my salvation be praised.
⁴⁷*It is* God who avenges me,
 and humbles the people under me.
⁴⁸He delivers me from my enemies;

yea, Thou dost lift me up above those who rise up against me;
 Thou hast delivered me from the violent man.

⁴⁹Therefore I will give thanks to Thee, O LORD, among the heathen,
 and sing praises unto Thy name.

⁵⁰He gives great deliverance unto His king,
 and shows mercy to His anointed,
 to David, and to his seed forevermore.

PSALM 19

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

¹The heavens declare the glory of God;
 and the expanse shows His handiwork.

²Day to day pours forth speech,
 and night to night reveals knowledge.

³*There is* no speech nor language when their voice is not heard.

⁴Their line has gone out through all the earth,
 and their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

⁵which comes forth like a bridegroom leaving his chamber,
 and which rejoices as a strong man to run a race.

⁶Its going forth is from the end of the heavens,
 and its course is to their ends.
 And there is nothing hid from its heat.

⁷The law of the LORD is perfect,
 converting the soul;
 the testimony of the LORD is sure,
 making the simple wise.

⁸The statutes of the LORD are right,
 rejoicing the heart;
 the commandment of the LORD is pure,
 giving light to the eyes.

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
 the judgments of the LORD are true
 and righteous altogether.

¹⁰*They are* more to be desired than gold,
even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey
and the honeycomb.

¹¹Moreover Thy servant is warned by them;
in keeping them *there is* great reward.

¹²Who can understand *his* errors?
O make me pure from secret *faults*;

¹³and keep Thy servant back from will-
ful sins;
do not let them rule over me;
then I shall be upright,
and I shall be innocent from the great
transgression.

¹⁴Let the words of my mouth and the
meditation of my heart
be pleasing in Thy sight,
O LORD, my Rock and my Re-
deemer.

PSALM 20

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

¹*May* the LORD hear you in the day of
trouble;
may the name of the God of Jacob
defend you;

²send you help from the sanctuary,
and uphold you out of Zion;

³remember all your offerings,
and accept your burnt sacrifice.
Sē'-lāh.

⁴*May the LORD* grant you according
to your own heart,
and fulfill all your plans.

⁵We will rejoice in Thy salvation,
and in the name of our God we will
set up banners;
may the LORD fulfill all your
prayers.

⁶Now I know that the LORD saves His
anointed;
He will hear him from His holy
Heaven
with the saving strength of His right
hand.

⁷Some *trust* in chariots, and some in
horses;

but we will remember the name of
the LORD our God.

⁸They have bowed down and fallen;
but we have risen and stand upright.

⁹Save, LORD;
let the King hear us when we call.

PSALM 21

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

¹The king shall rejoice in Thy strength,
O LORD;
and in Thy salvation how greatly
shall he rejoice!

²Thou hast given him his heart's desire,
and hast not withheld the prayer of
his lips.

Sē'-lāh.

³For Thou dost go before him with the
blessings of goodness;
Thou dost set a crown of pure gold
on his head.

⁴He asked life from Thee; Thou didst
give it to him,
length of days forever and ever.

⁵His glory is great in Thy salvation;
honor and majesty Thou hast laid
upon him.

⁶For Thou hast made him most blessed
forever;
Thou hast made him exceeding glad
with Thy *holy* face.

⁷For the king trusts in the LORD,
and through the mercy of the Most
High he shall not be moved.

⁸Thy hand shall find out all Thy en-
emies;
Thy right hand shall find out those
who hate Thee.

⁹Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven
in the time of Thy anger;
The LORD will swallow them up in
His wrath,
and the fire shall devour them.

¹⁰Their fruit shalt Thou destroy from
the earth,
and their seed from among the chil-
dren of men.

¹¹For they intended evil against Thee;

they imagined a wicked thing, *which* they are not able *to do*.

¹²For Thou shalt make them turn their back;

Thou shalt make ready *Thy arrows* upon Thy strings against their face.

¹³Be Thou exalted, LORD, in Thy own strength;

so we will sing and praise Thy power.

PSALM 22

To the chief musician upon Aijeleth Shahar, A Psalm of David.

¹My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me,

and art far from my help at the words of my cry?

²O my God, I cry in the daytime, but Thou hearest not;

and in the night time, and am not silent.

³But Thou art holy, O *Thou* who art enthroned on the praises of Israel.

⁴Our fathers trusted in Thee; they trusted, and Thou didst deliver them.

⁵They cried unto Thee, and were delivered;

they trusted in Thee, and were not ashamed.

⁶But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men, and despised by all the people.

⁷All who see me laugh me to scorn; they shoot out the lip; they shake the head, *saying*,

⁸He trusted in the LORD *that* He would deliver him;

let Him deliver him, since He delighted in him!

⁹For Thou art He who took me out of the womb;

Thou didst make me hope *when I was* upon my mother's breasts.

¹⁰I was cast upon Thee from the womb; Thou art my God from my mother's belly.

¹¹Be not far from me;

for trouble is near, for *there* is none to help.

¹²Many bulls have circled around me; strong bulls of Bā'-shān have hemmed me in all around.

¹³They opened wide their mouths upon me, *like* a ripping and a roaring lion.

¹⁴I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint;

my heart is like wax;

it is melted in the midst of my bowels.

¹⁵My strength is dried up like a piece of pottery,

and my tongue clings to my jaws;

and Thou hast brought me into the dust of death.

¹⁶For dogs have circled around me; the gathering of the wicked have hemmed me in;

they pierced my hands and my feet.

¹⁷I can count all my bones;

they look *and* stare at me.

¹⁸They divide my garments among them

and cast lots for my clothing.

¹⁹But do not be far from me, O LORD; O my strength, hurry to help me!

²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword my darling from the power of the dog.

²¹Save me from the lion's mouth; for Thou hast heard me from the horns of the wild oxen.

²²I will declare Thy name to my brothers;

in the midst of the congregation I will praise Thee.

²³You who fear the LORD, praise Him; all of you, the seed of Jacob, glorify Him;

and fear Him, all of you, the seed of Israel.

²⁴For He has not despised nor hated the affliction of the afflicted;

neither has He hidden His face from him;

but when he cried unto Him, He heard.

²⁵My praise shall be of Thee in the great congregation;

I will pay my vows before them who fear Him.

²⁶The meek shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek the LORD shall praise Him; your heart shall live forever.

²⁷All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before Thee.

²⁸For the kingdom is the LORD's; and He is the ruler among the nations.

²⁹All *those who are* fat upon the earth shall eat and worship; all those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him; and none can keep alive his own soul.

³⁰A seed shall serve him; it shall be spoken of the LORD to the *coming* generation.

³¹They shall come, and shall declare His righteousness to a people that shall be born, that He has done *this*.

PSALM 23

A Psalm of David.

¹The LORD is my Shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me to lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside the still waters.

³He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table for me in the presence of my enemies; Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runs over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

PSALM 24

A Psalm of David.

¹The earth is the LORD's, and the fullness of it; the world, and those who dwell in it.

²For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

³Who shall go up into the hill of the LORD?

Or who shall stand in His holy place?

⁴He who has clean hands and a pure heart;

who has not lifted up his soul unto vanity, and has not sworn deceitfully.

⁵He shall receive the blessing from the LORD, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

⁶This is the generation of those who seek Him, who seek Thy face, O God of Jacob. Sē'-lāh.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

⁸Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; even lift up, you everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Sē'-lāh.

PSALM 25

A Psalm of David.

¹Unto Thee, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

²O my God, I trust in Thee; do not let me be ashamed,

let not my enemies triumph over me.
 3Yea, let none who wait upon Thee be
 ashamed;
 let them be ashamed who sin without
 cause.

4Show me Thy ways, O LORD;
 teach me Thy paths.

5Lead me in Thy truth, and teach me;
 for Thou art the God of my salvation;
 on Thee I wait all the day long.

6Remember, O LORD, Thy tender mercies
 and Thy loving-kindnesses;
 for they have been forever and ever.

7Do not remember the sins of my youth,
 or my rebellings;
 according to Thy mercy remember
 me
 for Thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

8Good and upright is the LORD;
 therefore He will teach sinners in
 the way.

9The meek He will guide in judgment;
 and the meek He will teach His way.

10All the paths of the LORD are mercy
 and truth
 unto those who keep His covenant
 and His testimonies.

11For Thy name's sake, O LORD,
 pardon my iniquity; for it is great.

12What man is he who fears the LORD?
 He shall teach him in the way that he
 shall choose.

13His soul shall dwell at ease;
 and his seed shall inherit the earth.

14The secret of the LORD is with those
 who fear Him;
 and He will show them His covenant.

15My eyes are ever toward the LORD;
 for He shall pluck my feet out of the
 net.

16Turn unto me, and have mercy upon
 me,
 for I am wasted and afflicted.

17The troubles of my heart are en-
 larged;
 O bring me out of my distresses.

18Look upon my affliction and my pain,
 and forgive all my sins.

19Look upon my enemies; for they are
 many;
 and they hate me with cruel hatred.

20O keep my soul, and deliver me;
 let me not be ashamed, for I put my
 trust in Thee.

21Let purity and uprightness keep me;
 for I wait upon Thee.

22Redeem Israel, O God,
 out of all his troubles.

PSALM 26

A Psalm of David.

1Judge me, O LORD;
 for I have walked in my truthfulness.
 I have trusted also in the LORD;
 I shall not slide.

2Examine me, O LORD, and prove me;
 try my heart and my mind.

3For Thy loving-kindness is before my
 eyes;
 and I have walked in Thy truth.

4I have not sat with lying men,
 neither will I go in with hypocrites.

5I have hated the congregation of evil-
 doers,
 and will not sit with the wicked.

6I will wash my hands in innocency;
 so I will go around Thy altar, O
 LORD,

7so that I may cry out with the voice of
 thanksgiving,
 and tell of all Thy wonderful works.

8LORD, I have loved the dwelling
 place of Thy house,
 and the place where Thy honor
 dwells.

9Do not take away my soul with
 sinners,

nor my life with bloody men
 10in whose hands is mischief,
 and their right hand is full of bribes.

11But as for me, I will walk in my truth-
 fulness;
 redeem me and be merciful unto me.

12My foot stands in an even place;
 in the congregations I will bless the
 LORD.

PSALM 27

A Psalm of David.

¹The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the strength of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

²When the wicked,
my enemies and my foes,
came upon me to eat my flesh,
they stumbled and fell.

³Though an army should camp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war should rise against me,
I still will have faith.

⁴One *thing* I have desired from the LORD;
that I will seek after—
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to pray in His temple.

⁵For in the time of trouble
He shall hide me in His tabernacle;
in the secret of His tabernacle He
shall hide me;
He shall set me up upon a rock.

⁶And now my head shall be lifted up
above my enemies round about me;
therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy
in His tabernacle.
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto
the LORD.

⁷Hear, O LORD, *when* I cry with my voice;
and have mercy upon me, and answer me.

⁸My heart says unto Thee, Seek my face;
Thy face, O LORD, I will seek;

⁹Hide not Thy face from me.
Turn not Thy servant away in anger;
Thou hast been my help;
leave me not, neither forsake me,
O God of my salvation.

¹⁰When my father and my mother forsake me,
then the LORD will take me up.

¹¹Teach me Thy way, O LORD,
and lead me in a plain path,
because of my enemies.

¹²Deliver me not over to the will of my enemies;
for false witnesses have risen up
against me,
and he that breathes out cruelty.

¹³*I would have fainted unless* I had believed to see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.

¹⁴Wait on the LORD;
be of good courage, and He shall make your heart strong;
wait, I say, upon the LORD.

PSALM 28

A Psalm of David.

¹I will cry unto Thee, O LORD;
my Rock, do not be deaf unto me,
lest, if Thou be silent unto me,
I become like those who go down
into the pit.

²Hear the voice of my prayers,
when I cry unto Thee,
when I lift up my hands
toward Thy Holy Place.

³Draw me not away with the wicked,
and with the workers of iniquity,
who speak peace to their neighbors,
yet evil is in their hearts.

⁴Give them according to their deeds,
and according to the wickedness of their practices,
give them according to the work of their hands;
give them what they deserve.

⁵Because they do not pay attention to the works of the LORD,
nor the work of His hands,
He shall destroy them and never build them up.

⁶Blessed be the LORD,
because He has heard the voice of
my prayers.
⁷The LORD is my strength and my
shield;
my heart trusted in Him,
and I am helped; therefore my heart
greatly rejoices;
and with my song I will praise Him.

⁸The LORD is a strength unto them,
and He is the saving strength of His
anointed.

⁹Save Thy people, and bless Thy in-
heritance;
feed them also, and lift them up for-
ever.

PSALM 29

A Psalm of David.

¹Give unto the LORD, O you mighty,
give unto the LORD glory and
strength.

²Give unto the LORD the glory due
unto His name;
worship the LORD in the beauty of
holiness.

³The voice of the LORD is upon the
waters;
the God of glory thunders;
the LORD is upon many waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is powerful,
the voice of the LORD is full of
majesty.

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the
cedars,
the LORD breaks the cedars of
Lebanon.

He also makes them to skip like a calf,
Lēb'-ā-nōn and Sir'-i-ōn like a young
wild ox.

The voice of the LORD goes through
flames of fire.

The voice of the LORD shakes the
wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of
Kā'-dēsh.

⁶The voice of the LORD makes the
hinds calve,
and uncovers the forests;
and in His temple everyone speaks
of His glory.

¹⁰The LORD sits upon the flood;
yea, the LORD sits as King forever.

¹¹The LORD will give strength to His
people;
the LORD will bless His people with
peace.

PSALM 30

A Psalm and Song at the dedication of the
house of David.

¹I will praise Thee, O LORD; for Thou
hast lifted me up,
and hast not made my foes to rejoice
over me.

²O LORD my God, I cried unto Thee,
and Thou hast healed me.

³O LORD, Thou hast brought up my
soul from the grave;
Thou hast kept me alive, so that I
should not go down to the pit.

⁴Sing unto the LORD, O you saints of
His,
and give thanks at the memory of His
holiness.

⁵For His anger is *only* a moment;
in His favor is life;
weeping may endure for a night,
but joy *comes* in the morning.

⁶And in my blessedness I said,
I shall never be moved.

⁷LORD, by Thy favor
Thou hast made my mountain to
stand strong;
Thou didst hide Thy face, *and* I was
troubled.

⁸I cried unto Thee, O LORD;
and unto the LORD I sought with
prayer.

⁹What profit is in my blood,
when I go down to the pit?
Shall the dust praise Thee?
Shall it tell of Thy truth?

¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and have mercy
upon me;
LORD; be Thou my helper.

¹¹Thou hast turned my mourning into
dancing for me;
Thou hast torn off my sackcloth,
and hast clothed me with gladness,
¹²so that *my* glory may sing praise unto
Thee, and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks
to Thee forever.

PSALM 31

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

¹In Thee, O LORD, I put my trust;
let me never be ashamed;
deliver me in Thy righteousness.
²Bow down Thy ear to me;
deliver me quickly;
be Thou my strong rock,
a fortress to save me.
³For Thou art my rock and my fortress;
therefore for Thy name's sake lead
me and guide me.
⁴Pull me out of the net that they have
laid for me,
for Thou art my strength.
⁵Into Thy hand I commit my spirit;
Thou hast redeemed me, O LORD
God of truth.
⁶I have hated those who take heed to
lying vanities;
but I trust in the LORD.
⁷I will be glad and rejoice in Thy
mercy;
for Thou hast looked on my affliction;
Thou hast known my soul in troubles;
⁸and hast not shut me up into the hand
of the enemy;
Thou hast set my feet in a broad
place.
⁹Have mercy upon me, O LORD, for
I am in trouble;
my eye has become old with grief,
my soul and my belly.
¹⁰For my life is ending with grief,
and my years with sighing;

my strength fails because of my
iniquity,
and my bones have wasted away.

¹¹I was a reproach among all my foes,
but especially among my neighbors,
and a fear to my friends;
those who saw me outside fled from
me.
¹²I am forgotten as a dead man out of
mind;
I am like a broken vessel.
¹³For I have heard the slander of many;
fear was on every side;
while they met together against me,
they planned to take away my life.

¹⁴But I trusted in Thee, O LORD;
I said, Thou art my God.
¹⁵My times are in Thy hand;
deliver me from the hand of my
enemies, and from those who
persecute me.
¹⁶Make Thy face to shine upon Thy
servant;
save me for Thy mercies' sake.
¹⁷Let me not be ashamed, O LORD;
for I have called upon Thee;
Let the wicked be ashamed;
let them be silent in the grave.
¹⁸Let the lying lips be put to silence;
the lips which speak proudly against
the righteous,
with pride and scorn.
¹⁹How great is Thy goodness,
which Thou hast laid up for those
who fear Thee;
Thou hast worked for those who trust
in Thee
before the sons of men!
²⁰Thou shalt hide them in the secret of
Thy presence
from the pride of man;
Thou shalt keep them secretly in a
hiding place
away from the strife of tongues.

²¹Blessed be the LORD;
for He has shown me His marvelous
kindness
in a strong city.
²²For I said in my haste,
I am cut off from before Thy eyes;

but Thou didst hear the voice of my
cries,
when I cried unto Thee.

- ²³O love the LORD, all you saints of
His;
for the LORD preserves the faithful,
and plentifully rewards the proud
doer.
²⁴Be of good courage, and He shall
make your heart strong,
all you who hope in the LORD.

PSALM 32

A Psalm of David, Maschil.

- ¹Blessed is *he whose* transgression is
forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
²Blessed is the man unto whom the
LORD does not charge iniquity,
and in whose spirit *there is* no guile.
³When I kept silence, my bones be-
came old
through my roaring all the day long.
⁴For day and night Thy hand was heavy
upon me;
my sap is turned into the drouth of
summer.

Sē'-lāh.

- ⁵I confessed my sin unto Thee,
and my iniquity I have not hidden.
I said, I will confess my sins unto the
LORD;
and Thou didst forgive the iniquity
of my sin.

Sē'-lāh.

- ¹For this shall everyone who is godly
pray unto Thee,
in a time when Thou mayest be
found;
surely in the floods of great waters
they shall not come near him.
Thou art my hiding place;
Thou shalt preserve me from trouble;
Thou shalt circle me with songs of
deliverance.

Sē'-lāh.

⁸I will instruct you and teach you
in the way which you shall go;
I will guide you with my eye.

⁹Be not like the horse, *or* like the mule,
who have no understanding,
whose mouth must be held in with
bit and bridle,
so that they do not come near you.

¹⁰Many sorrows shall be to the wicked;
but mercy goes all around him who
trusts in the LORD.

¹¹Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice,
you righteous;
and shout for joy, all you upright in
heart.

PSALM 33

¹Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous;
for praise is becoming for the up-
right.

²Praise the LORD with harp;
sing unto Him with the psaltery *and*
an instrument of ten strings.

³Sing to Him a new song;
play skillfully with a loud noise.

⁴For the word of the LORD is right;
and all His works are in truth.

⁵He loves righteousness and judgment;
the earth is full of the goodness of
the LORD.

⁶By the word of the LORD were the
heavens made;
and all the host of them by the
breath of His mouth.

⁷He gathers the waters of the sea to-
gether like a heap;
He puts the deeps in storehouses.

⁸Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the people of the world stand
in fear of Him.

⁹For He spoke, and it was *done*;
He commanded, and it stood forth.

¹⁰The LORD brings the counsel of the
heathen to nothing;
He breaks the plots of the people.

¹¹The counsel of the LORD stands for-
ever,

- the thoughts of His heart to all generations.
- ¹²Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD;
the people *whom* He has chosen for his own inheritance.
- ¹³The LORD looks down from Heaven; He beholds all the sons of men.
- ¹⁴From His dwelling place He looks upon all the people of the earth.
- ¹⁵He makes their hearts alike; He thinks upon all their works.
- ¹⁶There is no king saved by the multitude of an army;
a mighty man is not delivered by much strength.
- ¹⁷A horse is a vain thing for safety; neither shall he deliver by his great strength.
- ¹⁸Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear Him,
upon those who hope in His mercy;
- ¹⁹to deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
- ²⁰Our soul waits upon the LORD; He is our help and our shield.
- ²¹For our heart shall rejoice in Him, because we have trusted in His holy name.
- ²²Let Thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in Thee.
- ⁶This poor man cried, and the LORD heard,
and saved him out of all his troubles.
- ⁷The angel of the LORD camps round about those who fear Him, and delivers them.
- ⁸O taste and see that the LORD is good;
blessed is the man who trusts in Him.
- ⁹O fear the LORD, you His saints; for *there* is nothing lacking to those who fear Him.
- ¹⁰The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger;
but those who seek the LORD shall not lack any good *thing*.
- ¹¹Come, listen to me, you children; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- ¹²Who is the man *that* desires life, and loves days, that he may see good in them?
- ¹³Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking falsely.
- ¹⁴Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.
- ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and His ears *are open* to their cry.
- ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against those who do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the earth.
- ¹⁷*The righteous* cry, and the LORD hears,
and delivers them out of all their troubles.
- ¹⁸The LORD is near to the broken-hearted;
and saves those who are of an humble spirit.
- ¹⁹Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the LORD delivers him out of them all.
- ²⁰He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.
- ²¹Evil shall slay the wicked;
and those who hate the righteous shall be held guilty.
- ²²The LORD redeems the soul of His servants;

PSALM 34

A Psalm of David, when he changed his behavior before Abimelech; who drove him away, and he departed.

- ¹I will bless the LORD at all times;
His praise shall always be in my mouth.
- ²My soul shall make its boast in the LORD;
the humble shall hear and be glad.
- ³O magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt His name together.
- ⁴I sought the LORD, and He heard me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵They looked unto Him, and were filled with light;
and their faces were not ashamed.

and none of them who trust in Him
shall be deserted.

PSALM 35

A Psalm of David.

- ¹Strive, O LORD, with those who strive
with me;
fight against those who fight against
me.
- ²Take hold of shield and buckler,
and stand up for my help.
- ³Also draw out the spear and the lance
against those who pursue me;
say unto my soul,
I am your salvation.
- ⁴Let them be humbled and put to
shame,
those who seek after my soul;
let them be turned back and be
brought to blushing,
those who purpose to hurt me.
- ⁵Let them be as chaff before the wind;
and let the angel of the LORD drive
them on.
- ⁶Let their way be dark and slippery;
and let the angel of the LORD chase
them.
- ⁷For without cause they have spread
their net for me *in* a pit;
without cause they have dug for my
soul.
- ⁸Let ruin come suddenly upon him;
and let his net which he has hidden
catch himself;
into that very ruin let him fall.
- ⁹And my soul shall be joyful in the
LORD;
it shall rejoice in His salvation.
- ¹⁰All my bones shall say,
LORD, who is like Thee,
who dost deliver the poor from him
who is too strong for him,
yea, the poor and the needy from
him who plunders him?
- ¹¹False witnesses rose up;
they laid *things* to my charge which
I never knew.
- ¹²They rewarded me evil for good;
loneliness has come to my soul.
- ¹³But as for me, when they were sick,
my clothing was sackcloth;
I humbled my soul with fasting;
and my prayer returned into my own
bosom.
- ¹⁴I behaved myself as though *he* were
my friend or brother;
I bowed down to the dirt,
as one who mourns *for his* mother.
- ¹⁵But in my overthrow they rejoiced,
and gathered themselves together;
the fallen gathered themselves to-
gether against me, and I knew it
not;
they have torn in pieces without
ceasing.
- ¹⁶They evilly mocked me more and
more,
they gnashed upon me with their
teeth.
- ¹⁷LORD, how long wilt Thou look on?
Rescue my soul from their lies,
my darling from the lions.
- ¹⁸I will give Thee thanks in the great
congregation;
I will praise Thee among many
people.
- ¹⁹Let not those who are my enemies
wrongfully rejoice over me;
neither let them wink with the eye,
those who hate me without a cause.
- ²⁰For they do not speak peace;
but they think deceitful things
against those who are quiet in the
land.
- ²¹Yea, they opened their mouth wide
against me;
and said, Aha, aha!
Our eye has seen *it*.
- ²²Thou hast seen, O LORD; do not
keep silence, O LORD;
O LORD, do not be far from me.
- ²³Stir up Thyself, and awake to my
judgment,
to my cause, my God and my Lord.
- ²⁴Judge me, O LORD my God, accord-
ing to Thy righteousness;
and do not let them rejoice over me.

- ²⁵Let them not say in their hearts,
Aha, we have our desire;
let them not say, We have swallowed
him up.
- ²⁶Let them be ashamed and brought to
shame together,
those who rejoice at my hurt;
let them be clothed with shame and
dishonor,
those who magnify *themselves* against
me.
- ²⁷Let them shout for joy and be glad,
those who favor my righteous cause;
yea, let them forever say,
Let the LORD be magnified,
who has pleasure in the good of His
servant.
- ²⁸And my tongue shall speak of Thy
righteousness,
of Thy praise all the day long.

PSALM 36

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David the
servant of the LORD.

- ¹The rebelling of the wicked says
within my heart,
There is no fear of God
before his eyes.
- ²For he flatters himself in his own eyes,
so that his iniquity cannot be found
out and hated.
- ³The words of his mouth are iniquity
and deceit;
he has stopped being wise *and* doing
good.
- ⁴He plots evil upon his bed;
he sets himself in a way that is not
good;
he does not hate evil.
- ⁵Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heav-
ens;
Thy faithfulness *reaches* to the
clouds.
- ⁶Thy righteousness is like the great
mountains;
Thy judgments are a great deep;
O LORD, Thou dost keep man and
beast.
- ⁷How precious is Thy loving-kindness,
O God!

- Therefore the children of men put
their trust under the shadow of
Thy wing.
- ⁸They shall be richly satisfied with the
fatness of Thy house;
and Thou shalt make them drink of
the river of Thy pleasures.
- ⁹For with Thee is the fountain of life;
in Thy light we shall see light.
- ¹⁰O continue Thy loving-kindness to
those who know Thee,
and Thy righteousness to the upright
in heart.
- ¹¹Do not let the foot of pride come
against me,
and do not let the hand of the wicked
move me.
- ¹²There the workers of iniquity have
fallen;
they are cast down, and shall not be
able to rise.

PSALM 37

A Psalm of David.

- ¹Do not fret yourself because of evil
doers;
neither be envious against the work-
ers of iniquity.
- ²For they shall soon be cut down like
the grass;
and wither as the green herb.
- ³Trust in the LORD, and do good;
you shall dwell in the land, and you
shall be fed on truth.
- ⁴Delight yourself also in the LORD,
and He shall give you the desires of
your heart.
- ⁵Commit your way unto the LORD;
trust also in Him, and He shall bring
it to pass.
- ⁶And He shall bring forth your right-
eousness like the light,
and your judgment like the noonday.
- ⁷Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently
for Him;
do not fret yourself because of him
who prospers in his way,
because of him who brings evil things
to pass.

- ⁸Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;
do not fret yourself in any way to do
evil.
- ⁹For evildoers shall be cut off;
but those who wait upon the LORD,
they shall inherit the earth.
- ¹⁰For yet a little while, and the wicked
shall not be;
yea, you shall carefully look at his
place, and it shall not be.
- ¹¹But the meek shall inherit the earth,
and shall delight themselves in the
overflowings of peace.
- ¹²The wicked plots against the just,
and gnashes on him with his teeth.
- ¹³The LORD shall laugh at him;
for He sees that his day is coming.
- ¹⁴The wicked have drawn out the
sword, and have bent their bow,
to cast down the poor and needy,
to kill those who walk uprightly.
- ¹⁵Their sword shall enter into their own
heart,
and their bows shall be broken.
- ¹⁶A little that a righteous man has is
better
than the riches of many wicked.
- ¹⁷For the arms of the wicked shall be
broken;
But the LORD upholds the righteous.
- ¹⁸The LORD knows the days of the up-
right;
and their inheritance shall be forever.
- ¹⁹They shall not be ashamed in the evil
time;
and in the days of famine they shall
be satisfied.
- ²⁰But the wicked shall perish,
And the enemies of the LORD shall
be like the fat of lambs;
they shall pass away into the
smoke, they shall pass away.
- ²¹The wicked borrows, and never pays
again;
but the righteous shows mercy, and
gives.
- ²²For *those who are* blessed by Him
shall inherit the earth;
- and *those* cursed by Him shall be cut
off.
- ²³The steps of a *good* man are ordered
by the LORD;
and He delights in his way.
- ²⁴Though he fall, he shall not be com-
pletely cast down;
for the LORD upholds his hand.
- ²⁵I have been young, and *now* am old;
yet I have not seen the righteous for-
saken,
or his seed begging bread.
- ²⁶All the day long he deals graciously,
and lends;
and his seed is blessed.
- ²⁷Depart from evil and do good;
and live forevermore.
- ²⁸For the LORD loves judgment
and does not forsake His saints;
they are kept forever;
but the seed of the wicked shall be
cut off.
- ²⁹The righteous shall inherit the land,
and dwell in it forever.
- ³⁰The mouth of the righteous speaks
wisdom,
and his tongue talks of judgment.
- ³¹The law of his God is in his heart;
none of his steps shall slide.
- ³²The wicked watches the righteous,
and seeks to kill him.
- ³³The LORD will not leave him in his
hand,
nor allow him to be found guilty
when he is judged.
- ³⁴Wait on the LORD, and keep His
way,
and He shall lift you up to inherit
the land;
when the wicked are cut off, you
shall see *it*.
- ³⁵I have seen the wicked in great
power,
and spreading himself like a green
bay tree.
- ³⁶Yet he passed away, and, lo, he is not;
and I looked for him, but he could
not be found.

- ³⁷Watch the perfect *man*, and behold
the upright;
for the end of that man is peace.
- ³⁸But the sinners shall be destroyed
together;
the end of the wicked shall be cut
off.
- ³⁹But the salvation of the righteous is
from the LORD;
He is their strength in the time of
trouble.
- ⁴⁰And the LORD shall help them, and
deliver them;
He shall deliver them from the
wicked, and save them,
because they trust in Him.

PSALM 38

A Psalm of David, to bring to remembrance.

- ¹O LORD, do not rebuke me in Thy
wrath;
neither chasten me in Thy fury.
- ²For Thy arrows stick fast in me,
and Thy hand presses heavily upon
me.
- ³*There is* no soundness in my flesh
because of Thy anger;
nor *is there any* rest in my bones
because of my sin.
- ⁴For my iniquities have gone over my
head;
like a heavy burden they are too
heavy for me.
- ⁵My wounds stink *and* are rotten
because of my foolishness.
- ⁶I am troubled; I am bowed down
greatly;
I go mourning all the day long.
- ⁷For my loins are filled with a burning;
and *there is* no soundness in my flesh.
- ⁸I am feeble and painfully broken;
I have roared because of the groan-
ing of my heart.
- ⁹Lord, all my desire is before Thee;
and my groaning is not hidden from
Thee.
- ¹⁰My heart pants; my strength fails me;
as for the light of my eyes, it also is
gone from me.

- ¹¹My lovers and my friends stand apart
from my plague;
and my kinsmen stand far off.
- ¹²Also those who seek my life lay
snares *for me*;
and those who seek my hurt speak
sly things,
and imagine deceits all the day long.
- ¹³But I like a deaf *man*, hear not;
and *I am* like a dumb *man* who opens
not his mouth.
- ¹⁴Thus I was as a man who hears not,
and in whose mouth are no reproofs.
- ¹⁵For in Thee, O LORD, do I hope;
Thou wilt hear, O LORD my God.
- ¹⁶For I said, *Hear me*, lest they rejoice
over me;
when my foot slips, they magnify
themselves against me.
- ¹⁷For I am ready to fall,
and my pain is always before me.
- ¹⁸For I will declare my iniquity;
I will be sorry for my sin.
- ¹⁹But my enemies are lively;
they are strong;
and those who hate me without a
cause are multiplied.
- ²⁰Those also who give evil for good are
my enemies,
because I follow good.
- ²¹Forsake me not, O LORD;
O my God, be not far from me.
- ²²Make haste to help me,
O LORD my salvation.

PSALM 39

To the chief musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm
of David.

- ¹I said, I will take heed to my ways
so that I do not sin with my tongue;
I will keep my mouth with a bridle
while the wicked is before me.
- ²I was dumb with silence;
I held my peace, *even* from good;
and my sorrow was stirred.
- ³My heart was hot within me;
while I was musing, the fire burned;
I spoke with my tongue:

- ¹LORD, make me to know my end,
and the measure of my days,
what it is;
I know how frail I am.
- ⁵Behold, Thou hast made my days as a
hand-breadth,
and my age is as nothing before
Thee.
Verily, every man at his best state is
altogether vanity.
- Sē'-läh.
- ⁶Surely every man walks about like a
shadow!
Surely they are in an uproar for
nothing.
He heaps up, and does not know who
shall gather them.
- ⁷And now, Lord, what do I wait for?
My hope is in Thee.
- ⁸Deliver me from all my transgressions;
make me not the reproach of the
foolish.
- ⁹I was dumb, I did not open my mouth;
because Thou hast done *it*.
- ¹⁰Remove Thy stroke away from me;
I am destroyed by the blow of Thy
hand.
- ¹¹When Thou dost correct man
for iniquity with rebukes,
Thou dost make his beauty to vanish
away like a moth.
Surely every man is vanity.
- Sē'-läh.
- ¹²Hear my prayer, O LORD,
and give ear unto my cry.
Hold not Thy peace at my tears;
for I am a stranger with Thee,
a pilgrim, as all my fathers were.
- ¹³O spare me so that I may recover
strength
before I go away from here and be
no more.

PSALM 40

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

- ¹I waited patiently for the LORD;
and He bowed down to me, and heard
my cry.
- ²He brought me up also out of a hor-
rible pit,
out of the miry clay,
and set my feet upon a rock,
and gave sureness to my steps.
- ³And He has put a new song in my
mouth,
praise unto our God;
many shall see it and fear,
and shall trust in the LORD.
- ⁴Blessed is that man who makes
the LORD his trust,
and does not turn to the proud,
nor to those who turn aside to lies.
- ⁵O LORD my God, many are Thy won-
derful works which Thou hast done,
and Thy thoughts *which are* toward
us;
they cannot be set in order unto
Thee;
if I would declare and speak *of them*,
they are more than can be numbered.
- ⁶Sacrifice and offering Thou didst not
desire;
My ears Thou hast opened;
burnt offering and sin offering
Thou hast not asked.
- ⁷Then I said, Lo, I come,
in the volume of the book it is written
of Me,
- ⁸I delight to do Thy will, O My God;
and Thy law is within My heart.
- ⁹I have preached righteousness
in the great congregation;
lo, I have not kept back my lips,
O LORD, Thou knowest.
- ¹⁰I have not hidden Thy righteousness
within my heart;
I have declared Thy faithfulness and
Thy salvation;
I have not hidden Thy loving-kind-
ness and Thy truth
from the great congregation.
- ¹¹Do not withhold Thy tender mercies
from me, O LORD;
let Thy loving-kindness and Thy truth
always watch over me.
- ¹²For evils without number
have hemmed me in;
my sins have taken hold upon me,
so that I am not able to look up;

they are more than the hairs of my head;
therefore my heart fails me.

¹³Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.

¹⁴Let them be ashamed and humbled together,
those who seek after my soul to destroy it;
let them be driven backward and put to shame,
those who wish me evil.

¹⁵Let them be deserted as a reward for their shame,
those who say unto me, Aha, aha!

¹⁶Let all those who seek Thee rejoice and be glad in Thee;
let those who love Thy salvation say forever, *May* the LORD be magnified.

¹⁷But I am poor and needy;
yet the LORD thinks upon me;
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
O my God, do not wait.

PSALM 41

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

¹Blessed is he who looks upon the poor;
the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

²The LORD will watch over him and keep him alive;
and he shall be blessed upon the earth;
and Thou wilt not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

³The LORD will give him strength upon the bed of sickness;
Thou wilt make all his bed in his illness.

⁴I said, LORD, be merciful to me;
heal my soul; for I have sinned against Thee.

⁵My enemies speak evil of me, *saying*,
When will he die, and his name perish?

⁶And if he comes to see, he speaks vanity;
his heart gathers iniquity to itself;
he goes abroad *and* he speaks of it.

⁷All who hate me whisper together against me;
they plot against me to hurt me.

⁸An evil disease, *they say*, clings fast to him;
and *now* that he is lying, he shall rise up no more.

⁹Even my own familiar friend, in whom I trusted,
who ate of my bread, has lifted up *his* heel against me.

¹⁰But Thou, O LORD, be merciful unto me,
and raise me up, so that I may repay them.

¹¹By this I know that Thou dost favor me,
because my enemies do not triumph over me.

¹²And as for me, Thou dost uphold me in my truthfulness,
and dost set me before Thy face forever.

¹³Blessed be the LORD God of Israel,
from everlasting, and to everlasting.
Amen and Amen!

PSALM 42

To the chief musician, Maschil, for the sons of Korah.

¹As the hart pants after the water brooks,
so my soul pants after Thee, O God.

²My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God;
when shall I come and appear before God?

³My tears have been my food
day and night,
while they say unto me all the day,
Where is your God?

⁴When I remember these things,
I pour out my soul in me;
for I had gone with the multitude;
I went with them to the house of God,
with the voice of joy and praise,
with a multitude who kept *the* feast.

⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul?
 Why do you moan within me?
 Hope in God;
 for I shall yet praise Him
 for the help of His face.

⁶O my God, my soul is cast down within
 me;
 therefore I will remember Thee
 from the land of Jordan,
 and of the Hēr'-mōns,
 from Mount Mī'-zār.

⁷Deep calls unto deep
 at the noise of Thy water-spouts;
 all Thy waves and Thy billows
 have gone over me.

⁸Y^et the LORD will command His
 loving-kindness in the daytime,
 and in the night His song shall be
 with me
 and my prayer to the God of my life.

⁹I will say unto God my rock,
 Why hast Thou forgotten me?
 Why do I go mourning
 because of the cruelty of the
 enemy?

¹⁰As with a sword in my bones,
 my enemies shame me;
 while they say daily to me,
 Where is your God?

¹¹Why are you cast down, O my soul?
 And why do you moan within me?
 Hope in God; for I still praise Him,
 the salvation of my face, and my God.

PSALM 43

¹Judge me, O God, and plead my cause
 against an ungodly nation.
 O deliver me from the deceitful
 and unjust man.

²For Thou art the God of my strength;
 why dost Thou cast me off?
 Why do I go mourning
 under the affliction of the enemy?

³O send out Thy light and Thy truth;
 let them lead me;
 let them bring me unto Thy holy hill,
 and to Thy tabernacles.

⁴Then I will go unto the altar of God,
 unto God my exceeding joy;
 yea, upon the harp I will praise Thee,
 O God, my God.

⁵Why are you cast down, O my soul?
 And why do you moan within me?
 Hope in God; for I still praise Him,
 the salvation of my face, and my God.

PSALM 44

To the chief musician for the sons of Korah,
 Maschil.

¹We have heard with our ears, O God;
 our fathers have told us
 the work *which* Thou didst do in their
 days,
 in the days of old.

²Thou didst drive out the nations with
 Thy hand,
 and didst plant them;
 Thou didst afflict the people
 and cast them out.

³For they did not get the land in pos-
 session by their own sword,
 neither did their own arm save them;
 but *it was* Thy right hand, and Thy
 arm,
 and the light of Thy face,
 because Thou didst favor them.

⁴Thou art my king, O God;
 command victories for Jacob.

⁵Through Thee we will push down our
 enemies;
 through Thy name we will trample
 those who rise up against us.

⁶For I will not trust in my bow,
 neither shall my sword save me.

⁷But Thou hast saved us from our
 enemies,
 and hast put them to shame, *those*
 who hated us.

⁸In God we boast all the day long,
 and praise Thy name forever.
 Sē'-lāh.

⁹But Thou hast cast us off, and put us
 to shame,
 and dost not go forth with our armies.

¹⁰Thou dost make us to turn back from
 the enemy;
 and those who hate us take our gods
 for themselves.

¹¹Thou hast given us like sheep to be
 eaten,
 and hast scattered us among the na-
 tions.

- ¹²Thou hast sold Thy people for nothing,
and their price is not increased.
- ¹³Thou dost make us a curse to our neighbors,
a scorn and a mockery to those who are round about us.
- ¹⁴Thou makest us a byword among the heathen,
a shaking of the head among the people.
- ¹⁵My shame is always before me,
and the shame of my face has covered me;
- ¹⁶for the voice of him who curses and blasphemes;
because of the enemy and avenger.
- ¹⁷All this has come upon us;
yet we have not forgotten Thee,
neither have we dealt falsely in Thy covenant.
- ¹⁸Our heart is not turned back,
neither have our steps turned aside from Thy way,
- ¹⁹though Thou hast crushed us in the place of jackals
and covered us with the shadow of death.
- ²⁰If we have forgotten the name of our God,
or stretched out our hands to a strange god;
- ²¹shall not God search this out?
For He knows the secrets of the heart.
- ²²Yea, for Thy sake we are put to death
all the day long,
we are counted as sheep to be killed.
- ²³Awake! Why dost Thou sleep, O LORD?
Arise! Do not cast us off forever.
- ²⁴Why dost Thou hide Thy face,
and forget our affliction and our distress?
- ²⁵For our soul is bowed down to the dust;
our belly holds fast to the earth.
- ²⁶Arise for our help,
and redeem us for Thy mercies' sake.

PSALM 45

To the chief musician upon Shoshannim, for the sons of Korah, Maschil, A Song of loves.

- ¹My heart is overflowing with a good matter;
I speak of the things which I have made regarding the King;
my tongue is the pen of a ready writer.
- ²Thou art fairer than the children of men;
grace is poured into Thy lips;
therefore God has blessed Thee forever.
- ³Gird Thy sword on Thy thigh, O mighty one,
with Thy glory and Thy majesty.
- ⁴And be blessed in Thy majesty, ride on,
because of truth and meekness and righteousness;
and Thy right hand shall teach Thee fearful things.
- ⁵Thy arrows are sharp
in the heart of the King's enemies;
the people fall under Thee.
- ⁶Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever;
the staff of Thy kingdom is a staff of righteousness.
- ⁷Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness;
therefore God, Thy God, hath anointed Thee
with the oil of gladness above Thy fellows.
- ⁸All Thy garments *smell* of myrrh,
and aloes, and cassia,
out of the ivory palaces, by which they have made Thee glad.
- ⁹Kings' daughters were among Thy honorable women;
upon Thy right hand stood the queen
in gold of Ō'-phîr.
- ¹⁰Listen, O daughter, and look; and bow down your ear;
forget also your own people, and your father's house;
- ¹¹so shall the king greatly desire your beauty.

- For he is your Lord; and you worship Him;
¹²and the daughter of Tyre shall be *there* with a gift;
even the rich among the people shall beg your favor.
- ¹³The king's daughter is all glorious within;
 her clothing is trimmed with gold.
¹⁴She shall be brought unto the king in clothing of needlework;
 the virgins who follow her, her companions,
 shall be brought unto Thee.
¹⁵With gladness and rejoicing they shall be brought;
 they shall enter into the king's palace.

- ¹⁶Instead of your fathers shall be your children,
 whom Thou shalt make princes in all the land.
¹⁷I will make Thy name to be remembered in all generations;
 therefore the people shall praise Thee forever and ever.

PSALM 46

To the chief musician for the sons of Korah,
 A Song upon Alamoth.

- ¹God is our refuge and strength,
 a very present help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be changed,
 and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;
³*though* the waters of it roar and are troubled,
though the mountains shake with the swelling of it.

Sē'-lāh.

- ⁴*There is* a river, the streams of which shall make the city of God glad,
 the holy *place* of the tabernacles of the Most High.
⁵God is in the midst of her;
 she shall not be moved;
 God shall look upon her to help.
⁷The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved;

- He uttered His voice, the earth melted.
⁷The LORD of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.
 Sē'-lāh.

- ⁸Come, behold the works of the LORD,
 what ruins He has made in the earth.
⁹He makes wars to cease to the ends of the earth;
 He breaks the bow, and cuts the spear in two;
 He burns the chariot in the fire.
¹⁰Be still, and know that I am God!
 I will be praised among the nations,
 I will be praised in the earth.
¹¹The LORD of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our refuge.
 Sē'-lāh.

PSALM 47

To the chief musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- ¹O clap your hands, all you people;
 shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
²For the LORD most high is terrible;
He is a great king over all the earth.
³He shall humble the people under us,
 and nations under our feet.
⁴He shall choose our inheritance for us,
 the majesty of Jacob whom He loved.
 Sē'-lāh.
- ⁵God has gone up with a shout,
 the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
⁶Sing praises to God, sing praises;
 sing praises unto our King,
 sing praises.
⁷For God is the king of all the earth;
 sing praises with understanding.
- ⁸God reigns over the nations,
 God sits upon the throne of His holiness.
⁹The princes of the people are gathered together,
 the people of the God of Abraham;
¹⁰for the shields of the earth *belong* unto God;
 He is lifted up on high.

PSALM 48

A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- ¹Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God,
in the mountain of His holiness.
²Beautiful on high, the joy of the whole earth, is Mount Zion,
on the sides of the north,
the city of the great King.
³God is known in her palaces
for a refuge.
⁴For, lo, the kings were gathered;
they passed by together.
⁵They saw, so they marvelled;
they were troubled, *and* hurried away.
⁶Fear took hold upon them there,
and pain, like a woman in labor.
⁷Thou didst break the ships of Tār'-
shīsh with an east wind;
⁸as we have heard, so we have seen in
the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city of our God.
God will establish it forever.

Sē'lāh.

- ⁹We have thought of Thy loving-kindness, O God,
in the midst of Thy temple.
¹⁰According to Thy name, O God,
so is Thy praise unto the ends of the earth.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness;
let Mount Zion rejoice!
¹¹let the daughters of Judah be glad
because of Thy judgments!
¹²Walk around Zion, and go all around it;
count the towers of it,
¹³Set your heart on its ramparts,
pass between its palaces;
so that you may tell it to the coming generation.
¹⁴For this God is our God forever and ever;
He will be our guide *even* to death.

PSALM 49

To the chief musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

- ¹Hear this, all you people;
give ear, all you people of the world;
²both low and high,
rich and poor together!
³My mouth shall speak of wisdom;
and the thoughts of my heart shall be of understanding.
⁴I will bow down my ear to a parable;
I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
⁵Why should I fear in the days of evil,
when the iniquity of those who lie in wait for me shall hem me in?
⁶Those who trust in their wealth,
and boast themselves in the multitude of their riches,
⁷none *of them* can by any means redeem his brother,
nor give to God a ransom for him,
⁸(for the redemption of their soul is precious,
and it ceases forever.)
⁹so that he should live forever
and never see the Pit.

- ¹⁰For he sees wise men die;
likewise the fool and the animal-like ones perish,
and leave their wealth to others.
¹¹Their inward thought *is that* their houses shall *go on* forever,
and their dwelling-places to all generations;
they call *their* lands after their own names.
¹²But man, though high in honor, does not remain;
he is like the animals that perish.

- ¹³This way of theirs is their foolishness;
yet their followers delight in their sayings.

Sē'lāh.

- ¹⁴Like sheep they are laid in the grave;
death shall feed upon them;
and the upright shall have the rule over them in the morning;
and their beauty shall rot away,
the grave is their dwelling.
¹⁵But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave;
for He will receive me.

Sē'lāh.

- ¹⁶Be not afraid when one has been made rich,
when the glory of his house has increased;
¹⁷for when he dies he shall carry nothing away;
his glory shall not go down after him,
¹⁸though while he lived he blessed his soul;
and *men* will praise you when you do well unto yourself.
¹⁹He shall go to the generation of his fathers;
they shall never see light.
²⁰Man, though high in honor, and without understanding,
is like the animals *that* perish.

PSALM 50

A Psalm of Asaph.

- ¹The mighty God, the LORD,
has spoken, and called the earth
from the rising of the sun until its going down.
²Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God has shined.
³Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence;
a fire shall devour before Him,
and it shall be very stormy all around Him.
⁴He shall call to the heavens from above,
and to the earth, so that He may judge His people.
⁵Gather My saints together unto Me;
and those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice.
⁶And the heavens shall declare His righteousness;
for God himself is judge.

Sē'lāh.

- ⁷Hear, O My people, and I will speak;
O Israel, and I will testify against you;
I am God, your God.
⁸I will not reprove you for your sacrifices
nor your burnt offerings *which are*
continually before Me.

- ⁹I will take no bull out of your house,
nor he-goats out of your folds.
¹⁰For every beast of the forest is Mine,
and the cattle upon a thousand hills.
¹¹I know all the birds of the mountains;
and the wild beasts of the field are Mine.
¹²If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world is Mine, and the fullness of it.
¹³Will I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?
¹⁴Offer unto God thanksgiving;
and pay your vows to the Most High;
¹⁵and call upon Me in the day of trouble;
and I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.
¹⁶But to the wicked, God says,
What have you to do, to declare My statutes,
or *that* you should take My covenant
in your mouth? —
¹⁷since you hate to be taught,
and *you* toss My words behind you.
¹⁸When you saw a thief, then you were pleased to be with him,
and you have taken part with adulterers.
¹⁹You give your mouth to evil,
and your tongue frames deceit.
²⁰You sit and speak against your brother;
you slander your own mother's son.
²¹These *things* you have done, and I kept silence;
you thought that I was *one* like yourself;
but I will reprove you, and set *them*
in order before your eyes.
²²Now think of this, you who forget God,
lest I tear *you* in pieces, and *there be*
none to deliver.
²³Whoever offers praise glorifies Me;
and will make a way by which I will
show him the salvation of God.

PSALM 51

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came to him, after he had gone in unto Bethsheba.

¹Have mercy upon me, O God,
according to Thy loving-kindness;
according to the multitude of Thy
tender mercies,
blot out my transgressions.

²Wash me completely from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.

³For I confess my transgressions;
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴Against Thee, Thee only, have I
sinned,
and done *this* evil in Thy sight;
that Thou mightest be justified when
Thou speakest,
and be clear when Thou judgest.

⁵Behold, I was brought forth in in-
iquity
and in sin did my mother conceive
me.

⁶Behold, Thou dost desire truth in the
inward parts;
and in the hidden *part* Thou shalt
make me to know wisdom.

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be
clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than
snow.

⁸Make me to hear joy and gladness;
that the bones which Thou hast
broken may rejoice.

⁹Hide Thy face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰Create in me a clean heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit within me.

¹¹Cast me not away from Thy presence,
and take not Thy holy Spirit from
me.

¹²Restore unto me the joy of Thy sal-
vation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

¹³Then I will teach transgressors Thy
way;
and sinners shall be converted unto
Thee.

¹⁴Deliver me from the guilt of shedding
blood, O God,
Thou God of my salvation,
and my tongue shall sing aloud of
Thy righteousness.

¹⁵O LORD, open Thou my lips,
and my mouth shall show forth Thy
praise.

¹⁶For Thou dost not desire sacrifice;
or else I would give *it*;
Thou dost not delight in burnt offer-
ing.

¹⁷The sacrifices of God are a broken
spirit;
a broken and an humble heart, O
God, Thou wilt not despise.

¹⁸Do good in Thy good pleasure unto
Zion;
build Thou the walls of Jerusalem.

¹⁹Then shalt Thou be pleased with the
sacrifices of righteousness,
with burnt offering and whole burnt
offering;
then they shall offer bulls upon Thy
altar.

PSALM 52

To the chief musician, Maschil, A Psalm of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said to him, David has come to the house of Ahimelech.

¹Why do you boast yourself in evil, O
mighty man?
The mercy of God *endures* forever.

²Your tongue thinks of evil, like a sharp
razor,
working deceitfully.

³You love evil more than good,
and lying more than to speak right-
eousness.

Sē'lāh.

⁴You love all devouring words,
O deceitful tongue.

⁵God will likewise destroy you for-
ever;
He shall take you away, and pluck
you out of *your* dwelling-place,
and root you out of the land of the
living.

Sē'lāh.

⁶The righteous shall see, and fear,
and shall laugh at him, *saying*,
⁷Lo, *this is the man who did not make*
God his strength,
but trusted in the abundance of his
riches,
and made himself strong in his wicked-
ness.

⁸But I am like a green olive tree
in the house of God;
I trust in the mercy of God
forever and ever.
⁹I will praise Thee forever,
because Thou hast done *it*;
and I will wait on Thy name;
for *it is good* before Thy saints.

PSALM 53

To the chief musician upon Mahalath, Mas-
chil, A Psalm of David.

¹The fool has said in his heart,
There is no God.
They are rotten, and have worked out
hateful wickedness;
there is none who does good.

²God looked down from Heaven
upon the children of men,
to see if there were any who under-
stood,
who looked unto God.

³Every one of them has gone back;
they have altogether become filthy;
there is none who does good, no, not
one.

⁴Have the workers of iniquity no knowl-
edge?
They eat up my people as they eat
bread;
they have not called upon God.

⁵There they were in great fear,
where no fear was;
for God has scattered the bones of
him who camps *against* you;
you have put *them* to shame because
God has despised them.

⁶O that the salvation of Israel *had come*
out of Zion!

When God brings back the captivity
of His people,
Jacob shall rejoice, *and* Israel shall
be glad.

PSALM 54

To the chief musician on Neginoth, A Maschil,
A Psalm of David, when the Ziphims came
and said to Saul, Does not David hide himself
among us?

¹Save me, O God, by Thy name,
and judge me by Thy strength.
²Hear my prayer, O God;
give ear to the words of my mouth.

³For strangers have risen up against me,
and cruel men seek after my soul;
they have not set God before them.
Sê'-läh.

⁴Behold, God is my helper;
the LORD is with those who uphold
my soul.

⁵He shall reward evil to my enemies;
cut them off in Thy truth.

⁶I will freely sacrifice unto Thee;
I will praise Thy name, O LORD, for
it is good.

⁷For He has delivered me out of all
trouble;
and my eye has seen *its desire* upon
my enemies.

PSALM 55

To the chief musician on Neginoth, A Maschil,
A Psalm of David.

¹Give ear to my prayer, O God;
and hide not Thyself from my cry.

²Attend unto me, and hear me;
I mourn in my complaining, and
make a noise;

³because of the voice of the enemy,
because of the harshness of the
wicked;
for they move sorrow upon me,
and in wrath they hate me.

⁴My heart is pained within me;
and the terrors of death have fallen
upon me.

⁵Fearfulness and trembling have come upon me,
and horror has covered me.

⁶And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove!

I would fly away and be at rest.

⁷Lo, I would wander far off
and remain in the wilderness.

Sē'-lāh.

⁸I would hasten my escape
from the windy storm and tempest.

⁹Destroy, O LORD, *and* divide their tongues;
for I have seen violence and fighting
in the city.

¹⁰Day and night they go around it,
upon the walls of it;
also evil and sorrow are in the midst
of it.

¹¹Wickedness is in the midst of it;
deceit and guile never depart from its
streets.

¹²For *it was* not an enemy *who* reviled
me;

then I could have borne *it*;
neither *was it* he who hated me *who*
magnified *himself* against me;
then I would have hidden myself
from him;

¹³but *it was* you, a man my equal,
my guide and my friend.

¹⁴We took sweet counsel together,
and walked to the house of God in
company.

¹⁵Let death take hold upon them,
and let them go down alive into
hell;

for wickedness is in their dwellings,
and among them.

¹⁶As for me, I will call upon God;
and the LORD will save me.

¹⁷Evening and morning, and at noon,
I will pray and cry aloud;
and He shall hear my voice.

¹⁸He has delivered my soul in peace
from the battle *that was* against me;
for there were many with me.

¹⁹God shall hear, and afflict them,
even He who abides of old.

Sē'-lāh.

Because they have no changes,
therefore they do not fear God.

²⁰He has put forth his hands against
those who were at peace with him;
he has broken his covenant.

²¹*The words* of his mouth were smoother
than butter,

but war was in his heart;
his words were softer than oil,
yet they were drawn swords.

²²Cast your burden upon the LORD,
and He will keep you;
He will never allow
the righteous to be moved.

²³But Thou, O God, wilt bring them
down
into the pit of ruin;
bloody and deceitful men
shall not live half their days;
but I will trust in Thee.

PSALM 56

To the chief musician concerning the silent
dove among strangers, A secret treasure of
David, when the Philistines took him in Gath.

¹Be merciful unto me, O God, for man
would swallow me up;
fighting daily he presses me down.

²My enemies would daily swallow *me*
up;
for *they* who fight against me are
many, O Thou Most High.

³When I am afraid,
I will trust in Thee.

⁴In God I will praise His word;
in God I have put my trust;
I will not fear what flesh can do to
me.

⁵All day long they twist my words;
all their thoughts are against me for
evil.

⁶They gather themselves together;
they hide themselves,
when they watch my steps,
when they wait for my soul.

⁷Shall they escape by iniquity?
In *Thy* anger cast down the peoples,
O God.

- ⁸Thou dost number my wanderings;
 put Thou my tears into Thy bottle;
are they not in Thy book?
- ⁹When I cry,
 then my enemies will be turned back.
 This I know, for God is with me.
- ¹⁰In God I will praise *His* word;
 in the LORD will I praise His word.
- ¹¹In God I have put my trust;
 I will not be afraid of what man can
 do to me.
- ¹²Thy vows are upon me, O God;
 I will give praises unto Thee.
- ¹³For thou hast delivered my soul from
 death;
hast Thou not delivered my feet from
 falling,
 so that I may walk before God in the
 light of the living?

PSALM 57

To the chief musician, Do not destroy, A secret
 treasure of David, when he fled from Saul in
 the cave.

- ¹Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful
 to me;
 for my soul trusts in Thee;
 yea, in the shadow of Thy wings I will
 make my hiding-place,
 until *these* great troubles pass by.
- ²I will cry unto God most high,
 unto God who does all things for me.
- ³He shall send from Heaven,
 and save me *from* the scorn of him
 who would swallow me up.
 Sē'-lāh.
 God shall send forth His mercy and
 His truth.
- ⁴My soul is among lions;
 I lie *among* those who are set on fire,
 the sons of men whose teeth are
 spears and arrows,
 and their tongue a sharp sword.
- ⁵Be praised above the heavens, O God;
let Thy glory *be* above all the earth.
- ⁶They have prepared a net for my steps;
 my soul is bowed down;
 they have dug a pit before me,
 in the middle of which they have
 fallen.

Sē'-lāh.

- ⁷My heart is fixed, O God,
 my heart is fixed;
 I will sing and give praise.
- ⁸Wake up, my soul!
 Wake up, psaltery and harp!
 I will awake early.
- ⁹I will praise Thee, O LORD, among
 the people;
 I will sing unto Thee among the
 nations.
- ¹⁰For Thy mercy is great unto the
 heavens,
 and Thy truth to the clouds.
- ¹¹Be exalted above the heavens, O God;
let Thy glory be above all the earth.

PSALM 58

To the chief musician, Do not destroy, A
 secret treasure of David.

- ¹Do you indeed speak righteousness, O
 congregation?
 Do you judge uprightly, O you sons
 of men?
- ²Yes, in heart you work wickedness;
 you weigh the violence of your hands
 in the earth.
- ³The wicked are strangers *to God* from
 the womb;
 they go astray as soon as they are
 born, speaking lies.
- ⁴Their poison is like the poison of a
 serpent;
they are like the deaf adder which
 stops its ear,
⁵which will not listen to the voice of
 charmers,
 charming ever so wisely.
- ⁶O God, break their teeth in their
 mouth;
 break out the great teeth of the young
 lions, O LORD.
- ⁷Let them melt away like waters run-
 ning on and on;
when he bends his arrows, let them
 be as *though they were* cut off.
- ⁸As a snail melts, let *them* pass away;
like the untimely birth of a woman,
that they may not see the sun.
- ⁹Before your pots can feel the thorns,
 whether green or glowing,
 He shall take them away as with a
 whirlwind.

- ¹⁰The righteous shall rejoice when he sees the vengeance;
he shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked —
¹¹so that a man shall say, Truly *there* is a reward for the righteous;
truly He is a God who judges in the earth.

PSALM 59

To the chief musician, Do not destroy, A secret treasure of David, when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him.

- ¹Deliver me from my enemies, O my God;
defend me from those who rise up against me.
²Deliver me from the workers of evil and save me from bloody men.
³For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul;
the mighty are gathered against me;
not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O LORD.
⁴Without *my* fault they run and prepare themselves;
awaken to help me, and look upon *me*.
⁵Thou therefore, O LORD God of hosts,
the God of Israel,
awake to visit all the heathen;
do not be merciful to any wicked transgressors.

Sē'-läh.

- ⁶They return at evening;
they make a noise like a dog,
and go around the city.
⁷Behold, they bellow out with their mouth;
swords are in their lips;
for *they say*, Who hears?
⁸But Thou, O LORD, shalt laugh at them;
Thou wilt mock at all the heathen.
⁹Because of his strength I will wait upon Thee;
for God is my strong tower.
¹⁰The God of my mercy shall go before me;

God shall let me see *my desire* upon my enemies.

- ¹¹Do not kill them, lest my people forget;
scatter them by Thy power; and bring them down,
O LORD our shield.
¹²For the sin of their mouth *and* the words of their lips,
let them even be taken in their pride;
and for cursing and lying *which* they speak.
¹³Bring *them* to the end in wrath,
bring *them* to the end, so that they *may* not be;
and let them know that God rules in Jacob to the ends of the earth.
Sē'-läh.
¹⁴And at evening let them return;
and let them make a noise like a dog,
and go around the city.
¹⁵Let them wander up and down for food,
and growl if they are not satisfied.
¹⁶But I will sing of Thy power;
yes, I will sing aloud of Thy mercy in the morning;
for Thou hast been my strong tower and hiding-place in the day of my trouble.
¹⁷Unto Thee, O my strength, I will sing;
for God is my strong tower
and the God of my mercy.

PSALM 60

To the chief musician upon the Lily of Testimony, A secret treasure of David, to teach; when he struggled with Aram-naharaim and with Aram of Zobah, when Joab returned and struck twelve thousand of Edom in the valley of salt.

- ¹O God, Thou hast cast us off, Thou hast scattered us,
Thou hast been displeased;
O turn us to Thyself again.
²Thou hast made the earth to tremble;
Thou hast broken it;
heal the breaks of it, for it shakes.

³Thou hast showed Thy people hard things;
Thou hast made us to drink the wine of trembling.

⁴Thou hast given a banner to those who fear Thee,
so that it may be displayed because of the truth.

Sē'-lāh.

⁵So that Thy beloved may be delivered,
save *with* Thy right hand, and hear me.

⁶God has spoken in His holiness;
I will rejoice, I will divide Shē'-chēm and measure out the valley of Sūc'-cōth.

⁷Gilead is Mine, and Mā-nās'-sēh is Mine;
Ephraim also is the strength of My head,

Judah is My lawgiver;

⁸Moab is My washpot;
over Edom I will cast out My shoe;
over Phī-lis'-tiā I cry in triumph.

⁹Who will bring me into the strong city?

Who will lead me into Edom?

¹⁰Wilt not Thou, O God, *who* had cast us off?

And *Thou*, O God, *who* did not go out with our armies?

¹¹Give us help from trouble;
for vain is the help of man.

¹²Through God we shall do great things;
for *it is* He *who* shall trample our enemies.

PSALM 61

To the chief musician, on stringed instruments,
A Psalm of David.

¹Hear my cry, O God;
attend unto my prayer.

²From the end of the earth I will cry unto Thee,
when my heart is faint;
Lead me to the Rock
that is higher than I.

³For Thou hast been a shelter for me,
a strong tower from the enemy.

⁴I will dwell in Thy tabernacle forever;
I will trust in the secret place of Thy wings.

Sē'-lāh.

⁵For Thou, O God, hast heard my vows;
Thou hast given *me* the inheritance of those who fear Thy name.

⁶Thou wilt prolong the king's life;
and may his years be for many generations.

⁷He shall live before God forever;
O prepare mercy and truth, *that they* may keep him.

⁸So I will sing praise unto Thy name forever,
so that I may daily pay my vows.

PSALM 62

To the chief musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm of David.

¹Truly my soul waits upon God;
from Him *comes* my salvation.

²He only is my rock and my salvation;
He is my tower; I shall not be greatly moved.

³How long will you imagine mischief against a man?
You shall be killed, all of you;
you shall be like a bowing wall *and* a tottering fence.

⁴They have plotted to cast *him* down from his great height;
they delight in lies;
they bless with their mouth,
but they curse inwardly.

Sē'-lāh.

⁵My soul, wait only upon God;
for my hope is from Him.

⁶He only is my rock and my salvation;
He is my strong tower; I shall not be moved.

⁷In God is my salvation and my glory;
the rock of my strength, *and* my hiding-place is in God.

⁸Trust in Him at all times; you people,
pour out your heart before Him;
God is a hiding-place for us.

Sē'-lāh.

⁹Surely men of low degree are vanity,
and men of high degree are a lie;
they go up in the scales;
they are altogether *lighter* than
vanity.

¹⁰Trust not in meanness,
and become not vain in robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your
heart *upon them*.

¹¹God has spoken once;
twice I have heard this,
that power *belongs* unto God.

¹²Also unto Thee, O LORD, *belongs*
mercy;
for Thou givest to every man
according to his work.

PSALM 63

A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah.

¹O God, Thou art my God;
I will seek Thee early;
my soul thirsts for Thee;
my flesh longs for Thee, as in a dry
and thirsty land, where no water is;

²so I have looked for Thee in the holy
place,
to see Thy power and Thy glory.

³Because Thy lovingkindness is better
than life,
my lips shall praise Thee.

⁴So I will bless Thee while I live;
I will lift up my hands in Thy name.

⁵My soul shall be satisfied as *with* mar-
row and fatness;
and my mouth shall praise *Thee* with
joyful lips,

⁶when I remember Thee upon my bed
and think of Thee in the *night*
watches.

⁷Because Thou hast been my help,
therefore in the shadow of Thy wings
I will rejoice.

⁸My soul follows hard after Thee;
Thy right hand upholds me.

⁹But those who seek my soul, to destroy
it,
shall go into the lower parts of the
earth.

¹⁰They shall fall by the sword;
they shall be a serving for jackals.

¹¹But the king shall rejoice in God;
everyone who swears by Him shall
glory;

but the mouth of those who speak
lies shall be stopped.

PSALM 64

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

¹Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer;
guard my life from fear of the enemy.

²Hide me from the secret plans of the
wicked,
from the rebelling of the workers of
iniquity,

³who sharpen their tongue like a sword,
and aim their arrows, *even* poisoned
words,

⁴so that they may shoot in secret at the
blameless one;
suddenly they shoot at him, and fear
not.

⁵They encourage themselves in an evil
matter;
they talk of laying snares secretly;
they say, Who shall see them?

⁶They search out iniquities;
they make a careful search;
both the inward *thought* and the
heart of man are deep.

⁷But God shall shoot at them *with* an
arrow;
suddenly they shall be wounded.

⁸So they shall make their own tongue
to fall upon themselves;
all that see them shall flee away.

⁹And all men shall fear, and shall de-
clare the work of God;
for they shall in wisdom think of His
doing.

¹⁰The righteous shall be glad in the
LORD,
and shall trust in Him;
and all the upright in heart shall
glory.

PSALM 65

To the chief musician, A Psalm and Song of
David.

- ¹Praise waits for Thee, O God, in Zion;
and unto Thee shall the vow be paid.
- ²O Thou that hearest prayer,
unto Thee shall all flesh come.
- ³Iniquities overflow me;
as for our transgressions, Thou shalt
purge them away.
- ⁴Blessed is *the man whom* Thou dost
choose, and dost cause to come
near *unto Thee*,
that he may dwell in Thy courts;
we shall be satisfied with the
goodness of Thy house,
of Thy holy temple.
- ⁵By terrible things in righteousness
Thou wilt answer us,
O God of our salvation;
who are the hope of all the ends of
the earth,
and of those who are far away *upon*
the sea;
- ⁶who by His strength sets fast the
mountains,
banded together with might;
- ⁷who stills the noise of the seas,
the roar of their waves,
and the uproar of the people.
- ⁸Those also who dwell in the further-
most places
are afraid at Thy signs;
and Thou makest the beginning of
the morning and the evening
rejoice.
- ⁹Thou dost visit the earth and dost
water it;
Thou dost greatly enrich it
with the river of God, *which* is full
of water;
Thou dost prepare their grain,
when Thou hast so provided for it.
- ¹⁰Thou dost freely water the ridges of
it;
Thou dost set the furrows of it;
Thou dost make it soft with showers;
Thou dost bless the sprouting of it.
Thou dost crown the year with Thy
goodness,
and Thy paths drop fatness.
- ¹²They drop *upon* the pastures of the
wilderness;
and the little hills rejoice on every
side.
- ¹³The pastures are clothed with flocks;

the valleys also are covered over with
grain;
they shout for joy, they also sing.

PSALM 66

To the chief musician, A Song, A Psalm.

- ¹Make a joyful noise unto God, all you
lands.
- ²Sing forth the honor of His name;
make His praise glorious.
- ³Say to God, How fearful are Thy works!
Through the greatness of Thy power,
Thy enemies shall humble them-
selves unto Thee.
- ⁴All the earth shall worship Thee,
and shall sing unto Thee;
they shall sing *unto* Thy name.
Sé'-läh.
- ⁵Come and see the works of God;
He is fearful in His deeds toward the
children of men.
- ⁶He turned the sea into dry *land*;
they went through the flood on foot;
there we rejoiced in Him.
- ⁷He rules by His power forever;
His eyes behold the nations;
let not the rebels lift themselves up.
Sé'-läh.
- ⁸O bless our God, you people,
and make the voice of His praise to
be heard;
who holds our soul in life,
and does not allow our feet to be
moved.
- ¹⁰For, O God, Thou hast proved us;
Thou hast tested us, as silver is re-
fined.
- ¹¹Thou hast brought us into the net;
Thou hast laid affliction upon our
loins.
- ¹²Thou hast caused men to ride over
our heads;
we went through fire and through
water;
but Thou didst bring us out unto
plenty.
- ¹³I will go into Thy house with burnt
offerings;
I will pay Thee my vows,

¹⁴which my lips have uttered, and my mouth has spoken,
when I was in trouble.

¹⁵I will offer unto Thee burnt sacrifices
of fatlings,
with the incense of rams;
I will offer bulls with goats.

Sē'-läh.

¹⁶Come *and* hear, all you who fear God,
and I will declare what He has done
for my soul.

¹⁷I cried unto Him with my mouth,
and He was praised with my tongue.

¹⁸If I regard iniquity in my heart, the
LORD will not hear;

¹⁹truly God has heard;
He has attended to the voice of my
prayer.

²⁰Blessed be God,
who has not turned away my prayer,
nor His mercy from me.

PSALM 67

To the chief musician, on stringed instruments,
A Psalm, A Song.

¹May God be merciful to us, and bless
us,
and cause His face to shine upon us.
Sē'-läh.

²So that Thy way may be known upon
earth,
Thy salvation among all nations.

³Let the people praise Thee, O God;
let all the people praise Thee.

⁴O let the nations be glad and sing for
joy;
for Thou shalt judge the people right-
eously
and govern the nations upon earth.
Sē'-läh.

⁵Let the people praise Thee, O God;
let all the people praise Thee.

⁶Then shall the earth yield its increase;
and God, our own God, shall bless us.

⁷God shall bless us;
and all the ends of the earth shall fear
Him.

PSALM 68

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David, A
Song.

¹Let God arise, let His enemies be
scattered;
also let those who hate Him flee be-
fore Him.

²As smoke is driven away,
drive *them* away;
as wax melts before the fire,
let the wicked perish at the presence
of God.

³But let the righteous be glad;
let them rejoice before God.
Yes, let them exceedingly rejoice.

⁴Sing unto God, sing praises to His
name;
praise Him who rides upon the
heavens
by His name JEHOVAH, and rejoice
before Him.

⁵A father of the fatherless, and a judge
of the widows,
is God in His holy dwelling.

⁶God causes the lonely to live at home;
He brings out those who are bound
with chains;
but the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.

⁷O God, when Thou didst go before
Thy people,
when Thou didst march through the
wilderness;
Sē'-läh.

⁸the earth shook, the heavens also
dropped
at the presence of God;
Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence
of God,
the God of Israel.

⁹Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful
rain,
by which Thou didst uphold Thy
inheritance when it was weary.

¹⁰Thy congregation has dwelt in it;
Thou, O God, hast prepared in Thy
goodness for the poor.

¹¹The LORD gave the word;
great was the company of those who
published *it*.

- ¹²Kings of armies fled away;
and she who stayed at home divided
the riches.
- ¹³When you lie among the sheepfolds,
the wings of a dove are covered with
silver,
and its pinions with the shimmer of
gold.
- ¹⁴When the Almighty scatters kings in
it,
it snows in Sāl'-mōn.
- ¹⁵A high mountain is the mountain of
Bā'-shān;
a mountain of peaks is the Bā'-shān
range.
- ¹⁶Why do you gaze in envy, you moun-
tain range
at the mountain God has chosen for
His resting place?
Yes, the LORD will dwell in it for-
ever.
- ¹⁷The chariots of God cannot be num-
bered,
even thousands upon thousands of
angels;
the LORD is among them,
as in Sinai, in the holy *place*.
- ¹⁸Thou hast gone up on high;
Thou hast led captivity captive;
Thou hast received gifts for men,
yes, *for* the rebellious also,
that the LORD God might dwell
among them.
- ¹⁹Blessed be the LORD,
who daily loads us *with goodness*,
the God of our salvation.
Sē'-lāh.
- ²⁰*He who* is our God is the God of
salvation;
and the escapes from death are due
to the LORD God.
- ²¹But God shall wound the head of His
enemies,
and the hairy crown of those who go
on still in their sins.
- ²²The LORD said,
I will bring again from Bā'-shān,
I will bring *My people* again from
the depths of the sea;
- ²³so that your foot may be dipped in
the blood of *your* enemies,
and the tongue of your dogs in it.
- ²⁴They have seen Thy goings, O God;
the goings of my God, my king, in the
holy place.
- ²⁵The singers went before, the players
on instruments went after;
among *them were* the virgins playing
with timbrels.
- ²⁶O bless God in the congregation,
the LORD, from the fountain of
Israel.
- ²⁷There is little Benjamin *with* their
ruler,
the princes of Judah *and* their multi-
tude,
the princes of Zē-bū'-lūn *and* the
princes of Nāph'-tā-lī.
- ²⁸Your God has commanded your
strength;
O God, be strong *in* that which Thou
hast worked out for us.
- ²⁹Because of Thy temple in Jerusalem,
kings shall bring presents unto Thee.
- ³⁰Rebuke the wild beasts of the reeds,
the multitude of the bulls, with the
calves of the people,
till everyone humbles himself with
the pieces of silver;
scatter the people who delight in war.
- ³¹Princes shall come out of Egypt;
Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ā shall soon stretch out her
hands unto God.
- ³²Sing unto God, you kingdoms of the
earth;
O sing praises unto the LORD;
Sē'-lāh.
- ³³To Him who rides upon the heaven of
heavens, *which were* of old;
lo, He sends out His voice, a mighty
voice.
- ³⁴Give strength unto God;
His glory is over Israel,
and His strength is in the clouds.
- ³⁵O God, *Thou art* fearful out of Thy
holy places;
the God of Israel is He who gives
strength and power unto *His*
people.
Blessed be God.

PSALM 69

To the chief musician, concerning the lilies, A Psalm of David.

- ¹Save me, O God!
for the waters have come in upon *my*
soul.
- ²I sink in deep mire,
where *there is* no standing;
I have come into deep waters,
where the floods overflow me.
- ³I am weary from my crying;
my throat is dried;
my eyes fail
while I wait for my God.
- ⁴They who hate me without a cause
are more than the hairs of my head;
they who would destroy me,
who are my enemies wrongfully, are
mighty;
then I restored
that which I did not take away.
- ⁵O God, Thou knowest my foolishness;
and my sins are not hidden from
Thee.
- ⁶Do not let those who wait upon Thee,
O LORD God of hosts,
be ashamed for my sake;
let not the ones who seek Thee be
ashamed for my sake,
O God of Israel,
- ⁷because I have borne reproach for Thy
sake,
shame has covered my face.
- ⁸I have become a stranger to my
brothers,
and a foreigner to my mother's chil-
dren.
- ⁹For the zeal of Thy house has eaten
me up;
and the reproaches of those who re-
proached Thee have fallen upon
me.
- ¹⁰When I humbled my soul with fast-
ing,
it turned to my reproach.
- ¹¹I also made sackcloth my clothing,
and I became a proverb to them.
- ¹²They who sit in the gate speak against
me;
and I was the song of the drunkards.
- ¹³But as for me, my prayer is unto Thee,
O LORD,
in a pleasing time; O God,
in the multitude of Thy mercy hear me,
in the truth of Thy salvation.
- ¹⁴Deliver me out of the mire,
and let me not sink;
let me be delivered from those who
hate me,
and out of the deep waters.
- ¹⁵Do not let the flood of waters over-
flow me,
neither let the deep swallow me up,
and let not the pit shut its mouth
upon me.
- ¹⁶Hear me, O LORD, for Thy loving-
kindness is good;
turn unto me according to the multi-
tude of Thy tender mercies.
- ¹⁷And hide not Thy face from Thy
servant;
for I am in trouble; hear me quickly.
- ¹⁸Draw near my soul, *and* redeem it;
deliver me because of my enemies.
- ¹⁹Thou hast known my reproach,
and my shame, and my dishonor;
my enemies are all before Thee.
- ²⁰Reproach has broken my heart,
and I am full of heaviness;
and I looked *for some* to mourn with me,
but *there was* none;
and for comforters, but I found none.
- ²¹They also gave me gall for my food;
and in my thirst they gave me vin-
egar to drink.
- ²²Let their table become a snare before
them;
and *when they are* in peace, *let it*
become a trap.
- ²³Let their eyes be darkened, so that
they do not see;
and make their loins shake without
ceasing.
- ²⁴Pour out Thy wrath upon them,
and let the glow of Thy anger take
hold of them.
- ²⁵Let their dwelling be wasted;
let none dwell in their tents.
- ²⁶For they persecute *him* whom Thou
hast stricken,
and they talk to the grief of those
whom Thou hast wounded.

²⁷Add iniquity unto their iniquity;
and let them not come into Thy
righteousness.

²⁸Let them be blotted out of the book
of the living,
and not be written with the right-
eous.

²⁹But I am poor and sorrowful;
let Thy salvation, O God, set me up
on high.

³⁰I will praise the name of God with a
song,
and will magnify Him with thanks-
giving.

³¹This also shall please the LORD
better than an ox,
or a bull that has horns and hoofs.

³²The humble shall see *and* be glad;
and your heart shall live, *you* who
seek God.

³³For the LORD hears the needy,
and does not despise His prisoners.

³⁴Let the heavens and earth praise
Him,
the seas, and everything that moves
in them.

³⁵For God will save Zion,
and will build the cities of Judah;
so that they may dwell there, and
possess it.

³⁶Also the seed of His servants shall
inherit it,
and they who love His name shall
dwell in it.

PSALM 70

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David, to
bring to remembrance.

¹*Make haste*, O God, to deliver me;
make haste to help me, O LORD.

²Let them be ashamed and turned pale,
those who seek after my soul;

²Let them be turned backward and
blush,
those who desire my hurt.

³Let them be turned back for a reward
of their shame,
those who say, Aha, aha!

⁴Let all those who seek Thee
rejoice and be glad in Thee;

and let those who love Thy salvation
say without ending,
Let God be magnified.

⁵But I am poor and needy;
make haste unto me, O God;
Thou art my help and my deliverer;
O LORD, wait no longer!

PSALM 71

¹In Thee, O LORD, I put my trust;
let me never be put to shame.

²Deliver me in Thy righteousness, and
cause me to escape;
bow down Thy ear unto me, and save me.

³Be Thou a rock to dwell in, unto which
I may always go;
Thou hast given commandment to
save me;
for Thou art my Rock and my Fort-
ress.

⁴Deliver me, O my God, out of the hand
of the wicked,
out of the hand of the unrighteous
and cruel man.

⁵For Thou art my hope, O Lord GOD;
Thou art my trust from my youth.

⁶By Thee I have been held up from the
womb;

Thou art He who took me out of my
mother's bowels;
my praise shall always be of Thee.

⁷I am like a wonder to many,
but Thou art my strong tower.

⁸Let my mouth be filled *with* Thy
praise,
and with Thy honor all the day.

⁹Cast me not off in the time of old age;
forsake me not when my strength
fails.

¹⁰For my enemies speak against me;
and those who watch for my soul
make plans together,

¹¹saying, God has forsaken him;
pursue and take him;
for *there is* none to deliver *him*.

¹²O God, be not far from me;
O my God, make haste for my help.

¹³Let them be ashamed *and* destroyed,
those who are enemies of my soul;

- let them be covered *with* reproach
and dishonor,
those who seek my hurt.
- ¹⁴But I will always hope,
and will yet praise Thee more and
more.
- ¹⁵My mouth shall show forth Thy right-
eousness
and Thy salvation all the day;
for I do not know how many they
are.
- ¹⁶I will go in the strength of the Lord
GOD;
I will speak of Thy righteousness,
of Thine alone.
- ¹⁷O God, Thou hast taught me from
my youth;
and before now I have declared Thy
wonderful works.
- ¹⁸Now also when I am old and gray-
headed, O God, do not leave me;
until I have declared Thy strength
unto *this* generation,
and Thy power to everyone *who* is to
come.
- ¹⁹Thy righteousness also, O God, is very
high,
who hast done great things;
O God, who is like Thee?
- ²⁰*Thou*, who hast shown me great and
sore troubles,
shall make me live again,
and shall bring me up again
from the depths of the earth.
- ²¹Thou shalt increase my greatness
and comfort me on every side.
- ²²I will also praise Thee with the
psaltery,
even Thy truth, O my God;
unto Thee I will sing with the harp,
O Holy One of Israel.
- ²³My lips shall greatly rejoice
when I sing unto Thee,
and my soul, which Thou hast re-
deemed.
- ²⁴My tongue also shall talk of Thy
righteousness
all the day long;
for those who seek my hurt have
turned pale,
they are brought to shame.

PSALM 72

A Psalm of Solomon.

- ¹Give the king Thy judgments, O God,
and Thy righteousness unto the king's
son.
- ²He shall judge Thy people with right-
eousness,
and Thy poor with judgment.
- ³The mountains shall bring peace to
the people,
and the little hills by righteousness.
- ⁴He shall judge the poor of the people;
He shall save the children of the
needy,
and shall crush in pieces the cruel
one.
- ⁵They shall fear Thee as long as the
sun and moon endure,
throughout all generations.
- ⁶He shall come down like rain upon the
mown grass,
like showers *that* water the earth.
- ⁷In His days the righteous shall flourish;
and abundance of peace as long as
the moon endures.
- ⁸He shall also have the rule from sea to
sea,
and from the river unto the ends of
the earth.
- ⁹Those who dwell in the wilderness
shall bow before Him;
and His enemies shall lick the dust.
- ¹⁰The kings of Tār'-shīsh and of the
isles
shall bring presents;
the kings of Shē'-bā and Sé'-bā
shall offer gifts.
- ¹¹Yes, all kings shall fall down before
Him;
all nations shall serve Him.
- ¹²For He shall deliver the needy when
he cries;
the poor also, and *him* who has no
helper.
- ¹³He shall have pity on the poor and
needy,
and shall save the souls of the needy.
- ¹⁴He shall redeem their soul from deceit
and violence;

and their blood shall be precious in
His sight.

¹⁵And he shall live,
and to Him shall be given the gold
of Shē'-bā;
prayer also shall always be made for
Him;

He shall be praised daily.

¹⁶There shall be a handful of grain in
the earth
upon the top of the mountains;
the fruit of it shall shake like Lēb'-
ā-nōn;
and they of the city shall flourish like
grass of the earth.

¹⁷His name shall endure forever;
His name shall be continued as long
as the sun;
and *men* shall be blessed in Him;
all nations shall call Him blessed.

¹⁸Blessed be the LORD God, the God
of Israel,
who alone does wonderful things.

¹⁹And blessed be His glorious name
forever;
and let the whole earth be filled *with*
His glory! Amen and amen.

²⁰The prayers of David the son of Jesse
are ended.

PSALM 73

A Psalm of Asaph.

¹Truly God is good to Israel,
to those who are of a clean heart.

²But as for me, my feet were almost
gone;
my steps had nearly slipped.

³For I was jealous of the proud,
when I saw the peace of the wicked.

⁴For *there are* no bands in their death;
but their strength is firm.

⁵They are not in trouble *like other* men;
neither are they plagued like *other*
men.

⁶Therefore pride goes around them like
a chain;
violence covers them *like* a robe.

⁷Their eyes stand out with fatness;
they have more than heart could
wish.

⁸They are rotten, and speak wickedly
as to cruel deeds;
from on high they speak.

⁹They set their mouth against the
heavens,
and their tongue walks through the
earth.

¹⁰Therefore His people return here,
and waters of a full *cup* are wrung
out to them.

¹¹And they say, How does God know?
And is there knowledge in the Most
High?

¹²Behold, these are the ungodly, who
are at ease in the world;
they increase in riches.

¹³Verily I have made my heart pure in
vain,
and washed my hands in innocency.

¹⁴For all the day long I have been
plagued,
and chastened every morning.

¹⁵If I say, I will speak thus;
behold, I would deceive a generation
of Thy children.

¹⁶When I thought deeply in order to
understand this,
it was too painful for me,

¹⁷until I went into the sanctuary of
God;
then I understood their end.

¹⁸Surely Thou didst set them in slippery
places;
Thou didst cast them down into ruin.

¹⁹How have they been *brought* into
grief, as in a moment!

They are fully eaten up with terrors,
²⁰like a dream when one awakens;
so, O LORD, when Thou awakest,
Thou shalt despise their image.

²¹So *my* heart was grieved and I was
pricked in my heart.

²²So foolish was I, and ignorant;
I was like a beast before Thee.

²³But I am always with Thee;
Thou hast held *me* by *my* right hand.

²⁴Thou shalt lead me with Thy counsel,
and afterward receive me *to* glory.

²⁵Whom have I in Heaven *besides Thee?*
 And *there is* none upon earth *that I*
 desire besides Thee.
²⁶My flesh and my heart fail;
but God is the strength of my heart,
 and my part forever.

²⁷For lo, those who are far from Thee
 shall perish;
 Thou hast destroyed all who go lust-
 ing away from Thee.

²⁸But *it is* good for me to draw near to
 God;
 I have put my trust in the LORD
 God,
 so that I may declare all Thy works.

PSALM 74

Maschil of Asaph.

¹O GOD, why hast Thou cast us off
 forever?

Why dost Thy anger smoke against
 the sheep of Thy pasture?

²Remember Thy congregation, *which*
 Thou hast purchased of old,
 the rod of Thy inheritance *which*
 Thou hast redeemed;
 this Mount Zion in which Thou hast
 dwelt.

³Lift up Thy feet unto the never-ending
 ruins;
even all that the enemy has done
 wickedly in the sanctuary.

⁴Thy enemies roar in the midst of Thy
 congregations;
 they set up their own banners for
 signs.

⁵It was like a man using axes
 on the thick trees.

⁶And now all its carvings too
 they break down with axes and ham-
 mers.

⁷They have cast fire into Thy sanctuary;
 they have defiled the dwelling-place
 of Thy name to the ground.

⁸They said in their hearts, Let us de-
 stroy them together;
 they have burned up all the meeting-
 places of God in the land.

⁹We did not see our signs;
there is no prophet any more;
 neither *is there* among us any who
 knows how long.

¹⁰O God, how long shall the enemy
 speak evil?
 Shall the enemy blaspheme Thy name
 forever?

¹¹Why dost Thou withdraw Thy hand,
 even Thy right hand?
 Draw it out of Thy bosom.

¹²For God is my king of old,
 working salvation in the midst of the
 earth,

¹³Thou didst divide the sea by Thy
 strength;
 Thou didst break the heads of the
 whales in the waters.

¹⁴Thou didst break the heads of *lē-vī'-*
ā-thān in pieces,
and gave him *to be* food to the people
 living in the wilderness.

¹⁵Thou didst divide the fountain and
 the flood;
 Thou didst dry up mighty rivers.

¹⁶The day is Thine, the night also is
 Thine;
 Thou hast prepared the light and the
 sun.

¹⁷Thou hast set all the borders of the
 earth;
 Thou hast made summer and winter.

¹⁸Remember this, *that* the enemy has
 cursed, O LORD,
and that the foolish people have blas-
 phemed Thy name.

¹⁹O do not deliver the soul of Thy
 turtle dove unto the multitude;
 forget not the congregation of Thy
 poor forever.

²⁰Have respect unto the covenant;
 for the dark places of the earth are
 full of the houses of evil.

²¹O let not the ill-treated ones return
 ashamed;
 let the poor and needy praise Thy
 name.

²²Arise, O God, plead Thy own cause;
 remember how the foolish man curses
 Thee daily.

²³Forget not the voice of Thy enemies;
the noise of those who rise up against
Thee keeps on increasing.

PSALM 75

To the chief musician, Do not destroy, A
Psalm of Asaph, A Song.

¹Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks,
unto Thee do we give thanks;
for *that* Thy name is near,
Thy wonderful works declare.

²Surely I will take an appointed time,
I will judge uprightly.

³The earth and all its people are melt-
ing away;
I hold up its pillars.

Sē'-lāh.

⁴I said to the proud, Do not boast;
and to the wicked, Do not lift up the
horn;

⁵do not lift up your horn on high;
do not speak with a stiff neck.

⁶For lifting up comes neither from the
east, nor from the west,
nor from the south.

⁷But God is the judge;
He puts down one and sets up an-
other.

⁸For in the hand of the LORD *there is*
a cup,
and the wine is red; it is fully mixed;
and He pours out from it;
but the dregs of it,
all the wicked of the earth shall
wring *them* out *and* drink.

⁹But I will declare forever;
I will sing praises to the God of
Jacob.

¹⁰Also I will cut off all the horns of the
wicked;
but the horns of the righteous shall be
lifted up.

PSALM 76

To the chief musician on Neginoth, A Psalm
of Asaph, A Song.

¹God is known in Judah,
His name is great in Israel.

²His tabernacle is also in Salem,
and His dwelling-place in Zion.

³There He broke the arrows of the bow,
the shield, and the sword, and the
battle.

Sē'-lāh.

⁴Thou art more glorious and excellent
than the mountains of prey.

⁵The stout-hearted are spoiled,
they have slept their sleep;
and none of the men of might
have found their hands.

⁶At Thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,
both the rider and the horse are
thrown into a deep sleep.

⁷Thou, *even* Thou, art to be feared;
and who may stand in Thy sight
when once Thou art angry?

⁸Thou didst cause judgment to be heard
from Heaven;
the earth feared and was still,

⁹when God arose to judgment,
to save all the meek of the earth.
Sē'-lāh.

¹⁰Surely the wrath of man shall praise
Thee;
the wrath that is left, Thou shalt bind
up.

¹¹Vow, and pay unto the LORD your
God;
let all that are around Him bring
presents
to Him who ought to be feared.

¹²He shall cut off the spirit in princes;
He is fearful to the kings of the earth.

PSALM 77

To the chief musician, to Jeduthun, A Psalm
of Asaph.

¹I cried to God with my voice, unto
God with my voice;
and He gave ear to me.

²In the day of my trouble I sought the
LORD;
my sore ran in the night, and ceased
not;
my soul refused to be comforted.

³I remembered God, and was troubled;
I complained, and my spirit fainted.
Sē'-lāh.

⁴Thou didst keep my eyes awake;
I am so troubled that I cannot
speak.

⁵I have thought upon the days of old,
the years of bygone ages.

⁶I remember my song in the night;
I speak with my own heart, and my
spirit carefully searches.

⁷Will the Lord cast off forever?
And will He be favorable no more?

⁸Is His mercy gone forever?
Does *His* promise fail forevermore?

⁹Has God forgotten to be gracious?
Has He in anger shut up His tender
mercies?

Sē'-lāh.

¹⁰And I said, This is my weakness,
the changes of the right hand of the
Most High.

¹¹I will remember the works of the
LORD;
surely I will remember Thy wonders
of old.

¹²I will also think upon all Thy work,
and talk of Thy doings.

¹³Thy way, O God, is in holiness;
who is so great a God as *our* God?

¹⁴Thou art the God who does wonders;
Thou hast declared Thy strength
among the people.

¹⁵Thou hast with *Thy* arm redeemed
Thy people,
the sons of Jacob and Joseph.

Sē'-lāh.

¹⁶The waters saw Thee, O God,
the waters saw Thee; they were
afraid;

the depths also were troubled.

¹⁷The clouds poured out water;
the skies sent out a sound;
Thy arrows also flew here and there.

¹⁸The voice of Thy thunder was in the
sky;
the lightnings lit up the world;
the earth trembled and shook.

¹⁹Thy way is in the sea,
and Thy path in the great waters,
and Thy footsteps are not known.

²⁰Thou didst lead Thy people like a
flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

PSALM 78

Maschil of Asaph.

¹Give ear, O my people, to my law;
bow down your ears to the words of
my mouth.

²I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will speak dark sayings of old,

³which we have heard and known,
and our fathers have told us.

⁴We will not hide *them* from their chil-
dren,

showing to the generations to come
the praises of the LORD, and His
strength,

and His wonderful works that He has
done.

⁵For He set up a testimony in Jacob,
and ordered a law in Israel,
which He commanded our fathers,
that they should make them known
unto their children;

⁶so that the generation to come might
know *them*,
even the children *who* should be
born;

who should arise and tell *them* to
their children;

⁷so that they might set their hope in
God,

and not forget the works of God,
but keep His commandments;

⁸and might not be like their fathers,
a stubborn and rebellious generation,
a generation *that* did not set their
heart aright,
and whose spirit was not faithful with
God.

⁹The children of Ephraim, *being* armed
and carrying bows,
turned back in the day of battle.

¹⁰They did not keep the covenant of
God,

and refused to walk in His law;

¹¹and forgot His works and His won-
ders which He had shown them.

¹²He did marvelous things in the sight
of their fathers,
in the land of Egypt, *in* the field of
Zō'-ān.

¹³He divided the sea and caused them
to pass through;

- and He made the waters to stand in a heap.
- ¹⁴Also in the daytime He led them with a cloud,
and all the night with a light of fire.
- ¹⁵He split the rocks in the wilderness,
and let *them* drink as *out of* the great deep.
- ¹⁶He brought streams also out of the rock,
and caused waters to run down like rivers.
- ¹⁷And they sinned still more against Him,
by provoking the Most High in the wilderness.
- ¹⁸And they tempted God in their heart
by asking food for their lust.
- ¹⁹And they spoke against God;
they said, Can God set a table in the wilderness?
- ²⁰Behold, He struck the rock so that the waters gushed out,
and the streams overflowed;
can He also give bread?
Can He provide flesh for His people?
- ²¹Therefore the LORD heard, and was angry;
so a fire was kindled against Jacob,
and anger also came up against Israel,
- ²²because they did not believe in God,
and did not trust in His salvation;
- ²³though He had commanded the clouds from above,
and had opened the doors of the heavens;
- ²⁴and had rained down manna upon them to eat,
and had given them of the grain of the heavens.
- ²⁵Man ate the food of the mighty;
He sent them meat to the full.
- ²⁶He caused an east wind to blow in the sky;
and by His power He brought in the south wind.
- ²⁷He also rained flesh upon them like dust,
and feathered birds like the sand of the sea;
- ²⁸and He let it fall in the middle of their camp,
all around their dwelling-places.
- ²⁹So they ate, and were filled to the full;
for He gave them their own desire.
- ³⁰They were not turned away from their lust,
but while their food was still in their mouths,
- ³¹the wrath of God came upon them
and killed the fattest of them,
and struck down the chosen of Israel.
- ³²For all this they still sinned,
and did not believe because of His wonderful works.
- ³³Therefore He ended their days in vanity
and their years in trouble.
- ³⁴When He killed them, then they looked for Him;
and they turned back and sought after God.
- ³⁵And they remembered that God was their rock,
and the Most High God was their redeemer.
- ³⁶But they flattered Him with their mouths,
and they lied to Him with their tongues.
- ³⁷For their heart was not right with Him,
neither were they faithful in His covenant.
- ³⁸But He, full of pity,
forgave *their* iniquity,
and did not destroy *them*;
yea, many times He turned His anger away,
and did not stir up all His wrath.
- ³⁹For He remembered that they were *but* flesh,
a wind that passes away and does not come again.
- ⁴⁰How often they provoked Him in the wilderness,
and grieved Him in the desert!
- ⁴¹Yea, they turned back and tempted God,
and set limits to the Holy one of Israel.

- ⁴²They did not remember His hand,
nor the day when He delivered them
 from the enemy;
- ⁴³how He had set His signs in Egypt,
 and His wonders in the fields of
 Zō'-ān.
- ⁴⁴He turned their rivers into blood,
 and their floods, so that they could
 not drink.
- ⁴⁵He sent different kinds of flies among
 them, which devoured them;
 and frogs, which destroyed them.
- ⁴⁶He also gave their crops to the cater-
 pillar,
 and their labor to the locust.
- ⁴⁷He destroyed their vines with hail,
 and their sycamore trees with
 frost.
- ⁴⁸He gave up their cattle to the hail,
 and their flocks to bolts of fire.
- ⁴⁹He sent upon them the heat of His
 anger,
 wrath and fury and trouble,
 by sending evil angels *among them*.
- ⁵⁰He made a way to His anger;
 He did not save their soul from
 death,
 but gave their life over to the
 plague,
- ⁵¹and struck all the first-born in Egypt,
 the first of the strong in the tents of
 Ham;
- ⁵²but made His own people go forth
 like sheep,
 and guided them in the wilderness
 like a flock.
- ⁵³And He led them on safely, so that
 they did not fear;
 but the sea flooded over their en-
 emies.
- ⁵⁴And He brought them within His own
 holy borders,
even to this mountain, *which* His right
 hand had bought.
- ⁵⁵He also cast out the nations before
 them,
 and divided them an inheritance by
 line,
 and made the tribes of Israel to dwell
 in their tents.
- ⁵⁶Yet they tempted and provoked the
 Most High God,
 and kept not His testimonies;
- ⁵⁷but *they* turned back, and acted un-
 faithfully like their fathers;
 they were turned aside like a deceiv-
 ing bow.
- ⁵⁸For they provoked Him to anger with
 their high places,
 and moved Him to jealousy with
 their carved images.
- ⁵⁹When God heard, He was angry,
 and turned away from Israel;
- ⁶⁰so that He left the tabernacle of
 Shī'-lōh,
 the tent *which* He placed among
 men,
- ⁶¹and delivered His strength into cap-
 tivity,
 and His glory into the enemy's hands.
- ⁶²He also gave His people over to the
 sword,
 and was angry with His inheritance.
- ⁶³The fire burned up their young men;
 and their maidens were not given in
 marriage.
- ⁶⁴Their priests fell by the sword;
 and their widows were not able to
 weep.
- ⁶⁵Then the Lord awakened like one out
 of sleep,
and like a mighty man who cries
 aloud from wine.
- ⁶⁶And He struck His enemies in the
 back parts;
 He put them to a never-ending
 shame.
- ⁶⁷Besides, He refused the tabernacle of
 Joseph,
 and chose not the tribe of Ephraim;
- ⁶⁸but chose the tribe of Judah,
 the Mount Zion which He loved.
- ⁶⁹And He built His holy place like high
palaces,
 like the earth which He has founded
 forever.
- ⁷⁰He also chose David His servant,
 and took him from the sheepfolds;
- ⁷¹from following the ewes great with
 young He brought him
 to feed Jacob His people,
 and Israel His inheritance.
- ⁷²So he fed them according to the pure-
 ness of his heart,
 and guided them by the skillfulness
 of his hands.

PSALM 79

A Psalm of Asaph.

- ¹O God, the heathen have come into Thy inheritance;
they have defiled Thy holy temple;
they have laid Jerusalem in heaps.
²They have given the dead bodies of Thy servants
as food for the birds of the sky,
the flesh of Thy saints to the beasts of the earth.
³They have shed their blood like water round about Jerusalem;
and *there was* none to bury *them*.
⁴We have become a shame to our neighbors,
a scorn and mockery to those who are around us.
⁵How long, LORD? Wilt Thou be angry forever?
Shall Thy jealousy burn like fire?
⁶Pour out Thy wrath upon the nations who have not known Thee,
and upon the kingdoms
who have not called upon Thy name.
⁷For they have eaten up Jacob,
and laid his dwelling-place waste.
⁸O do not remember against us our former sins;
let Thy tender mercies go quickly before us;
for we are brought very low.
⁹Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of Thy name;
and deliver us, and purge away our sins,
for Thy name's sake.
¹⁰Why should the nations say,
Where is their God?
Let Him be known among the nations
before our eyes
by the revenging of the blood of Thy servants *which is* shed.
¹¹Let the groaning of the prisoner come before Thee;
according to the greatness of Thy power, leave Thou a remnant of those who are to die,

- ¹²and give to our neighbors their curse sevenfold into their bosom,
the curse with which they have cursed Thee, O Lord.
¹³So we Thy people and sheep of Thy pasture,
will give Thee thanks forever;
we will show forth Thy praise to all generations.

PSALM 80

To the chief musician, concerning the Lilies,
A Psalm of Asaph.

- ¹Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
Thou who dost lead Joseph like a flock;
Thou who dwellest *between* the cherubims,
shine forth.
²Stir up Thy strength before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
and come, save us.
³Turn us again, O God, and cause Thy face to shine;
and we shall be saved!
⁴O LORD God of hosts,
how long wilt Thou be angry against the prayer of Thy people?
⁵Thou feedest them with the bread of tears;
and givest them tears to drink in great measure.
⁶Thou dost make us a target for our neighbors;
and our enemies laugh among themselves.
⁷Turn us again, O God of hosts,
and cause Thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.
⁸Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt;
Thou hast cast out the nations and planted it.
⁹Thou didst prepare before it, and didst cause it to take deep root;
and it filled the land.
¹⁰The hills were covered with the shadow of it,
and the boughs of it were *as* the beautiful cedars.

¹¹It sent out its boughs to the sea,
and its branches to the river.

¹²Why hast Thou broken down its
hedges,
so that all those who pass by the way
do pluck it?

¹³The boar out of the wood wastes it,
and the wild beast of the field eats it.

¹⁴Return, we beg Thee, O God of hosts;
look down from Heaven, and behold,
and visit this vine,

¹⁵and the vineyard which Thy right
hand has planted,
and the branch *that* Thou didst make
strong for Thyself.

¹⁶*It is* burned with fire, *it is* cut down;
they perish at the rebuke of Thy *holy*
face.

¹⁷Let Thy hand be upon the Man of
Thy right hand,
upon the Son of man *whom* Thou hast
made strong for Thyself.

¹⁸So we will not go back from Thee;
make us live, and we will call upon
Thy name.

¹⁹Turn us again, O LORD God of
Hosts;
cause Thy face to shine, and we shall
be saved.

PSALM 81

To the chief musician upon Gittith, A Psalm
of Asaph.

¹Sing aloud unto God our strength;
make a joyful noise unto the God of
Jacob.

²Take a psalm, and bring the timbrel
here,
the pleasant harp and psaltery.

³Blow the trumpet in the new moon,
in the time appointed, on our solemn
feast day.

⁴For this was a statute for Israel,
and a law of the God of Jacob.

⁵This He ordained in Joseph for a testi-
mony,
when He went out throughout the
land of Egypt;
I heard a language *that* I understood
not.

⁶I removed his shoulder from the bur-
den;

his hands were delivered from the
pots.

⁷You called in trouble, and I delivered
you;

I answered you in the secret place of
thunder;

I proved you at the waters of Mēr'-
i-bäh.

Sē'-läh.

⁸Hear, O My people, and I will testify
unto you;

O Israel, if you will listen to Me,

⁹there shall be no strange god in you;
neither shall you worship any strange
god.

¹⁰I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of
Egypt;

open your mouth wide, and I will fill
it.

¹¹But My people would not listen to
My voice;

and Israel would *have* none of Me.

¹²So I gave them up to their own hearts'
lust;

and they walked in their own pur-
poses.

¹³Oh that My people had listened to
Me,

and Israel had walked in My ways!

¹⁴I would soon have humbled their
enemies,

and would have turned My hand
against their foes.

¹⁵The haters of the LORD would have
come pretending before Him,

but their time would have lasted
forever.

¹⁶He would have fed them also with
the finest of the wheat;

and with honey out of the rocks I
would have satisfied you.

PSALM 82

A Psalm of Asaph.

¹God stands in the congregation of the
mighty;

in the midst of the gods He judges.

²How long will you judge unjustly
and favor the wicked?

Sē'-läh.

³Defend the poor and fatherless;
do justice to the afflicted and needy.
⁴Deliver the poor and needy;
save *them* out of the hand of the
wicked.

⁵They neither know nor will under-
stand;
they walk on in darkness;
all the foundations of the earth are
shaken.

⁶I have said, You are gods;
and all of you are children of the
Most High.

⁷But you shall die like men,
and fall like one of the princes.

⁸Arise, O God, judge the earth;
for Thou shalt inherit all nations.

PSALM 83

A Song, A Psalm of Asaph.

¹Keep not silence, O God;
hold not Thy peace, and be not still,
O God.

²For lo, Thy enemies roar;
and those who hate Thee have lifted
up the head.

³They have made a sly plot against Thy
people,
and have put their heads together
against Thy hidden ones.

⁴They have said, Come, and let us cut
them off from being a nation,
so that the name Israel may be re-
membered no more.

⁵For with one heart they have plotted
together,
they have made a covenant against
Thee—

⁶the tents of Edom, and the Ish'-mā-
ē-lites;
of Moab, and the Hāg'-ā-rēnes;

⁷Gē'-bāl, and Ammon, and Aṣṣ'-ā-lēk;
the Philistines with the people of
Tyre;

⁸Assyria also has joined with them;
they have helped the children of Lot.
Sē'-lāh.

⁹Do unto them as to Mid'-i-ān;
as to Sis'-ē-rā, as to Jā'-bin, at the
brook of Kī'-son;

¹⁰*who* perished at En'-dôr;
they became as dung for the earth.

¹¹Make their nobles like Or'-ēb, and
like Zēeb;
yea, all their princes like Zē'-bāh, and
like Zāl-mūn'-nā;

¹²who said, Let us take possession for
ourselves
of the houses of God.

¹³O my God, make them like a wheel;
like the stubble before the wind.

¹⁴As the fire burns a wood,
and as the flame sets the mountains
on fire;

¹⁵so pursue them with Thy tempest,
and make them afraid with Thy
storm.

¹⁶Fill their faces with shame,
that they may seek Thy name, O
LORD.

¹⁷Let them be ashamed and troubled
forever;
yea, let them be put to shame, and
lost;

¹⁸so that *men* may know that Thou,
whose name alone is JEHOVAH,
art the Most High over all the earth.

PSALM 84

To the chief musician upon Gittith, A Psalm
for the sons of Korah.

¹How lovely are Thy tabernacles,
O LORD of hosts!

²My soul longs, yea, even faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh cries out
for the living God.

³Even the sparrow has found a house,
and the swallow a nest for herself
where she may lay her young,
even Thy altars, O LORD of hosts,
my king and my God.

⁴Blessed are they who dwell in Thy
house;
they will be still praising Thee.
Sē'-lāh.

⁵Blessed is the man whose strength is
in Thee;
in whose heart are Thy ways,

⁶who passing through the valley of weeping make it a fountain; the rain also fills the pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength, appearing in Zion before God.

⁸O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob.

Sē'-lāh.

⁹Behold, O God our shield, and look upon the face of Thy anointed.

¹⁰For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

¹¹For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD will give grace and glory; no good *thing* will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.

¹²O LORD of hosts, blessed is the man who trusts in Thee.

PSALM 85

To the chief musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah.

¹LORD, Thou hast been gracious to Thy land; Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.

²Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of Thy people; Thou hast covered all their sins. Sē'-lāh.

³Thou hast taken away all Thy wrath; Thou hast turned *Thyself* from the heat of Thy anger.

⁴Turn us, O God of our salvation, and cause Thy anger toward us to cease.

⁵Wilt Thou be angry with us forever? Wilt Thou draw out Thy anger to all generations?

⁶Wilt Thou not give us life again, so that Thy people may rejoice in Thee?

⁷Show us Thy mercy, O LORD, and grant us Thy salvation.

⁸I will hear what God the LORD will speak;

for He will speak peace to His people, and to His saints; but let them not turn again to folly.

⁹Surely His salvation is near those that fear Him, so that glory may dwell in our land.

¹⁰Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed *each other*.

¹¹Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from Heaven.

¹²Yea, the LORD shall give good; and our land shall yield its increase.

¹³Righteousness shall go before Him, and shall set *us* in the way of His steps.

PSALM 86

A Prayer of David.

¹Bow down Thy ear, O LORD, hear me; for I am poor and needy.

²Preserve my soul; for I am holy; O Thou my God, save Thy servant who trusts in Thee.

³Be merciful unto me, O Lord; for I cry unto Thee daily.

⁴Rejoice the soul of Thy servant; for unto Thee, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵For Thou, Lord, art good and ready to forgive; and rich in mercy to all those who call upon Thee.

⁶Give ear, O LORD, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my prayers.

⁷In the day of my trouble I will call upon Thee; for Thou wilt answer me.

⁸Among the gods *there is none like Thee*, O Lord; nor like Thy works.

⁹All nations whom Thou hast made shall come

and worship before Thee, O Lord,
and shall glorify Thy name.

¹⁰For Thou art great, and doest wonderful things;

Thou art God alone.

¹¹Teach me Thy way, O LORD;

I will walk in Thy truth;

my heart rejoices to fear Thy name.

¹²I will praise Thee, O Lord my God,
with all my heart,

and I will glorify Thy name forevermore.

¹³For great is Thy mercy toward me;
and Thou hast delivered my soul from
the lowest hell.

¹⁴O God, the proud have risen against
me;

and the company of violent *men* have
sought after my life,
and have not set Thee before them.

¹⁵But Thou, O God, art a God full of
pity, and gracious,
long-suffering, and rich in mercy and
truth.

¹⁶O turn unto me, and have mercy upon
me;

give Thy strength unto Thy servant,
and save the son of Thy handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a token for good,
so that they who hate me may see
and be ashamed;

because Thou, LORD, hast helped
me and comforted me.

PSALM 87

A Psalm for the sons of Korah, A Song.

¹His foundation is in the holy moun-
tains.

²The LORD loves the gates of Zion
more
than all the dwellings of Jacob.

³Glorious things are spoken of you,
O city of God.

Sē'-lāh.

⁴I will make mention of Rahab and
Babylon to those who know me;
behold, Philistia and Tyre, with
Ethiopia;

this man was born there.

⁵And of Zion it shall be said,

This and that man was born in her;
and the Highest Himself shall estab-
lish her.

⁶The LORD shall count, when He
writes up the people,
that this man was born there.

Sē'-lāh.

⁷The singers as well as the players on
instruments shall be there.

All my springs are in Thee!

PSALM 88

A Song, A Psalm for the sons of Korah, to the
chief musician, upon Mahalath Leannoth,
Maschil of Heman the Ezrahite.

¹O LORD God of my salvation,
I have cried day *and* night before
Thee.

²Let my prayer come before Thee,
bow down Thy ear unto my cry.

³For my soul is full of troubles;
and my life draws near the grave.

⁴I am counted with those who go down
into the pit;

I am as a man *who has* no strength;

⁵free among the dead,
like the slain that lie in the grave,
whom Thou dost remember no more;
Thy waves.

and they are cut off from Thy hand.

⁶Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,
in darkness, in the deeps.

⁷Thy wrath lies hard upon me,
and Thou hast afflicted *me* with all
Thy waves.

Sē'-lāh.

⁸Thou hast put my friends far away
from me;

Thou hast made me a hateful thing
to them;

I am shut up, and I cannot come
forth.

⁹My eye mourns because of affliction;
LORD, I have called daily upon
Thee,

I have stretched out my hands unto
Thee.

¹⁰Wilt Thou show wonders to the dead?
Shall the dead rise and praise Thee?

Sē'-lāh.

- ¹¹Shall Thy loving-kindness be declared
in the grave?
Or Thy faithfulness in ruin?
- ¹²Shall Thy wonders be known in the
dark,
and Thy righteousness in the land of
forgetfulness?
- ¹³But unto Thee I have cried, O LORD;
and in the morning my prayer shall
go before Thee.
- ¹⁴LORD, why dost Thou cast off my
soul?
*Why dost Thou hide Thy face from
me?*
- ¹⁵I am afflicted and ready to die from
my youth up;
*while I suffer Thy terrors, I pine
away.*
- ¹⁶Thy fierce wrath goes over me;
thy terrors have cut me off.
- ¹⁷They came round about me daily like
water;
they have come together around me.
- ¹⁸Thou hast put lover and friend far
from me,
*and those who know me into dark-
ness.*
- ⁶For who in the skies can be compared
to the LORD?
*Who among the sons of the mighty
can be compared to the LORD?*
- ⁷God is greatly to be feared in the con-
gregation of the saints,
and to be adored by all around Him.
- ⁸O LORD God of hosts,
who is a strong LORD like Thee?
*Or to Thy faithfulness round about
Thee?*
- ⁹Thou rulest the raging of the sea;
when the waves of it arise, Thou dost
still them.
- ¹⁰Thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as
one that is slain;
Thou hast scattered Thy enemies
with Thy strong arm.
- ¹¹The heavens are Thine, the earth also
is Thine;
*as for the world and the fullness of
it, Thou hast founded them.*
- ¹²The north and the south, Thou hast
created them;
Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in
Thy name.
- ¹³Thou hast a mighty arm;
Thy hand is strong, *and Thy right
hand is high.*
- ¹⁴Justice and judgment are the founda-
tion of Thy throne;
mercy and truth shall go before Thy
face.
- ¹⁵Blessed is the people that knows the
joyful sound;
they shall walk, O LORD, in the
light of Thy face.
- ¹⁶In Thy name they shall rejoice all the
day;
and in Thy righteousness they shall
be lifted up.
- ¹⁷For Thou art the glory of their
strength;
and in Thy favor our horn shall be
lifted up.
- ¹⁸For the LORD is our shield,
and our king is the Holy One of
Israel.

PSALM 89

Maschil of Ethan the Ezrahite.

- ¹I will sing of the mercies of the LORD
forever;
with my mouth I will make known
Thy faithfulness to all generations.
- ²For I have said, Mercy shall be built
up forever;
Thy faithfulness shalt Thou establish
in the very heavens.
- ³I have made a covenant with My
chosen;
I have sworn to David My servant,
- ⁴Your seed will I establish forever,
and build up your throne to all gen-
erations.
- Sē'-lāh.
- ⁵And the heavens shall praise Thy won-
ders, O LORD,
Thy faithfulness also in the congre-
gation of the saints.
- ¹⁹Then Thou didst speak in vision
to Thy holy one, and didst say,
I have laid help upon a mighty one;
I have lifted up a chosen one out of
the people.

- 20I have found David, My servant;
with My holy oil I have anointed
him.
- 21My hand shall be always with *him*;
My arm also shall make him strong.
- 22The enemy shall not use force upon
him,
nor the son of wickedness afflict
him.
- 23And I will beat down his foes before
his face,
and plague those who hate him.
- 24But My faithfulness and My mercy
shall be with him;
and in My name his horn shall be
lifted up.
- 25I will set his hand also in the sea,
and his right hand in the rivers.
- 26He shall cry unto Me, Thou art my
Father,
my God, and the rock of my salvation.
- 27Also I will make him My first-born,
higher than the kings of the earth.
- 28I will keep My mercy for him forever-
more,
and My covenant shall stand fast
with him.
- 29Also I have set his seed forever,
and his throne as the days of the
heavens.
- 30If his children forsake My law,
and do not walk in My judgments;
31if they break My statutes,
and do not keep My commandments;
32then I will visit their wickedness with
the rod,
and their sin with stripes.
- 33Nevertheless I will not completely
take My loving-kindness away from
him,
nor allow My faithfulness to fail.
- 34I will not break My covenant,
nor change the thing that has gone
out of my lips.
- 35Once I have sworn by My holiness
that I will not lie to David.
- 36His seed shall endure forever,
and his throne as the sun before
Me.
- 37It shall be established forever like the
moon,
and *like* a faithful witness in the
heavens.
- Sē'-lāh.
- 38But Thou hast cast *us* off and turned
away;
Thou hast been angry with Thy
anointed.
- 39Thou hast turned away from the cove-
nant of Thy servant;
Thou hast defiled his crown *by throw-
ing it* to the ground.
- 40Thou hast broken down all his hedges;
Thou hast brought his strongholds to
ruin.
- 41All who pass by the way spoil him;
he is a curse to his neighbors.
- 42Thou hast set up the right hand of
his enemies;
Thou hast made all his enemies re-
joice.
- 43Thou also hast turned the edge of his
sword,
and hast not made him stand in the
battle.
- 44Thou hast made his glory to cease,
and hast thrown his throne down to
the ground.
- 45The days of his youth Thou hast
shortened;
Thou hast covered him with shame.
Sē'-lāh.
- 46How long, LORD? Wilt Thou hide
Thyself forever?
Shall Thy wrath burn like fire?
47Remember how short my time is;
why hast Thou made all men in vain?
48What man lives and never sees death?
Shall he deliver his soul from the
hand of the grave?
Sē'-lāh.
- 49Lord, where are Thy former loving-
kindnesses
which Thou didst swear unto David
in Thy truth?
50Remember, Lord, the scorn of Thy
servants;
how I bear in my bosom the insult of
all the mighty people,
51with which Thy enemies have cursed,
O LORD;
with which they have cursed the
footsteps of Thy anointed.
- 52Blessed be the LORD forevermore.
Amen and Amen.

PSALM 90

A Prayer of Moses the man of God.

- ¹LORD, Thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.
- ²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever Thou hadst formed the earth
and the world,
even from everlasting to everlasting
Thou art God.
- ³Thou didst turn man to lowliness,
and didst say, Return, you children
of men.
- ⁴For a thousand years in Thy sight
are as yesterday when it is past,
and *as* a watch in the night.
- ⁵Thou didst carry them away as with a
flood;
they are *as* a sleep; in the morning
they are like grass *which* grows up.
- ⁶In the morning it sprouts and shoots
up;
in the evening it is cut down, and
dries up.
- ⁷For we are burned up by Thy anger,
and by Thy wrath we are troubled.
- ⁸Thou hast set our iniquities before
Thee,
our secret *sins* in the light of Thy
face.
- ⁹For all our days pass away in Thy
wrath;
we finish our years as a tale *that* is
told.
- ¹⁰The days of our years are threescore
years and ten;
and if because of strength *they are*
fourscore years,
yet their strength is labor and sorrow;
for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.
- ¹¹Who knows the power of Thy anger?
Even according to Thy fear, *so is* Thy
wrath.
- ¹²So teach *us* to number our days,
so that we may apply *our* hearts unto
wisdom.

- ¹³Return, O LORD, how long?
And comfort Thyself concerning Thy
servants.
- ¹⁴O satisfy us early with Thy mercy,
so that we may rejoice and be glad
all our days.
- ¹⁵Make us glad according to the days
in which Thou hast afflicted us
and the years *in which* we have seen
evil.
- ¹⁶Let Thy work appear unto Thy ser-
vants,
and Thy glory unto their children.
- ¹⁷And let the beauty of the LORD our
God be upon us;
and establish the work of our hands
upon us;
yea, the work of our hands, establish
Thou it.

PSALM 91

- ¹He who dwells in the secret place of
the Most High
shall rest under the shadow of the
Almighty.
- ²I will say of the LORD, *He is* my
refuge and my fortress;
my God; in Him I will trust.
- ³Surely He will deliver you from the
snare of the fowler.
and from the destroying plague.
- ⁴He shall cover you with His feathers,
and under His wings you shalt
trust.
His truth shall be *your* shield, and
buckler.
- ⁵You shall not be afraid because of the
terror by night;
nor because of the arrow *that* flies by
day;
- ⁶*nor* for the plague *that* walks in dark-
ness;
nor for the plague that lays waste at
noonday.
- ⁷A thousand shall fall at your side,
and ten thousand at your right hand;
but it shall not come near you.
- ⁸Only with your eyes you shall look
and see the reward of the wicked.
- ⁹Because Thou, O LORD, art my refuge,

You have made the Most High your dwelling-place;
¹⁰no evil shall befall you,
 neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
¹¹For He shall give His angels charge over you,
 to keep you in all your ways.
¹²They shall bear you up in *their* hands,
 lest you dash your foot against a stone.
¹³You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
 the young lion and the jackal you shall trample underfoot.
¹⁴Because he has set His love upon Me,
 therefore I will deliver him;
 I will set him on high, because he has known My name.
¹⁵He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him;
 I will be with him in trouble;
 I will deliver him, and honor him.
¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him,
 and show him My salvation.

PSALM 92

A Psalm or Song for the sabbath day.

¹*It is a good thing* to give thanks to the LORD,
 and to sing praises unto Thy name,
 O Most High;
²to show forth Thy loving-kindness in the morning,
 and Thy faithfulness every night;
³upon an instrument of ten strings, and upon the psaltery,
 upon the harp with deep thought.
⁴For Thou, LORD, hast made Me glad with Thy work;
 I will triumph in the works of Thy hands.
⁵O LORD, how great are Thy works!
 Thy thoughts are very deep.
⁶A beastly man does not know;
 neither does a fool understand this.
⁷When the wicked spring as the grass,
 and when all the workers of iniquity blossom,

it is that they shall be destroyed forever;
⁸but Thou, LORD, art high forevermore.
⁹For, lo, Thy enemies, O LORD;
 for lo, Thy enemies shall perish;
 all the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.
¹⁰But my horn Thou shalt lift up like *the horn of a wild ox;*
 and I shall be anointed with fresh oil.
¹¹Also my eye shall see *my desire* on my enemies,
 and my ears shall hear the wicked who rise up against me.

¹²The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree;
 he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
¹³Those that are planted in the house of the LORD
 shall flourish in the courts of our God.
¹⁴They shall still bring forth fruit in old age;
 they shall be fat and flowering;
¹⁵to show that the LORD is upright;
He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

PSALM 93

¹The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty;
 the LORD is clothed with strength *with which* He has clothed Himself;
 the world also is fixed, so that it cannot be moved.
²Thy throne is established of old;
 Thou art from everlasting.
³The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
 the floods have lifted up their voices;
 the floods lift up their waves.
⁴The LORD on high is mightier than the noise of many waters,
yea, than the mighty waves of the sea.
⁵Thy promises are very sure;
 holiness becomes Thy house,
 O LORD, forever.

PSALM 94

- ¹O LORD God, to whom vengeance belongs;
O God, to whom vengeance belongs,
show Thyself.
- ²Lift up Thyself, Thou judge of the earth;
render a reward to the proud.
- ³LORD, how long shall the wicked,
how long shall the wicked triumph?
- ⁴*How long shall they say and speak hard things?
And all the workers of iniquity boast themselves.*
- ⁵They break Thy people in pieces, O LORD,
and afflict Thy inheritance.
- ⁶They kill the widow and the stranger,
and murder the fatherless.
- ⁷Yet they say, The LORD shall not see,
neither shall the God of Jacob think upon it.
- ⁸Understand, you beastly ones among the people;
and *you* fools, when will you be wise?
- ⁹He who planted the ear, shall He not hear?
He who formed the eye, shall He not see?
- ¹⁰He who chastises the heathen, shall He not correct?
He who teaches man knowledge, *shall He not know?*
- ¹¹The LORD knows the thoughts of man,
that they are vanity.
- ¹²Blessed is the man whom Thou dost chasten, O LORD,
to teach him out of Thy law;
- ¹³that Thou mayest give him rest from the days of trouble,
until the pit is dug for the wicked.
- ¹⁴For the LORD will not cast off His people,
neither will He forsake His inheritance.
- ¹⁵But judgment shall return unto righteousness;
and all the upright in heart shall follow it.

- ¹⁶Who will rise up for me against the evil-doers?
Or who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
- ¹⁷Unless the LORD had been my help,
my soul had almost dwelt in silence.
- ¹⁸When I said, My foot slips;
Thy mercy, O LORD, held me up.
- ¹⁹In the multitude of my thoughts within me
Thy comforts delight my soul.
- ²⁰Shall the throne of iniquity have fellowship with Thee,
which frames mischief by a law?
- ²¹They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous,
and condemn the innocent blood.
- ²²But the LORD is my defense;
and my God is the rock of my refuge.
- ²³And He shall bring upon them their own iniquity,
and shall cut them off in their own wickedness.
The LORD our God shall cut them off.

PSALM 95

- ¹O come, let us sing unto the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
- ²Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving,
and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.
- ³For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
- ⁴In His hand are the deep places of the earth;
the strength of the hills is also His.
- ⁵The sea is His, and He made it;
and His hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶O come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD our maker.
- ⁷For He is our God,
and we are the people of His pasture,
and the sheep of His hand.
- Today if you will hear His voice,
⁸harden not your heart, as in the *day they provoked Me,*

and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;
⁹when your fathers tempted Me, proved Me, and saw My work.
¹⁰Forty years long I was grieved with this generation,
 and said, It is a people who go astray in their hearts,
 and they have not known My ways;
¹¹unto whom I swore in My wrath that they should not enter into My rest.

PSALM 96

¹O sing unto the LORD a new song;
 sing unto the LORD, all the earth.
²Sing unto the LORD, bless His name;
 show forth His salvation from day to day.
³Declare His glory among the nations,
 His wonders among all people.
⁴For the LORD is great, and greatly to be praised;
 He is to be feared above all gods.
⁵For all the gods of the nations are idols;
 but the LORD made the heavens.
⁶Honor and majesty are before Him;
 strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.
⁷Give unto the LORD, O families of the people;
 give unto the LORD glory and strength.
⁸Give unto the LORD the glory *due unto* His name;
 bring an offering, and come into His courts.
⁹O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness;
 fear before Him, all the earth.
¹⁰Say among the nations that the LORD reigns;
 the world also shall be fixed so that it shall not be moved;
 He shall judge the people righteously.
¹¹Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
 let the sea roar, and the fullness of it.

¹²Let the field be joyful, and all that is in it;
 then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice
 before the LORD; for He comes,
 for He comes to judge the earth;
 He shall judge the world with righteousness,
 and the people with His truth.

PSALM 97

¹The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice;
 let the multitude of islands be glad.
²Clouds and darkness are round about Him;
 righteousness and judgment are the foundation of His throne.
³A fire goes before Him
 and burns up His enemies round about.
⁴His lightnings lit up the world;
 the earth saw and trembled.
⁵The hills melted like wax at the presence of the LORD,
 at the presence of the LORD of the whole earth.
⁶The heavens declare His righteousness,
 and all the people see His glory.
⁷All those who serve graven images are ashamed,
 those who boast themselves in idols;
 all gods bow down before Him.
⁸Zion heard and was glad;
 and the daughters of Judah rejoiced because of Thy judgments, O LORD.
⁹For Thou, LORD, art high above all the earth;
 Thou art lifted on high far above all gods.
¹⁰You who love the LORD, hate evil;
 He keeps the souls of His saints;
 He delivers them out of the hand of the wicked.
¹¹Light is sown for the righteous,
 and gladness for the upright in heart.
¹²Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous;
 and give thanks at the memory of His holiness.

PSALM 98

A Psalm.

- ¹O sing unto the LORD a new song;
for He has done marvelous things;
His right hand and His holy arm
have gotten Him the victory.
- ²The LORD has made known His sal-
vation;
His righteousness He has openly
shown in the sight of the heathen.
- ³He has remembered His mercy and
His truth
toward the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our LORD.
- ⁴Make a joyful noise unto the LORD,
all the earth;
make a loud noise, and rejoice, and
sing praise.
- ⁵Sing unto the LORD with the harp;
with the harp, and the voice of a
psalm.
- ⁶With trumpets and sound of cornet
make a joyful noise before the LORD,
the King.
- ⁷Let the sea roar, and the fullness of it;
the world, and those who live in it.
- ⁸Let the floods clap *their* hands;
let the hills be joyful together
- ⁹before the LORD; for He comes
to judge the earth;
with righteousness He shall judge the
world,
and the people with fairness.

PSALM 99

- ¹The LORD reigns; let the people
tremble;
He sits *between* the chër'-û-bîms;
let the earth be moved.
- ²The LORD is great in Zion;
and He is high above all the people.
- ³Let them praise Thy great and fearful
name;
for it is holy.
- ⁴The king's strength also loved judg-
ment;
Thou dost establish uprightness,
Thou dost work judgment
and righteousness in Jacob.

⁵Praise the LORD our God,
and worship at His footstool;
He is holy.

- ⁶Moses and Aaron were among His
priests,
and Samuel among those who called
upon His name;
they called upon the LORD, and He
answered them.
- ⁷He spoke to them in the cloudy pillar;
they kept His testimonies
and the ordinance that He gave them.
- ⁸Thou didst answer them, O LORD our
God;
Thou wast a God who forgave them,
though Thou didst take vengeance for
their deeds.
- ⁹Praise the LORD our God,
and worship at His holy hill;
for the LORD our God is holy.

PSALM 100

A Psalm of praise.

- ¹Make a joyful noise unto the LORD,
all you lands.
- ²Serve the LORD with gladness;
come before His presence with sing-
ing.
- ³Know that the LORD, He is God;
it is He who has made us, and not we
ourselves;
we are His people, and the sheep of
His pasture.
- ⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
and into His courts with praise;
be thankful unto Him, *and* bless His
name.
- ⁵For the LORD is good;
His mercy is everlasting;
and His truth *endures* to all gener-
ations.

PSALM 101

A Psalm of David.

- ¹I will sing of mercy and judgment;
unto Thee, O LORD, I will sing.

²I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.

O when wilt Thou come to me?

I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

³I will set no wicked thing before my eyes.

I have hated the work of those who turn aside;
it shall not hold on to me.

⁴A wicked heart shall depart from me;
I will not know the wicked.

⁵Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor,

I will cut him off;
him who has a high look and a proud heart,
I will not allow.

⁶My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land,
so that they may dwell with me;
he who walks in a perfect way,
he shall serve me.

⁷He who works falsely shall not dwell within my house;
he who tells lies shall not stay in my sight.

⁸I will early destroy all the wicked of the land,
so that I may cut off all wicked doers from the city of the LORD.

PSALM 102

A prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed and pours out his complaint before the LORD.

¹Hear my prayer, O LORD,
and let my cry come unto Thee.

²Hide not Thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble;
bow down Thy ear unto me;
in the day *when* I call, answer me quickly.

³For my days go up like smoke,
and my bones are burned like a hearth.

⁴My heart is stricken, and dried like grass,

so that I forget to eat my bread.

⁵Because of the voice of my groaning,
my bones hold fast to my skin.

⁶I am like a pelican of the wilderness;
I am like an owl of the desert.

⁷I watch, and am as a sparrow alone upon the house top.

⁸My enemies curse me all the day;
and they who are mad against me are sworn against me.

⁹For I have eaten ashes like bread,
and have mixed my drink with weeping,

¹⁰because of Thy anger and Thy wrath;
for Thou hast lifted me up and cast me down.

¹¹My days are like a shadow stretched out;
and I am dried like grass.

¹²But Thou, O LORD, shalt endure forever;
and Thy memory unto all generations.

¹³Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy upon Zion;
for the time to pity her,
yea, the set time, has come.

¹⁴For Thy servants take pleasure in its stones,
and love the dust of it.

¹⁵So the nations shall fear the name of the LORD,
and all the kings of the earth Thy glory.

¹⁶When the LORD shall build up Zion,
He shall appear in His glory.

¹⁷He will turn to the prayer of the forsaken,
and not despise their prayer.

¹⁸This shall be written for the generation to come;
and the people who shall be created shall praise the LORD.

¹⁹For He has looked down from the height of His sanctuary;
from Heaven did the LORD behold the earth;

²⁰to hear the groaning of the prisoner,
to set free the children of death;

- ²¹to declare the name of the LORD in Zion,
and His praise in Jerusalem;
²²when the people and the kingdoms
have gathered together
to serve the LORD.
- ²³He weakened my strength in the way;
He shortened my days.
- ²⁴I said, O my God, take me not away
in the midst of my days;
Thy years are throughout all genera-
tions.
- ²⁵Of old Thou hast laid the foundation
of the earth;
and the heavens are the work of Thy
hands.
- ²⁶They shall perish, but Thou shalt en-
dure;
yea, all of them shall become old like
a garment;
like a robe Thou shalt change them,
and they shall be changed;
- ²⁷but Thou art the same, and Thy years
shall have no end.
- ²⁸The children of Thy servants shall
continue,
and their seed shall be established
before Thee.
- ⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger, and rich in mercy.
⁹He will not always chasten,
neither will He keep *His anger* for-
ever.
- ¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to
our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our
iniquities.
- ¹¹For as the sky is high above the earth,
*so great is His mercy toward those
who fear Him.*
- ¹²As far as the east is from the west,
*so far has He removed our transgres-
sions from us.*
- ¹³As a father pities *his* children, *so the
LORD pities those who fear Him.*
- ¹⁴For He knows how we are made;
He remembers that we are dust.
- ¹⁵As *for* man, his days are as grass;
as a flower of the field, so he blos-
soms.
- ¹⁶For the wind passes over it, and it is
gone;
and its place shall know it no more.
- ¹⁷But the mercy of the LORD is from
everlasting to everlasting
upon those who fear Him,
and His righteousness unto children's
children;
- ¹⁸to those who keep His covenant,
and to those who remember to do His
commandments.

PSALM 103

A Psalm of David.

- ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul;
and all that is within me, *bless* His
holy name.
- ²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits;
- ³who forgives all your iniquities;
who heals all your diseases;
- ⁴who redeems your life from ruin;
who crowns you with loving-kindness
and tender mercies;
- ⁵who satisfies your mouth with good
things;
so that your youth is renewed like the
eagle's.
- ⁶The LORD works righteousness and
judgment
for all who are pressed down.
- ⁷He made known His ways unto Moses,
His acts unto the children of Israel.
- ¹⁹The LORD has prepared His throne
in the heavens;
and His kingdom rules over all.
- ²⁰Bless the LORD, you His angels,
who excel in strength, who do His
commandments,
listening to the voice of His word.
- ²¹Bless the LORD, all His hosts;
ministers of His who do His pleasure.
- ²²Bless the LORD, all His works in all
places of His rule;
bless the LORD, O my soul.

PSALM 104

- ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul.
O LORD my God, Thou art very
great;

- Thou art clothed with honor and majesty,
²covering *Thyself* with light as *with* a robe;
 and stretching out the heavens like a curtain;
³He lays the beams of His upper rooms in the waters;
 He makes the clouds His chariots;
 He walks upon the wings of the wind;
⁴He makes His angels spirits,
 His ministers a flaming fire.
- ⁵He laid the earth on its foundations,
 so *that* it should not be moved forever.
- ⁶Thou didst cover it with the deep as *with* a robe;
 the waters stood above the mountains.
- ⁷At Thy rebuke they flee;
 at the voice of Thy thunder they hurry away.
- ⁸They go up by the mountains;
 they go down by the valleys to the place which Thou hast founded for them.
- ⁹Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over,
 so that they do not turn again to cover the earth.
- ¹⁰He sends the springs into the valleys,
which run among the hills.
- ¹¹They give drink to every beast of the field;
 the wild asses break their thirst.
- ¹²By them the birds of the sky will have their place of rest,
who sing among the branches.
- ¹³He waters the hills from His upper rooms;
 the earth is satisfied with the fruit of Thy works.
- ¹⁴He causes the grass to grow for the cattle,
 and herb for the service of man,
 so that he may bring forth food out of the earth,
- ¹⁵and wine *that* makes the heart of man glad,
 and oil to make *his* face shine,
 and bread *which* makes man's heart strong.
- ¹⁶The trees of the LORD are full,
 the cedars of Lebanon which He has planted;
¹⁷where the birds make their nests;
as for the stork, the fir trees are her house.
- ¹⁸The high hills are a refuge for the wild goats,
 and the rocks for the conies.
- ¹⁹He appointed the moon for seasons;
 the sun knows its going down.
- ²⁰Thou makest darkness, and it is night,
 in which all the beasts of the forest do creep *forth*.
- ²¹The young lions roar after their prey,
 and seek their food from God.
- ²²The sun rises, they gather themselves together,
 and lie down together in their dens.
- ²³Man goes forth to his work
 and to his labor until the evening.
- ²⁴O LORD, how many are Thy works!
 In wisdom Thou hast made them all;
 the earth is full of Thy riches.
- ²⁵So is this great and wide sea,
 in which are creeping things without number,
 both small and great animals.
- ²⁶There go the ships;
there is that great sea animal *which* Thou hast made to play in it.
- ²⁷These all wait upon Thee,
 that Thou mayest give them their food in due season.
- ²⁸*What* Thou givest them, they gather;
 Thou dost open Thy hand;
 they are filled with good.
- ²⁹Thou dost hide Thy face, they are troubled;
 Thou dost take away their breath,
 they die and return to their dust.
- ³⁰Thou dost send forth Thy Spirit, they are created;
 and Thou dost renew the face of the earth.
- ³¹The glory of the LORD shall endure forever;
 the LORD shall rejoice in His works.

³²He looks on the earth, and it trembles;
He touches the hills, and they smoke.

³³I will sing unto the LORD as long as
I live;

I will sing praise to my God while I
have my being.

³⁴My thoughts of Him shall be sweet;
I will be glad in the LORD.

³⁵Let the sinners be taken out of the
earth,
and let the wicked be no more.
Bless the LORD, O my soul.
Praise the LORD.

PSALM 105

¹O give thanks unto the LORD; call
upon His name;
make known His deeds among the
people.

²Sing unto Him, sing psalms unto Him;
talk of all His wonderful works.

³Glory in His holy name;
let the heart of those who seek the
LORD rejoice.

⁴Seek the LORD and His strength;
seek His face evermore.

⁵Remember His marvelous works which
He has done;
His wonders, and the judgments of
His mouth.

⁶O you seed of Jacob His servant,
you children of Jacob His chosen.

⁷He is the LORD our God;
His judgments are in all the earth.

⁸He has remembered His covenant for-
ever,
the word *which* He commanded to a
thousand generations;

⁹*the covenant* which He made with
Abraham,
and His oath unto Isaac;

¹⁰and confirmed the same unto Jacob
for a law,
*and to Israel for an everlasting cov-
enant,*

¹¹saying, Unto you I will give the land
of Canaan,
the lot of your inheritance;

¹²when they were *but* a few men in
number;
yea, very few, and strangers in it.

¹³When they went from one nation to
another,

from a kingdom to another people,

¹⁴He allowed no man to do them
wrong;

yea, He reprov'd kings for their sakes,

¹⁵*saying*, Touch not my anointed,
and do My prophets no harm.

¹⁶Moreover He called for a famine upon
the land;

He broke the whole staff of bread.

¹⁷He sent a man before them, *even*
Joseph,
who was sold for a servant;

¹⁸whose feet they hurt with chains;
he was laid in iron

¹⁹until the time that his word came
true;

the word of the LORD tried him.

²⁰The king sent and set him free;
even the ruler of the people, and let
him go free.

²¹He made him lord of his house,
and ruler of all he owned;

²²to chain his princes at his pleasure,
and teach his elders wisdom.

²³Israel also came into Egypt,
and Jacob stayed in the land of
Ham.

²⁴And He increased His people greatly,
and made them stronger than their
enemies.

²⁵He turned their heart to hate His
people,
to deal craftily with His servants.

²⁶He sent Moses His servant,
and Aaron whom He had chosen.

²⁷They showed His signs among them,
and wonders in the land of Ham.

²⁸He sent darkness, and made it dark;
and they did not rebel against His
word.

²⁹He turned their waters into blood,
and killed their fish.

³⁰The land brought forth frogs plenti-
fully,
in the rooms of their kings.

³¹He spoke, and there came different
kinds of flies,
and lice in all their borders.

- ³²He gave them hail for rain,
and flaming fire in their land.
- ³³He struck their vines also and their fig trees,
and broke the trees of their borders.
- ³⁴He spoke, and the locusts came,
and caterpillars, and that without number;
- ³⁵and *they* ate up all the herbs in their land,
and ate the fruit of their ground.
- ³⁶He also struck all the first-born in their land,
the chief of all their strength.
- ³⁷He also brought them forth with silver and gold;
and *there was* not one feeble *person* among their tribes.
- ³⁸Egypt was glad when they departed;
for the fear of them had fallen upon them.
- ³⁹He spread a cloud for a covering,
and fire to give light in the night.
- ⁴⁰*They* asked, and He brought quails,
and satisfied them with the bread of heaven.
- ⁴¹He opened the rock, and the waters gushed out;
they ran in the dry places *like* a river.
- ⁴²For He remembered His holy promise
and Abraham His servant.
- ⁴³And He brought forth His people with joy,
and His chosen with gladness,
- ⁴⁴and gave them the lands of the heathen;
and they inherited the labor of the people,
- ⁴⁵so that they might take heed to His statutes
and keep His laws.
Praise the LORD.
- PSALM 106
- ¹Praise the LORD.
O give thanks unto the LORD; for *He is* good;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ²Who can utter the mighty acts of the LORD?
Who can show forth all His praise?
- ³Blessed are those who keep judgment,
and he who does righteousness at all times.
- ⁴Remember me, O LORD, with the favor *which Thou hast* unto Thy people;
O visit me with Thy salvation,
⁵so that I may see the good of Thy chosen,
that I may rejoice in the gladness of Thy nation,
that I may glory with Thy inheritance.
- ⁶We have sinned with our fathers,
we have committed iniquity,
we have done wickedly.
- ⁷Our fathers did not understand Thy wonders in Egypt;
they did not remember the multitude of Thy mercies,
but provoked *Thee* at the sea, *even* at the Red Sea.
- ⁸But He saved them for His name's sake,
that He might make His mighty power to be known.
- ⁹He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up;
so He led them through the depths,
as through the wilderness.
- ¹⁰And He saved them from the hand of him who hated *them*,
and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.
- ¹¹And the waters covered their enemies;
there was not one of them left.
- ¹²Then they believed His words;
they sang His praise.
- ¹³They hurried to forget His works;
they did not wait for His counsel;
- ¹⁴but they lusted greedily in the wilderness,
and tempted God in the desert.
- ¹⁵And He gave them what they asked;
but sent leanness into their soul.
- ¹⁶They also were jealous of Moses in the camp,
and Aaron the saint of the LORD.
- ¹⁷The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan,

- and covered the company of Ā-bī'-rām.
- 18And a fire was kindled in their company;
the flame burned up the wicked.
- 19They made a calf in Hôr'-ēb,
and worshipped the melted image.
- 20So they changed their Glory
into the likeness of an ox that eats
grass.
- 21They forgot God their Deliverer,
who had done great things in Egypt;
- 22wonderful works in the land of Ham,
and fearful things by the Red Sea.
- 23Therefore He said that He would destroy them,
if Moses His chosen had not stood
before Him in the break,
to turn away His wrath,
so that He should not destroy *them*.
- 24Yea, they despised the pleasant land;
they did not believe His word,
- 25but murmured in their tents,
and did not listen to the voice of the
LORD.
- 26Therefore He lifted up His hand
against them,
to overthrow them in the wilderness;
- 27to overthrow their seed also among
the nations,
and to scatter them in the lands.
- 28They also joined themselves unto Bā'-
āl-pē'-ōr,
and ate the sacrifice of the dead.
- 29So they provoked *Him* to anger with
their doings;
and the plague broke in upon them.
- 30Then Phīn'-ē-hās stood up and carried
out judgment;
and the plague was stayed.
- 31And that was counted to him for
righteousness
unto all generations forevermore.
- 32They also angered *Him* at the waters
of strife,
so that it went ill with Moses for their
sakes;
- 33because they provoked his spirit
so that he spoke unwisely with his
lips.
- 34They did not destroy the nations
concerning whom the LORD com-
manded them;
- 35but were mixed among the heathen,
and learned their works.
- 36And they served their idols,
which were a snare unto them.
- 37Yea, they sacrificed their sons
and their daughters unto devils,
38and shed innocent blood,
even the blood of their sons and of
their daughters,
whom they sacrificed unto the idols of
Canaan;
and the land was defiled with blood.
- 39So they were defiled with their own
works,
and went lusting in their own doings.
- 40Therefore the wrath of the LORD was
kindled against His people,
so much so that He turned away from
His own inheritance.
- 41And He gave them into the hand of
the nations;
and those who hated them ruled over
them.
- 42Their enemies also crushed them,
and they were humbled under their
hand.
- 43Many times He delivered them,
but they provoked *Him* with their
counsel
and were brought low for their sin.
- 44Nevertheless He looked upon their
affliction
when He heard their cry;
- 45and He remembered His covenant for
them,
and was moved *to pity*, according to
the multitude of His mercies.
- 46He also made them to be pitied
by all those who had carried them
away captives.
- 47Save us, O LORD our God,
and gather us from among the nations,
to give thanks unto Thy holy name
and to triumph in Thy praise.
- 48Blessed is the LORD God of Israel
from everlasting to everlasting;
and let all the people say, Amen.
Praise the LORD.

PSALM 107

¹O give thanks unto the LORD, for *He* is good;

for His mercy *endures* forever.

²Let the redeemed of the LORD say *so*, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy,

³and gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south.

⁴They wandered in the wilderness, in a desert by the way;

they found no city to dwell in.

⁵Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.

⁶Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their troubles.

⁷And He led them forth by the right way, so that they might go to a city to live in.

⁸O that *men* would praise the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

⁹For He satisfies the longing soul, and fills the hungry soul with goodness.

¹⁰Those who sit in the darkness and in the shadow of death,

being chained in affliction and iron;

¹¹because they rebelled against the words of God, and despised the advice of the Most High;

¹²therefore He brought down their heart with labor; they fell down, and *there was* none to help.

¹³Then they cried unto the LORD in their trouble, and He saved them out of their troubles.

¹⁴He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and broke their bands in two.

¹⁵O that *men* would praise the LORD for His goodness,

and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

¹⁶For He has broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in two.

¹⁷Fools are afflicted because of their rebellion, and because of their sins.

¹⁸Their soul hates all kinds of food; and they draw near the gates of death.

¹⁹Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and He saves them out of their troubles.

²⁰He sends His word and heals them, and delivers *them* from their rotten deeds.

²¹O that *men* would praise the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

²²And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare His works with rejoicing!

²³They who go down to the sea in ships, who do business in great waters;

²⁴these see the works of the LORD, and His wonders in the deep.

²⁵For He commands and raises the stormy wind, which lifts up the waves of it.

²⁶They mount up to the sky, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.

²⁷They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.

²⁸Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and He brings them out of their troubles.

²⁹He makes the storm a calm, so that the waves of it are still.

³⁰Then they are glad because they are quiet; so He brings them unto their desired haven.

³¹O that *men* would praise the LORD for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!

- ³²Let them also praise Him in the congregation of the people,
and praise Him in the gathering of the elders.
- ³³He turns rivers into a wilderness,
and the water-springs into dry ground;
- ³⁴a fruitful land into a salty desert,
for the wickedness of those who dwell in it.
- ³⁵He turns the wilderness into a standing water,
and dry ground into water-springs.
- ³⁶And He makes the hungry to dwell there,
so that they may prepare a city to live in;
- ³⁷and sow the fields, and plant vineyards,
which may yield fruits of increase.
- ³⁸He also blesses them, so that they are multiplied greatly;
and does not allow their cattle to become few.
- ³⁹Again, they have become few,
and have been brought low through harshness, affliction, and sorrow,
- ⁴⁰when He pours scorn upon princes,
and causes them to wander in the wilderness, *where there is no way.*
- ⁴¹Yet He sets the poor on high from affliction,
and makes *him* families like a flock.
- ⁴²The righteous shall see and rejoice;
and all iniquity shall stop its mouth.
- ⁴³Whoever is wise, and will be careful to do these *things*,
they shall understand the loving-kindness of the LORD.
- ⁴For Thy mercy is great above the heavens;
and Thy truth reaches unto the clouds.
- ⁵Be Thou lifted up, O God, above the heavens;
and Thy glory above all the earth;
- ⁶so that Thy beloved may be delivered;
save *with* Thy right hand, and answer me.
- ⁷God has spoken in His holiness;
I will rejoice, I will divide Shē'-chēm,
and I will measure out the valley of Sūc'-cōth.
- ⁸Gilead is Mine; Mā-nās'-sēh is Mine;
Ephraim also is the strength of My head;
Judah is My lawgiver;
- ⁹Moab is My washpot;
I will cast out My shoe over Edom;
I will triumph over Philistia.
- ¹⁰Who will bring me into the strong city?
Who will lead me into Edom?
- ¹¹Wilt not Thou, O God, *who* hast cut us off?
And wilt not Thou, O God, go forth with our armies?
- ¹²Give us help from trouble;
for vain is the help of man.
- ¹³Through God we shall do mighty things;
for He shall trample our enemies.

PSALM 109

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

PSALM 108

A Song or Psalm of David.

- ¹O God, my heart is fixed;
I will sing and give praise,
even with my soul.
- ²Awake, psaltery and harp;
I will awake early.
- ³I will praise Thee, O LORD, among the people;
and I will sing praises unto Thee among the nations.
- ¹Hold not Thy peace, O God of my praise;
- ²for the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of the deceitful are opened against me;
they have spoken against me with a lying tongue.
- ³They also hemmed me in with words of hatred;
and fought against me without a cause.
- ⁴For my love they are my enemies;
but I *give myself* to prayer.

- ⁵And they have rewarded me evil for good,
and hatred for my love.
- ⁶Set Thou a wicked man over him;
and let Satan stand at his right hand.
- ⁷When he shall be judged, let him be condemned;
and let his prayer become sin.
- ⁸Let his days be few;
let another take his office.
- ⁹Let his children be fatherless,
and his wife a widow.
- ¹⁰Let his children always beg and be vagabonds;
let them seek out of their ruins.
- ¹¹Let the money-lender lay a snare for all that he has;
and let the strangers take the fruit of his labor.
- ¹²Let there be none to give mercy to him;
neither let there be any to favor his fatherless children.
- ¹³Let his children after him be cut off;
and in the generation following, let their name be blotted out.
- ¹⁴Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with the LORD;
and let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.
- ¹⁵Let them be always before the LORD,
so that He may cut off the memory of them from the earth,
- ¹⁶because he did not remember to show mercy,
but persecuted the poor and needy man,
so that he might even kill the broken-hearted.
- ¹⁷As he loved cursing, so let it come unto him;
as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him.
- ¹⁸As he clothed himself with cursing, as with his robe,
so let it come into his bowels like water,
and like oil into his bones.
- ¹⁹Let it be unto him as the robe *which* covers him,
and for a girdle with which he is always clothed.
- ²⁰Let this be the reward of those who accuse me, from the LORD,
and of them who speak evil against my soul.
- ²¹But Thou, O GOD the Lord,
deal kindly with me for Thy name's sake;
because Thy mercy is good,
deliver me.
- ²²For I am poor and needy,
and my heart is wounded within me.
- ²³As a shadow when it is stretched out,
I am gone;
I am tossed up and down like the locust.
- ²⁴My knees are weak through fasting;
and my flesh is losing its fatness.
- ²⁵I also became a shame unto them;
when they looked on me, they shook their heads.
- ²⁶Help me, O LORD my God;
O save me according to Thy mercy;
- ²⁷so that they may know that this is Thy hand;
that Thou, LORD, hast done it.
- ²⁸Let them curse, but bless Thou;
when they arise, let them be ashamed;
but let Thy servant rejoice.
- ²⁹Let those who accuse me be clothed with shame,
and let them cover themselves with their own shame, as with a cloak.
- ³⁰I will greatly praise the LORD with my mouth;
yea, I will praise Him among the multitude.
- ³¹For He shall stand at the right hand of the poor,
to save *him* from those who condemn his soul.

PSALM 110

A Psalm of David.

¹The LORD said unto my Lord,
Sit Thou at My right hand
until I make Thy enemies Thy
footstool.

²The LORD shall send the rod of Thy
strength out of Zion;

rule Thou in the midst of Thy enemies.

³Thy people shall be willing in the day of Thy power,
in the beauty of holiness
from the womb of the morning;
Thou hast the dew of Thy youth.

⁴The LORD has sworn,
and will not repent,
Thou art a priest forever
after the order of Mēl-chīz'-ē-dēk.

⁵The Lord at Thy right hand
shall strike through kings in the day
of His wrath.

⁶He shall judge among the nations,
He shall fill *them* with dead bodies;
He shall wound the heads
over many countries.

⁷He shall drink of the brook in the way;
therefore He shall lift up the head.

PSALM 111

¹Praise the LORD.

I will praise the LORD with my whole heart,
in the secret meeting of the upright,
and *in* the congregation.

²The works of the LORD are great,
sought out by all those who have
pleasure in them.

³His work is honorable and glorious;
and His righteousness endures forever.

⁴He has made His wonderful works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and full of pity.

⁵He has given food to those who fear Him;
He will always be mindful of His covenant.

⁶He has shown His people the power of His works,
that He may give them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷The works of His hands are truth and judgment;
all His commandments are sure.

⁸They stand fast forever and ever,
and are done in truth and upright-ness.

⁹He sent redemption unto His people;

He has commanded His covenant forever;

holy and fearful is His name.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who obey *Him* have understanding;

His praise endures forever.

PSALM 112

¹Praise the LORD.

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who delights greatly in His commandments.

²His seed shall be mighty upon earth;
the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

³Wealth and riches shall be in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴Unto the upright there arises light in the darkness;
he is gracious and full of pity and righteousness.

⁵A good man shows favor, and lends;
he will guide his business with fairness.

⁶Surely he shall not be moved forever;
the righteous shall be remembered forever.

⁷He shall not be afraid of bad news;
his heart is fixed, trusting in the LORD.

⁸His heart is sure, he shall not be afraid until he sees *his desire* upon his enemies.

⁹He has scattered abroad, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn shall be lifted up with honor.

¹⁰The wicked shall see *it* and be grieved;
he shall gnash with his teeth and melt away;
the desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 113

¹Praise the LORD.

Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.

²Blessed is the name of the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.

- ³From the rising of the sun unto its going down,
the LORD's name is to be praised.
- ⁴The LORD is high above all nations,
and His glory above the heavens.
- ⁵Who is like the LORD our God,
who dwells on high,
⁶who humbles *Himself* to behold
the things in the heavens and in the earth!
- ⁷He raises up the poor out of the dust,
and lifts the needy out of the dung-hill,
⁸so that He may set *him* with princes,
even with the princes of His people.
- ⁹He causes the barren woman to keep house,
a joyful mother of children.
Praise the LORD.

PSALM 114

- ¹When Israel went out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of
strange language,
²Judah was His sanctuary,
and Israel was His kingdom.
- ³The sea saw *it* and fled;
Jordan was driven back.
- ⁴The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like lambs.
- ⁵What *ailed* you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, *that* you were driven back?
- ⁶You mountains, *that* you skipped like
rams;
and you little hills like lambs?
- ⁷Earth, tremble at the presence of the
LORD,
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸who turned the rock *into* a standing
water,
the flint into a fountain of waters.

PSALM 115

- ¹Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us,
but unto Thy name give glory,
for Thy mercy *and* for Thy truth's
sake.
- ²Why should the heathen say,
Where now is their God?
- ³But our God is in the heavens;
He has done whatever He has
pleased.
- ⁴Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of men's hands.
- ⁵They have mouths, but they do not
speak;
they have eyes, but they do not see;
⁶they have ears, but they do not hear;
they have noses, but they do not
smell;
- ⁷they have hands, but they do not
handle;
they have feet, but they do not walk;
neither do they mutter through their
throat.
- ⁸The ones who make them are like
them;
so is everyone who trusts in them.
- ⁹O Israel, trust in the LORD;
He is their help and their shield.
- ¹⁰O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD;
He is their help and their shield.
- ¹¹You who fear the LORD, trust in the
LORD;
He is their help and their shield.
- ¹²The LORD has been mindful of us;
He will bless us;
He will bless the house of Israel;
He will bless the house of Aaron.
- ¹³He will bless those who fear the
the LORD,
both small and great.
- ¹⁴The LORD shall increase you more
and more,
and your children.
- ¹⁵You are blessed of the LORD
who made the heavens and the earth.
- ¹⁶The heavens, *even* the heavens, are
the LORD's;
but the earth He has given to the
children of men.
- ¹⁷The dead do not praise the LORD,
nor do any who go down into silence.
- ¹⁸But we will bless the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.
Praise the LORD.

PSALM 116

¹I love the LORD, because He has heard
my voice *and* my prayers.

²Because He has bowed down His ear
unto me,
therefore I will call upon *Him* as long
as I live.

³The sorrows of death hemmed me in,
and the pains of hell took hold upon
me;
I found trouble and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name of the
LORD;
O LORD, I beseech Thee, deliver my
soul.

⁵Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
yea, our God is merciful.

⁶The LORD keeps the simple;
I was brought low, and He helped
me.

⁷Return unto your rest, O my soul;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully
with you.

⁸For Thou hast delivered my soul from
death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from falling.

⁹I will walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.

¹⁰I believed, therefore I have spoken;
I was greatly afflicted;

¹¹I said in my haste,
All men are liars.

¹²What shall I give unto the LORD
for all His benefits toward me?

¹³I will take the cup of salvation,
and call upon the name of the LORD.

¹⁴I will pay my vows unto the LORD
now
in the presence of all His people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of His saints.

¹⁶O LORD, truly I am Thy servant;
I am Thy servant, and the son of
Thy handmaid;
Thou hast loosed my bonds.

¹⁷I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of
thanksgiving.

and will call upon the name of the
LORD.

¹⁸I will pay my vows unto the LORD
now

in the presence of all His people,

¹⁹in the courts of the LORD's house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD.

PSALM 117

¹O praise the LORD, all nations;
praise Him, all people.

²For His merciful kindness is great
toward us;
and the truth of the LORD *endures*
forever.
Praise the LORD.

PSALM 118

¹O give thanks unto the LORD; for
He is good;
because His mercy *endures* forever.

²Let Israel say
that His mercy *endures* forever.

³Let the house of Aaron say
that His mercy *endures* forever.

⁴Let those who fear the LORD say
that His mercy *endures* forever.

⁵I called upon the LORD in sorrow;
the LORD answered me, *and set me*
in a large place.

⁶The LORD is on my side; I will not
fear;

what can man do to me?

⁷The LORD takes my part with those
who help me;
therefore I shall see *my desire* upon
those who hate me.

⁸*It is better* to trust in the LORD
than to trust in man.

⁹*It is better* to trust in the LORD
than to trust in princes.

¹⁰All nations hemmed me in,
but in the name of the LORD I will
destroy them.

¹¹They hemmed me in; yea, they
hemmed me in;
but in the name of the LORD I will
destroy them.

- 12They hemmed me in like bees;
they are put out like the fire of thorns;
for in the name of the LORD I will
cut them off.
- 13You have thrust hard at me so that I
might fall;
but the LORD helped me.
- 14The LORD is my strength and song,
and has become my salvation.
- 15The voice of rejoicing and salvation
is in the tabernacle of the righteous;
the right hand of the LORD does
mighty things.
- 16The right hand of the LORD is lifted
up;
the right hand of the LORD does
mighty things.
- 17I shall not die, but live
and declare the works of the LORD.
- 18The LORD has sorely chastened me;
but He has not given me over unto
death.
- 19Open to me the gates of righteous-
ness;
I will go into them,
and I will praise the LORD,
- 20this gate of the LORD
into which the righteous shall enter.
- 21I will praise Thee; for Thou hast
heard me,
and hast become my salvation.
- 22The Stone which the builders refused
has become the head of the corner.
- 23This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 24This is the day which the LORD has
made;
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
- 25Save now, I beseech Thee, O LORD;
O LORD, I beseech Thee, send bless-
ings now.
- 26Blessed is he who comes in the name
of the LORD;
we have blessed you out of the house
of the LORD.
- 27God is the LORD,
who has shown us light;
tie the sacrifice with cords,
even to the horns of the altar.

- 28Thou art my God, and I will praise
Thee;
Thou art my God, I will praise Thee.
- 29O give thanks unto the LORD; for
He is good;
for His mercy *endures* forever.

PSALM 119

ALEPH

- 1Blessed are the upright in the way,
who walk in the law of the LORD.
- 2Blessed are they who keep His testi-
monies,
and *who* seek Him with the whole
heart.
- 3They also do no iniquity;
they walk in His ways.
- 4Thou hast commanded us
to keep Thy commandments care-
fully.
- 5O that my ways were directed
to keep Thy statutes!
- 6Then I shall not be ashamed,
when I have respect unto all Thy
commandments.
- 7I will praise Thee with uprightness of
heart,
when I have learned Thy righteous
judgments
- 8I will keep Thy statutes;
O do not forsake me completely.

BETH

- 9With what shall a young man cleanse
his way?
By taking heed according to Thy
word.
- 10With my whole heart I have sought
Thee;
O let me not wander from Thy com-
mandments.
- 11I have hidden Thy word in my heart,
so that I might not sin against Thee.
- 12Blessed art Thou, O LORD;
teach me Thy statutes.
- 13With my lips I have declared
all the judgments of Thy mouth.
- 14I have rejoiced in the way of Thy
testimonies,
as *much as* in all riches.
- 15I will think upon Thy command-
ments,
and have respect to Thy ways.

¹⁶I will delight myself in Thy statutes;
I will not forget Thy word.

GIMEL

¹⁷Deal bountifully with Thy servant,
that I may live and keep Thy word.

¹⁸Open Thou my eyes,
so that I may behold wonderful
things out of Thy law.

¹⁹I am a stranger in the earth;
do not hide Thy commandments from
me.

²⁰My soul breaks for the longing *that it
has*
unto Thy judgments at all times.

²¹Thou hast rebuked the proud *who are*
cursed,
who go astray from Thy command-
ments.

²²Remove cursing and scorn from me;
for I have kept Thy testimonies.

²³Princes also sat *and* spoke against me;
but Thy servant thought upon Thy
statutes.

²⁴Thy testimonies also are my delight
and my advisers.

DALETH

²⁵My soul clings to the dust;
give me life according to Thy word.

²⁶I have declared my ways, and Thou
didst hear me;
teach me Thy statutes.

²⁷Make me to understand the way of
Thy commandments;
so I shall talk of Thy wonderful
works.

²⁸My soul weeps itself away for grief;
strengthen me according to Thy
word.

²⁹Remove from me the way of lying;
and grant me Thy law graciously.

³⁰I have chosen the way of truth;
I have laid Thy judgments *before me*.

³¹I have stuck to Thy testimonies;
O LORD, do not put me to shame.

³²I will run the way of Thy command-
ments,
when Thou shalt enlarge my heart.

HE

³³O LORD, teach me the way of Thy
statutes;
and I shall keep it *unto* the end.

³⁴Give me understanding, and I shall
keep Thy law;
yea, I shall observe it with *my* whole
heart.

³⁵Cause me to walk in the path of Thy
commandments;
for I delight in them.

³⁶Bow my heart to Thy testimonies,
and not to unjust gain.

³⁷Turn away my eyes from seeing
vanity;
in Thy way give me life.

³⁸Make Thy word sure to Thy servant,
who is devoted to Thy fear.

³⁹Turn away my shame which I fear;
for Thy judgments are good.

⁴⁰Behold, I have longed after Thy
commandments;
in Thy righteousness give me life.

VAU

⁴¹Let Thy mercies come to me, O
LORD,
even according to Thy salvation,
according to Thy word.

⁴²So I shall have something to answer
him who mocks me;
for I trust in Thy word.

⁴³And take not the word of truth utterly
out of my mouth;
for I have hoped in Thy judgments.

⁴⁴So I shall keep Thy law continually
forever and ever.

⁴⁵And I will always walk in a broad
place;
for I seek Thy commandments.

⁴⁶I will speak of Thy testimonies also
before kings,
and will not be ashamed.

⁴⁷And I will delight myself in Thy com-
mandments,
which I have loved.

⁴⁸Also I will lift up my hands to Thy
commandments which I have
loved;
and I will think upon Thy statutes.

ZAIN

⁴⁹Remember the word unto Thy serv-
ant,
upon which Thou hast caused me to
hope.

⁵⁰This is my comfort in my affliction;
for Thy word has given me life.

⁵¹The proud have utterly scorned me;
yet I have not turned aside from Thy
 law.
⁵²I remembered Thy judgments of old,
 O LORD,
 and have comforted myself.
⁵³Horror has taken hold upon me
 because of the wicked who forsake
 Thy law.
⁵⁴Thy statutes have been my songs in
 the house of my pilgrimage.
⁵⁵I have remembered Thy name, O
 LORD, in the night,
 and have kept Thy law.
⁵⁶This I had,
 because I kept Thy commandments.

CHETH

⁵⁷*Thou art* my portion, O LORD;
 I have said that I would keep Thy
 words.
⁵⁸I looked for Thy favor with my whole
 heart;
 be merciful unto me according to
 Thy word.
⁵⁹I thought on my ways,
 and turned my feet unto Thy testi-
 monies.
⁶⁰I made haste and did not delay
 to keep Thy commandments.
⁶¹The bands of the wicked have robbed
 me;
but I have not forgotten Thy law.
⁶²At midnight I will rise to give thanks
 unto Thee
 because of Thy righteous judgments.
⁶³I am a companion of all who fear
 Thee,
 and of those who keep Thy com-
 mandments.
⁶⁴O LORD, the earth is full of Thy
 mercy;
 teach me Thy statutes.

TETH

⁶⁵Thou hast dealt well with Thy serv-
 ant, O LORD,
 according to Thy word.
⁶⁶Teach me good judgment and knowl-
 edge;
 for I have believed Thy command-
 ments.
⁶⁷Before I was afflicted I went astray;
 but now I have kept Thy word.

⁶⁸Thou art good, and doest good;
 teach me Thy statutes.
⁶⁹The proud have forged a lie against
 me;
but I will keep Thy commandments
 with *my* whole heart.
⁷⁰Their heart is without feeling, like
 fat;
but I delight in Thy law.
⁷¹*It is* good for me that I have been
 afflicted,
 so that I might learn Thy statutes.
⁷²The law of Thy mouth is better to me
 than thousands of gold and silver.

JOD

⁷³Thy hands have made me and formed
 me;
 give me understanding so that I may
 learn Thy commandments.
⁷⁴They who fear Thee will be glad
 when they see me;
 because I have hoped in Thy word.
⁷⁵I know, O LORD, that Thy judgments
 are right,
 and *that* Thou hast afflicted me in
 faithfulness.
⁷⁶I pray Thee, let Thy merciful kind-
 ness be for my comfort,
 according to Thy word unto Thy
 servant.
⁷⁷Let Thy tender mercies come unto me
 so that I may live;
 for Thy law is my delight.
⁷⁸Let the proud be ashamed;
 for they twisted my cause with lying;
but I will think upon Thy command-
 ments.
⁷⁹Let those who fear Thee turn to me,
 and those who have known Thy testi-
 monies.
⁸⁰Let my heart be sound in Thy stat-
 utes,
 so that I may not be ashamed.

CAPH

⁸¹My soul faints for Thy salvation;
but I hope in Thy word.
⁸²My eyes fail for Thy word, saying,
 When wilt Thou comfort me?
⁸³For I have become like a bottle in the
 smoke;
yet I do not forget Thy statutes.

- ⁸⁴How many are the days of Thy servant?
When wilt Thou carry out judgment
on those who persecute me?
- ⁸⁵The proud have dug pits for me,
which are not according to Thy law.
- ⁸⁶All Thy commandments are faithful;
they persecute me with lying;
help Thou me.
- ⁸⁷They had almost finished me upon
earth;
but I did not forsake Thy command-
ments.
- ⁸⁸According to Thy loving-kindness
give me life;
so shall I keep the testimony of Thy
mouth.

LAMED

- ⁸⁹Forever, O LORD, Thy word is set-
tled in Heaven.
- ⁹⁰Thy faithfulness is unto all genera-
tions;
Thou hast founded the earth, and it
remains.
- ⁹¹They stand unto this day according to
Thy ordinances;
for all are Thy servants.
- ⁹²Unless Thy law had been my delight,
I should then have perished in my
affliction.
- ⁹³I will never forget Thy command-
ments;
for with them Thou hast given me
life.
- ⁹⁴I am Thine, save me;
for I have sought Thy command-
ments.
- ⁹⁵The wicked have waited for me to
destroy me;
but I will think upon Thy testi-
monies.
- ⁹⁶I have seen an end of all perfection;
but Thy commandment is exceeding
broad.

MEM

- ⁹⁷O how I love Thy law!
It is my prayer all the day.
- ⁹⁸Through Thy commandments Thou
hast made me wiser than my
enemies;
for they are ever with me.

- ⁹⁹I have more understanding than all
my teachers;
for Thy testimonies are my prayer.
- ¹⁰⁰I understand more than the old men,
because I keep Thy commandments.
- ¹⁰¹I have kept my feet from every evil
way,
so that I might keep Thy word.
- ¹⁰²I have not departed from Thy judg-
ments;
for Thou hast taught me.
- ¹⁰³How sweet are Thy words to my
taste!
Yea, sweeter than honey to my
mouth!
- ¹⁰⁴Through Thy commandments I get
understanding;
therefore I hate every false way.

NUN

- ¹⁰⁵Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
and a light unto my path.
- ¹⁰⁶I have sworn, and I will do *it*,
that I will keep Thy righteous judg-
ments.
- ¹⁰⁷I am afflicted very much;
O LORD, give me life according to
Thy word.
- ¹⁰⁸I pray Thee, take the free-will offer-
ings of my mouth, O LORD,
and teach me Thy judgments.
- ¹⁰⁹My life is in my hand daily;
yet I do not forget Thy law.
- ¹¹⁰The wicked have laid a snare for me;
yet I do not go astray from Thy
commandments.
- ¹¹¹I have taken Thy testimonies as an
inheritance forever;
for they are the rejoicing of my heart.
- ¹¹²I have bowed down my heart to do
Thy statutes always,
even unto the end.

SAMECH

- ¹¹³I hate doubting thoughts;
but Thy law do I love.
- ¹¹⁴Thou art my hiding-place and my
shield;
I hope in Thy word.
- ¹¹⁵Depart from me, you evil-doers;
for I will keep the commandments of
my God.
- ¹¹⁶Uphold me according to Thy word,
that I may live;

and let me not be ashamed of my hope.

¹¹⁷Hold me up, and I shall be safe;
and I will always have respect unto
Thy statutes.

¹¹⁸Thou hast trampled all those who go
astray from Thy statutes;
for their deceit is falsehood.

¹¹⁹Thou dost put away all the wicked
of the earth *like* waste;
therefore I love Thy testimonies.

¹²⁰My flesh trembles in fear of Thee;
and I am afraid of Thy judgments.

AIN

¹²¹I have done judgments and justice;
leave me not to those who crush me.

¹²²Be surety for Thy servant;
let not the proud press me down.

¹²³My eyes fail for Thy salvation,
and for the word of Thy righteous-
ness.

¹²⁴Deal with Thy servant according to
Thy mercy,
and teach me Thy statutes.

¹²⁵I am Thy servant; give me under-
standing,
that I may know Thy testimonies.

¹²⁶*It is time for the LORD to work;*
for they have broken Thy law.

¹²⁷Therefore I love Thy commandments
above gold;
yea, above fine gold.

¹²⁸Therefore I count all *Thy* command-
ments *concerning* all *things* to be
right;
and I hate every false way.

PE

¹²⁹Thy testimonies are wonderful;
therefore my soul keeps them.

¹³⁰The entrance of Thy words gives
light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹I opened my mouth and panted;
for I longed for Thy commandments.

¹³²Look upon me, and be merciful unto
me,
as Thou dost usually do unto those
who love Thy name.

¹³³Order my steps in Thy word;
and do not let any iniquity rule over
me.

¹³⁴Deliver me from the harshness of
man;

so I will keep Thy commandments.

¹³⁵Make Thy face to shine upon Thy
servant;

and teach me Thy statutes.

¹³⁶Rivers of water run down my eyes,
because they do not keep Thy law.

TZADDI

¹³⁷Thou art righteous, O LORD,
and Thy judgments are upright.

¹³⁸Thy testimonies *that* Thou hast com-
manded
are righteous and very faithful.

¹³⁹My zeal has eaten me up,
because my enemies have forgotten
Thy words.

¹⁴⁰Thy word is very pure;
therefore Thy servant loves it.

¹⁴¹I am small and despised;
yet I do not forget Thy command-
ments.

¹⁴²Thy righteousness is an everlasting
righteousness,
and Thy law is the truth.

¹⁴³Trouble and anguish have taken
hold on me;
yet Thy commandments are my de-
lights.

¹⁴⁴The righteousness of Thy testimonies
is everlasting;
give me understanding, and I shall
live.

KOPH

¹⁴⁵I cried with *my* whole heart; hear
me, O LORD;

I will keep Thy statutes.

¹⁴⁶I cried unto Thee; save me,
and I shall keep Thy testimonies.

¹⁴⁷I went before the dawning of the
morning and cried;
I hoped in Thy word.

¹⁴⁸My eyes go before the *night* watches,
so that I might think upon Thy word.

¹⁴⁹Hear my voice according to Thy
loving-kindness;
O LORD, according to Thy judg-
ment give me life.

¹⁵⁰They draw near, *those* who follow
after wickedness;
they are far from Thy law.

¹⁵¹Thou art near, O LORD,
and all Thy commandments are truth.
¹⁵²Concerning Thy testimonies,
I have known of old that Thou hast
founded them forever.

RESH

¹⁵³Look upon my affliction, and deliver
me;
for I do not forget Thy law.
¹⁵⁴Plead my cause, and deliver me;
according to Thy word give me life.
¹⁵⁵Salvation is far from the wicked;
for they do not seek Thy statutes.
¹⁵⁶Great are Thy tender mercies, O
LORD;
according to Thy judgments give me
life.
¹⁵⁷Many are my persecutors and my
enemies;
yet I do not turn aside from Thy testi-
monies.
¹⁵⁸I saw the traitors, and was grieved
because they did not keep Thy word.
¹⁵⁹See how I love Thy commandments;
O LORD, according to Thy loving-
kindness give me life.
¹⁶⁰Thy word is true from the begin-
ning;
and every one of Thy righteous judg-
ments *endures* forever.

SCHIN

¹⁶¹Princes have persecuted me without
a cause;
but my heart stands in fear of Thy
word.
¹⁶²I rejoice at Thy word,
as one who finds great spoil.
¹⁶³I hate and despise lying;
but I love Thy law.
¹⁶⁴I praise Thee seven times a day
because of Thy righteous judgments.
¹⁶⁵They have great peace, *those* who
have Thy law;
and nothing shall offend them.
¹⁶⁶LORD, I have hoped for Thy salva-
tion,
and have done Thy commandments.
¹⁶⁷My soul has kept Thy testimonies;
and I love them very much.
¹⁶⁸I have kept Thy commandments and
Thy testimonies;
for all my ways are before Thee.

TAU

¹⁶⁹Let my cry come near before Thee,
O LORD;
give me understanding according to
Thy word.
¹⁷⁰Let my prayer come before Thee;
deliver me according to Thy word.
¹⁷¹My lips shall utter praise,
when Thou hast taught me Thy
statutes.
¹⁷²My tongue shall speak of Thy word;
for all Thy commandments are right-
eousness.
¹⁷³Let Thy hand help me;
for I have chosen Thy command-
ments.
¹⁷⁴I have longed for Thy salvation, O
LORD;
and Thy law is my delight.
¹⁷⁵Let my soul live, and it shall praise
Thee;
and let Thy judgments help me.
¹⁷⁶I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
seek Thy servant;
for I do not forget Thy command-
ments.

PSALM 120

A Song of degrees.

¹In my trouble I cried to the LORD,
and He heard me.
²Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying
lips
and from a deceitful tongue.
³What shall be given to you?
Or what shall be done to you,
you false tongue?
⁴Sharp arrows of the mighty,
with coals of juniper.
⁵Woe is me, that I live in Mē'-sēch,
that I dwell in the tents of Kē'-dār!
⁶My soul has long dwelt with him
who hates peace.
⁷I am *for* peace;
but when I speak,
they are for war.

PSALM 121

A Song of degrees.

¹I will lift up my eyes unto the hills.
Where shall my help come from?

²My help *comes* from the LORD,
who made Heaven and earth.

³He will not allow your foot to be
moved;

He who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴Behold, He who keeps Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

⁵The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade
upon your right hand.

⁶The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷The LORD shall keep you from all
evil;

He shall keep your soul.

⁸The LORD shall keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth, and even for-
evermore.

PSALM 122

A Song of degrees; of David.

¹I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the
LORD.

²Our feet shall stand within your gates,
O Jerusalem.

³Jerusalem is built like a city
that is all joined together as one;

⁴where the tribes go up,
the tribes of the LORD,
unto the testimony of Israel,
to give thanks unto the name of the
LORD.

⁵For there are thrones of judgment set,
the thrones of the house of David.

⁶Pray for the peace of Jerusalem;
those who love you shall be blessed.

⁷Peace be within your walls,
and blessings within your palaces.

⁸For my brothers and companions'
sakes,

I will now say, Peace be within you.

⁹Because of the house of the LORD our
God

I will seek your good.

PSALM 123

A Song of degrees.

¹Unto Thee I lift up my eyes,
O Thou who dwellest in the heavens.

²Behold, as the eyes of servants
look to the hand of their masters,
and as the eyes of a maiden
to the hand of her mistress;
so our eyes *wait* upon the LORD our
God,
until He shall have mercy upon us.

³Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have
mercy upon us;
for we are exceedingly filled with
scorn.

⁴Our soul is exceedingly filled
with the scorning of those who are at
ease,
and with the scorn of the proud.

PSALM 124

A Song of degrees; of David.

¹If it had not been the LORD who was
on our side,
O may Israel say;

²If it had not been the LORD who was
on our side,
when men rose up against us,
³then they would have swallowed us up
alive,
when their wrath was kindled against
us;

⁴then the waters would have flowed
over us,
the stream would have gone over our
soul;

⁵then the proud waters would have
gone over our soul.

⁶Blessed be the LORD,
who has not given us
as a prey to their teeth.

⁷Our soul has escaped like a bird
out of the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

⁸Our help is in the name of the LORD,
who made Heaven and earth.

PSALM 125

A Song of degrees.

- ¹They who trust in the LORD shall be like Mount Zion,
which cannot be moved, *but* remains forever.
- ²As the mountains are all around Jerusalem,
so the LORD is all around His people from this time even forever.
- ³For the rod of the wicked shall not rest
upon the lot of the righteous;
lest the righteous put forth
their hands to iniquity.
- ⁴Do good, O LORD, unto those who are good,
and to those who are upright in their hearts.
- ⁵As for those who turn aside unto their crooked ways,
the LORD shall lead them forth with the workers of iniquity;
but peace *shall be* upon Israel.

PSALM 126

A Song of degrees.

- ¹When the LORD turned again the captivity of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
- ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with singing;
then they said among the heathen,
The LORD has done great things for them,
- ³The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad.
- ⁴Turn again our captivity, O LORD,
as the streams in the south.
- ⁵Those who sow in tears
shall reap in joy.
- ⁶He who goes forth and weeps,
bearing precious seed,
shall doubtless come again with rejoicing,
bringing his sheaves *with him*.

PSALM 127

A Song of degrees for Solomon.

- ¹Unless the LORD builds the house,
they labor in vain who build it;
unless the LORD keeps the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.
- ²*It is* vain for you to rise up early,
to sit up late,
to eat the bread of sorrows;
for so He gives His beloved sleep.
- ³Lo, children are by the will of the LORD,
and the fruit of the womb is His reward.
- ⁴As arrows in the hand of a mighty man,
so are children of the young men.
- ⁵Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;
they shall not be ashamed,
but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate.

PSALM 128

A Song of degrees.

- ¹Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in His ways.
- ²For you shall eat the labor of your hands;
you shall be happy, and *it shall be* well with you.
- ³Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine by the sides of your house;
your children shall be like olive plants around your table.
- ⁴Behold, so shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.
- ⁵The LORD shall bless you out of Zion;
and you shall see the good of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.
- ⁶Yea, you shall see your children's children
and peace upon Israel.

PSALM 129

A Song of degrees.

- ¹Many times they have afflicted me
from my youth,
Israel may now say;
²many times they have afflicted me
from my youth;
yet they have not won over me.
³The plowers plowed upon my back;
they made their furrows long.
⁴The LORD is righteous;
He has cut the cords of the wicked
in two.
⁵Let them all be ashamed and turned
back,
those who hate Zion.
⁶Let them be like the grass *upon* the
housetops,
which dries up before it grows up,
⁷with which the mower does not fill his
hand,
nor the binder of sheaves his bosom.
⁸Neither have those who pass by ever
said,
The blessing of the LORD be upon
you;
we bless you in the name of the
LORD.

PSALM 130

A Song of degrees.

- ¹Out of the depths I have cried unto
Thee, O LORD.
²Lord, hear my voice;
and let Thy ears listen
to the voice of My prayers.
³O LORD, if iniquities were marked
by Thee,
O Lord, who could stand?
⁴But *there is* forgiveness with Thee,
that Thou mayest be feared.
⁵I wait for the LORD,
my soul waits, and in His word I
hope.
⁶My soul waits for the LORD
more than those who watch for the
morning;
more than those who watch for the
morning.

- ⁷Let Israel hope in the LORD;
for with the LORD *there is* mercy,
and with Him is plentiful redemp-
tion.
⁸And He shall redeem Israel
from all his iniquities.

PSALM 131

A Song of degrees of David.

- ¹LORD, my heart is not proud, nor my
eyes lofty;
neither do I exercise myself in great
matters, or in things too high for
me.
²Surely I have behaved and have
quieted my soul,
as a child that is weaned by its
mother;
my soul is even like a weaned child.
³Let Israel hope in the LORD
from this moment and forever.

PSALM 132

A Song of degrees.

- ¹LORD, remember David
and all his afflictions,
²how he swore unto the LORD
and vowed unto the mighty *God* of
Jacob.
³Surely I will not come into the taber-
nacle of my house,
nor go up into my bed;
⁴I will not give sleep to my eyes,
or slumber to my eyelids,
⁵until I find out a place for the LORD,
a dwelling-place for the mighty *God*
of Jacob.
⁶Lo, we heard of it at Eph^{ra}-*rā-tāh*;
we found it in the fields of the wood.
⁷We will go into His tabernacles;
we will worship at His footstool.
⁸Arise, O LORD, into Thy rest;
Thou, and the ark of Thy strength.
⁹Let Thy priests be clothed with right-
eousness;
and let Thy saints shout for joy.

¹⁰For Thy servant David's sake,
turn not away the face of Thy
anointed.

¹¹The LORD has sworn to David *in*
truth;
He will not turn from it;
Of the fruit of your body
I will set upon your throne.

¹²If your children will keep My cove-
nant
and My testimony that I shall teach
them,
their children shall also sit
upon your throne forevermore.

¹³The LORD has chosen Zion;
He has desired *it* for His dwelling-
place.

¹⁴This is My rest forever;
here I will dwell;
for I have desired it.

¹⁵I will greatly bless her hunting;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.

¹⁶I also will clothe her priests with
salvation;
and her saints shall shout aloud for
joy.

¹⁷There I will make the horn of David
to bud;
I have prepared a lamp for My
anointed.

¹⁸I will clothe his enemies with shame;
but his crown shall shine upon him-
self.

PSALM 133

A Song of degrees of David.

¹Behold, how good and how pleasant
it is
for brothers to dwell together in
unity!

²*It is* like the precious ointment upon
the head,
that ran down upon the beard,
even Aaron's beard;
that went down to the skirts of his
garments;

³like the dew of Hermon
and like the dew that came down
upon the mountains of Zion;
for there the LORD commanded the
blessing,
even life forevermore.

PSALM 134

A Song of degrees.

¹Behold, bless the LORD,
all *you* servants of the LORD,
who stand by night in the house of
the LORD.

²Lift up your hands in the sanctuary,
and bless the LORD.

³*May* the LORD, who made Heaven
and earth,
bless you out of Zion.

PSALM 135

¹Praise the LORD.
Praise the name of the LORD;
praise *Him*, O you servants of the
LORD.

²You who stand in the house of the
LORD,
in the courts of the house of our God,
³praise the LORD; for the LORD is
good;
sing praises unto His name, for *it is*
full of delight.

⁴For the LORD has chosen Jacob unto
Himself,
and Israel for His peculiar treasure.

⁵For I know that the LORD is great,
and *that* our LORD is above all gods.

⁶Whatever the LORD pleased,
that He did in the heavens and in
earth,
and in the seas and all deep places.

⁷He causes the vapors to go up from the
ends of the earth;
He makes lightnings for the rain;
He brings the wind out of His treas-
uries.

⁸*He* who struck the first-born of Egypt,
both of man and animal;

⁹*who* sent signs and wonders
into the midst of you, O Egypt,
upon Pharaoh and upon all his serv-
ants;

¹⁰who struck great nations
and killed mighty kings,

¹¹Si'-hön king of the Amorites,
and Og king of Bā'-shān,
and all the kingdoms of Canaan,

- ¹²and gave their land *for* an inheritance,
an inheritance to Israel His people.
- ¹³Thy name, O LORD, *endures* forever,
and Thy memorial, O LORD,
throughout all generations.
- ¹⁴For the LORD will judge His people,
and He will comfort Himself concerning His servants.
- ¹⁵The idols of the nations are silver and gold,
the work of men's hands.
- ¹⁶They have mouths, but they do not speak;
they have eyes, but they do not see;
¹⁷they have ears, but they do not hear;
neither is there any breath in their mouths.
- ¹⁸Those who make them are like them;
so is everyone who trusts in them.
- ¹⁹Bless the LORD, O house of Israel;
bless the LORD, O house of Aaron;
- ²⁰bless the LORD, O house of Levi;
you who fear the LORD, bless the LORD.
- ²¹Blessed be the LORD out of Zion,
who dwells at Jerusalem.
Praise the LORD.

PSALM 136

- ¹O give thanks unto the LORD; for *He*
is good;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ²O give thanks unto the God of gods;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ³O give thanks to the Lord of lords;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ⁴To Him who alone does great wonders;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ⁵To Him who by wisdom made the heavens;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ⁶To Him who stretched out the earth
above the waters;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ⁷To Him who made great lights;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ⁸The sun to rule by day;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ⁹the moon and stars to rule by night;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ¹⁰To Him who struck Egypt in their
first-born;
for His mercy *endures* forever;
- ¹¹and brought Israel out from among
them;
for His mercy *endures* forever;
- ¹²with a strong hand, and a stretched
out arm;
for His mercy *endures* forever;
- ¹³To Him who divided the Red Sea into
parts;
for His mercy *endures* forever;
- ¹⁴and made Israel to pass through the
middle of it;
for His mercy *endures* forever;
- ¹⁵but threw Pharaoh and his army in
the Red Sea;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ¹⁶To Him who led His people through
the wilderness;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ¹⁷To Him who struck great kings;
for His mercy *endures* forever;
- ¹⁸and killed famous kings;
for His mercy *endures* forever;
- ¹⁹Sî'-hôn king of the Amorites;
for His mercy *endures* forever;
- ²⁰and Og, the king of Bâ'-shân;
for His mercy *endures* forever;
- ²¹and gave their land for an inheri-
tance;
for His mercy *endures* forever;
- ²²*even* an inheritance to Israel His ser-
vant;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ²³Who remembered us in our low es-
tate;
for His mercy *endures* forever;
- ²⁴and has redeemed us from our en-
emies;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ²⁵Who gives food to all flesh;
for His mercy *endures* forever.
- ²⁶O give thanks unto the God of
Heaven;
for His mercy *endures* forever.

PSALM 137

- ¹By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat
down;
yea, we wept when we remembered
Zion.

²We hung our harps upon the willows
in the midst of it.

³For there those who carried us away
captive

demand a song from us;
and those who laid us in heaps *de-*
manded gladness, *saying*,
Sing us *one* of the songs of Zion.

⁴How shall we sing the LORD's song
in a strange land?

⁵If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand forget *its skill*.

⁶If I do not remember you,
let my tongue cling to the roof of my
mouth;
if I do not prefer Jerusalem
above my chief joy.

⁷Remember, O LORD, the children of
Edom

in the day of Jerusalem;
who said, Make *it* bare!
Make *it* bare, *even* to the foundation
of it!

⁸O daughter of Babylon, who is to be
destroyed;

he shall be happy to reward you
as you have done to us.

⁹*He* shall be happy who takes
and dashes your little ones against
the stones.

PSALM 138

A Psalm of David.

¹I will praise Thee with my whole
heart;
before the gods I will sing praise unto
Thee.

²I will worship toward Thy holy temple,
and praise Thy name for Thy loving-
kindness and for Thy truth's sake;
for Thou hast magnified Thy word
above all Thy name.

³In the day when I cried, Thou didst
answer me
and strengthen me *with* strength in
my soul.

⁴All the kings of the earth shall praise
Thee, O LORD,
when they hear the words of Thy
mouth.

⁵Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the
LORD;

for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶Though the LORD is high, yet He has
respect to the lowly;
but the proud He knows afar off.

⁷Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
Thou wilt give me life;

Thou shalt stretch forth Thy hand
against the wrath of my enemies,
and Thy right hand shall save me.

⁸The LORD will perfect *that which*
concerns me;

Thy mercy, O LORD, *endures* for-
ever;
do not forsake the work of Thy own
hands.

PSALM 139

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

¹O LORD, Thou hast searched me
and hast known *me*.

²Thou dost know my sitting down and
my rising up;
Thou dost understand my thought
afar off.

³Thou dost search my path and my ly-
ing down,
and art acquainted *with* all my ways.

⁴For *there is* not a word in my tongue,
but, lo, O LORD, Thou dost know it
altogether.

⁵Thou hast closed me in behind and in
front,
and laid Thy hand upon me.

⁶*Such* knowledge is too wonderful for
me;
it is high, I cannot *go up* to it.

⁷Where shall I go from Thy Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from Thy
presence?

⁸If I go up into Heaven, Thou art
there;
if I make my bed in hell, behold,
Thou art *there*.

⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the furthest parts of the
sea;

¹⁰even there shall Thy hand lead me,
and Thy right hand shall hold me.

¹¹If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me,
even the night shall be light around me.

¹²Yea, the darkness does not hide from Thee;
but the night shines as the day;
as is the darkness, so is the light unto Thee.

¹³For Thou hast possessed my inward parts;
Thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

¹⁴I will praise Thee;
for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Thy works are marvelous,
and my soul knows it very well.

¹⁵My bones were not hidden from Thee when I was made in secret
and skillfully formed in the lowest parts of the earth.

¹⁶Thy eyes did see my unformed bones;
and in Thy book all my members were written,
even the days they were formed,
when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁷How precious also are Thy thoughts to me, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand;
when I awake, I am still with Thee.

¹⁹Surely Thou wilt slay the wicked, O God;
depart from me therefore, you bloody men.

²⁰For they speak against Thee wickedly,
and Thy enemies take Thy name in vain..

²¹O LORD, do I not hate those who hate Thee?
And am I not grieved with those who rise up against Thee?

²²I hate them with perfect hatred;
I count them my enemies.

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart;

try me, and know my thoughts,

²⁴and see if any wicked way is in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

PSALM 140

To the chief musician, A Psalm of David.

¹Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man;

keep me from the violent man;

²who imagines mischiefs in his heart;
they are always gathered together for war.

³They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent;

adders' poison is under their lips.

Sē'-lāh.

⁴O LORD, keep me from the hands of the wicked;

keep me from the violent man;

these have purposed to overthrow my steps.

⁵The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords;

they have spread a net by the way-side;

they have set snares for me.

Sē'-lāh.

⁶I said to the LORD, Thou art my God;
hear the voice of my prayers, O LORD.

⁷O GOD the Lord, the strength of my salvation,

Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

⁸O LORD, do not grant the desires of the wicked;

do not help his wicked plans, lest they praise themselves.

Sē'-lāh.

⁹As for the head of those who hem me in,

let the evil of their own lips cover them.

¹⁰Let burning coals fall upon them;

let them be cast into the fire;

into deep pits, so that they may not rise up again.

¹¹Do not let an evil speaker be established in the earth;

evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

- ¹²I know that the LORD will maintain
the cause of the afflicted
and the right of the poor.
- ¹³Surely the righteous shall give thanks
unto Thy name;
the upright shall dwell in Thy presence.

PSALM 141

- ¹LORD, I cry unto Thee; make haste
unto me;
give ear unto my voice when I cry
unto Thee.
- ²Let my prayer be set forth before Thee
as incense,
and the lifting up of my hands as
the evening sacrifice.
- ³Set a watch, O LORD, before my
mouth;
keep the door of my lips.
- ⁴Let not my heart turn aside to *any*
evil thing,
to practice wicked works with men
who work iniquity;
and let me not eat of their delights.
- ⁵Let the righteous strike me; *it shall be*
a kindness;
and let him correct me; let not my
head refuse such excellent oil;
for still my prayer also shall be be-
cause of their wickedness.
- ⁶When their judges are overthrown in
stony places,
they shall hear my words;
for they are sweet.
- ⁷Our bones are scattered at the grave's
mouth,
as when one cuts and splits *wood*
upon the earth.
- ⁸But my eyes are upon Thee, O God
the Lord;
in Thee is my trust, do not leave my
soul naked.
- ⁹Keep me from the snares *which* they
have laid for me,
and the snares of the workers of evil.
- ¹⁰Let the wicked fall into their own
nets,
while I escape.

PSALM 142

Maschil of David; A Prayer when he was in
the cave.

- ¹I cried unto the LORD with my voice;
with my voice I prayed unto the
LORD.
- ²I poured out my prayer before Him;
I declared my trouble before Him.
- ³When my spirit became weak within
me,
then Thou didst know my path.
- In the way in which I walked
they have secretly laid a snare for me.
- ⁴I looked on *my* right hand, and I
watched,
but *there was* no man who would
know me;
escape was lost to me;
no man cared for my soul.

- ⁵I cried unto Thee, O LORD;
I said, Thou art my refuge
and my portion in the land of the
living.
- ⁶Hear my cry;
for I am brought very low;
deliver me from those who pursue me;
for they are stronger than I.
- ⁷Bring my soul out of prison
so that I may praise Thy name;
the righteous shall gather around me;
for Thou shalt deal bountifully with
me.

PSALM 143

A Psalm of David.

- ¹Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to
my prayers;
in Thy faithfulness *and* in Thy right-
eousness answer me.
- ²And do not enter into judgment with
Thy servant
for in Thy sight no man living shall
be justified.
- ³For the enemy has pursued my soul;
he has beaten my life down to the
ground;

- he has made me dwell in darkness, as those that have been long dead.
- ⁴Therefore my spirit has become weak within me;
my heart has become weary within me.
- ⁵I remember the days of old;
I think upon all Thy works;
I would speak on the work of Thy hands.
- ⁶I stretch forth my hands unto Thee;
my soul *thirsts* after Thee like a thirsty land.
- Sê'-läh.
- ⁷Hear me quickly, O LORD;
my spirit fails;
do not hide Thy face from me,
lest I be like those who go down into the pit.
- ⁸Cause me to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning;
for I do trust in Thee;
cause me to know the way in which I should walk;
for I lift up my soul to Thee.
- ⁹Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
I flee unto Thee to hide me.
- ¹⁰Teach me to do Thy will;
for Thou art my God;
Thy Spirit is good;
lead me into the land of uprightness.
- ¹¹O LORD, for Thy name's sake make me live;
for Thy righteousness' sake, bring my soul out of trouble.
- ¹²And out of Thy mercy cut off my enemies,
and destroy all those who afflict my soul;
for I am Thy servant.
- PSALM 144
- A Psalm of David.
- ¹Blessed be the LORD my strength,
who teaches my hands to war *and* my fingers to fight.
- ²*He is* my goodness and my fortress;
my high tower and my deliverer;
my shield and *he* in whom I trust;
who humbles my people under me.
- ³LORD, what is man that Thou dost take knowledge of him!
Or the son of man, that Thou dost think anything of him!
- ⁴Man is like vanity;
his days are like a shadow that passes away.
- ⁵Bow down Thy heavens, O LORD, and come down;
touch the mountains, and they shall smoke.
- ⁶Cast forth lightning and scatter them;
shoot out Thy arrows and destroy them.
- ⁷Send Thy hand from above;
rescue me, and deliver me out of great waters,
from the hand of strange children;
- ⁸because their mouth has spoken vanity,
and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- ⁹I will sing a new song unto Thee, O God;
upon a psaltery *and* an instrument of ten strings I will sing praises unto Thee.
- ¹⁰*It is He* who gives salvation to kings;
who delivers David His servant from the hurtful sword.
- ¹¹Rescue me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children,
because their mouth has spoken vanity,
and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood;
- ¹²*so* that our sons may be like plants grown up in their youth;
so that our daughters may be like corner-stones, polished like a palace;
- ¹³*so that* our garners may be full,
pouring out one kind and another;
so that our sheep may bring forth thousands
and ten thousands in our streets;

- ¹⁴so that our oxen may be strong to labor;
 so that there may be no breaking in nor going out;
 so that there may be no crying in our streets.
- ¹⁵Happy is that people who is in such a state;
 happy is that people whose God is the LORD.

PSALM 145

- ¹I will lift Thee up, my God, O King;
 and I will bless Thy name forever and ever.
- ²Every day I will bless Thee;
 and I will praise Thy name forever and ever.
- ³Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
 and there is no searching out His greatness.
- ⁴One generation shall praise Thy works to another,
 and shall declare Thy mighty acts.
- ⁵I will speak of the glorious honor of Thy majesty,
 and of Thy wonderful works.
- ⁶And men shall speak of the might of Thy fearful acts;
 and I will declare Thy greatness.
- ⁷They shall pour forth the memory of Thy great goodness,
 and shall sing of Thy righteousness.
- ⁸The LORD is gracious and full of pity;
 slow to anger, and of great mercy.
- ⁹The LORD is good to all;
 and His tender mercies are over all His works.
- ¹⁰All Thy works shall praise Thee, O LORD;
 and Thy saints shall bless Thee.
- ¹¹They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom
 and talk of Thy power,
¹²to make known to the sons of men His mighty acts,
 and the glorious majesty of His kingdom.
- ¹³Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and Thy rule endures throughout all generations.

- ¹⁴The LORD upholds all who fall,
 and raises up all those who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵The eyes of all wait upon Thee;
 and Thou dost give them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶Thou dost open Thy hand
 and dost satisfy the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷The LORD is righteous in all His ways
 and holy in all His works.
- ¹⁸The LORD is near all those who call upon Him,
 all those who call upon Him in truth.
- ¹⁹He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him;
 he also will hear their cry, and will save them.
- ²⁰The LORD preserves all those who love Him;
 but all the wicked He will destroy.
- ²¹My mouth shall speak the praise of the LORD;
 and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

PSALM 146

- ¹Praise the LORD.
 Praise the LORD, O my soul.
- ²While I live I will praise the LORD;
 I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
- ³Do not put your trust in princes,
 nor in the son of man in whom there is no help.
- ⁴His breath goes forth; he returns to the earth;
 in that very day his thoughts perish.
- ⁵Happy is he who has the God of Jacob for his help,
 whose help is in the LORD his God,
⁶who made heaven and earth,
 the sea and all that is in it;
 who keeps truth forever;
⁷who carries out judgment for the mistreated;
 who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD lets the prisoners loose;
 8the Lord opens *the eyes* of the blind;
 the LORD raises those who are bowed
 down;

the LORD loves the righteous;
 9the LORD preserves the strangers;
 He relieves the orphan and widow;
 but the way of the wicked He turns
 upside down.

10The LORD shall reign forever,
even your God, O Zion, unto all gen-
 erations.
 Praise the LORD.

PSALM 147

1Praise the LORD;
 for *it is* good to sing praises unto our
 God;
 for praise is delightful *and* becom-
 ing.

2The LORD builds up Jerusalem;
 He gathers together the outcasts of
 Israel.

3He heals the broken-hearted,
 and binds up their wounds.

4He adds up the number of the stars;
 He calls them all by *their* names.

5Great is our LORD, and of great
 power;
 His understanding cannot be told.

6The LORD lifts up the meek;
 He throws the wicked down to the
 ground.

7Sing unto the LORD with thanks-
 giving;
 sing praise upon the harp unto our
 God,

8who covers the heavens with clouds,
 who prepares rain for the earth,
 who makes grass to grow upon the
 mountains.

9He gives the beast its food,
and to the young ravens which cry.

10He delights not in the strength of the
 horse;
 He takes no pleasure in the legs of a
 man.

11The LORD takes pleasure in those
 who fear Him,
 who hope in His mercy.

12Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem;
 praise your God, O Zion.

13For He has made the bars of your
 gates strong;
 He has blessed your children within
 you.

14He makes peace in your borders
and fills you with the finest of the
 wheat.

15He sends forth His commandment
upon earth;

His word runs very swiftly.

16He gives snow like wool;
 He scatters the hoar-frost like ashes.

17He casts forth His ice like crumbs;
 who can stand before His cold?

18He sends out His word and melts
 them;

He causes His wind to blow, *and* the
 waters flow.

19He shows His word to Jacob,
 His statutes and His judgments to
 Israel.

20He has not done so with any nation;
 and they have not known His judg-
 ments.

Praise the LORD.

PSALM 148

1Praise the LORD.
 Praise the LORD from the heavens;
 praise Him in the heights.

2Praise Him, all His angels;
 praise Him, all His hosts.

3Praise Him, sun and moon;
 praise Him, all you stars of light.

4Praise Him, you heavens of heavens,
 and you waters that are above the
 heavens.

5Let them praise the name of the
 LORD;
 for He commanded, and they were
 created.

6He has also settled them forever and
 ever;
 He has made a decree which shall
 not pass away.

7Praise the LORD from the earth
 you sea-monsters,
 and all deeps;

⁸fire and hail, snow and vapor,
stormy wind fulfilling His word,

⁹mountains and all hills,
fruitful trees and all cedars,

¹⁰beasts and all cattle,
creeping things and birds of the wing,

¹¹kings of the earth and all people,
princes and all judges of the earth,

¹²both young men and maidens,
old men and children;

¹³let them praise the name of the
LORD;
for His name alone is excellent;
His glory is above the earth and
heavens.

¹⁴He also lifts up the horn of His peo-
ple,
the praise of all His saints,
even of the children of Israel, a peo-
ple near to Him.
Praise the LORD.

PSALM 149

¹Praise the LORD.
Sing to the LORD a new song,
and His praise in the congregation of
saints.

²Let Israel rejoice in Him who made
him;
let the children of Zion be joyful in
their king.

³Let them praise His name in the dance;
let them sing praises to Him with the
timbrel and harp.

⁴For the LORD takes pleasure in His
people;

He will beautify the meek with sal-
vation.

⁵Let the saints be joyful in glory;
let them sing aloud upon their beds.

⁶Let the high *praises* of God be in their
mouth,

⁷and a two-edged sword in their hand,
to carry out vengeance upon the
heathen

and punishments upon the people,
⁸to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with chains of iron,

⁹to carry out upon them the judgment
written;

this is an honor for all His saints.
Praise the LORD.

PSALM 150

¹Praise the LORD.
Praise God in His sanctuary;
praise Him in the expanse of His
power.

²Praise Him for His mighty acts;
praise Him according to His excellent
greatness.

³Praise Him with the sound of the
trumpet;
praise Him with the psaltery and
harp.

⁴Praise Him with the timbrel and
dance;
praise Him with stringed instruments
and organs.

⁵Praise Him upon the loud cymbals;
praise Him upon the high-sounding
cymbals.

⁶Let everything that has breath praise
the LORD.
Praise the LORD.

The Book of PROVERBS

CHAPTER 1

- ¹The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel;
- ²to know wisdom and instruction;
to recognize the words of understanding;
- ³to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and uprightness;
- ⁴to give sense to the simple, knowledge and judgment to the young man.
- ⁵A wise *man* shall hear, and will increase learning;
and a man of understanding shall get wisdom.
- ⁶to understand a proverb and the meaning of it;
the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.
- ⁷The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- ⁸My son, hear the instruction of your father,
and forsake not the law of your mother;
- ⁹for they shall be an ornament of grace to your head
and chains around your neck.
- ¹⁰My son, if sinners lure you,
do not be willing.
- ¹¹If they say, Come with us, let us lie in wait for blood,
we will watch secretly for the innocent without cause—
- ¹²let us swallow them up alive as the grave,
and whole, as those who go down into the pit;
- ¹³we shall find all precious goods;
we shall fill our houses with spoil;
- ¹⁴cast in your lot among us,
and let us have one purse—
- ¹⁵My son, do not walk in the way with them!
keep your foot back from their path,
- ¹⁶for their feet run to evil
and make haste to shed blood.
- ¹⁷Surely in vain the net is spread in the sight of any bird.
- ¹⁸And they lie in wait for their *own* blood;
they watch secretly for their *own* lives.
- ¹⁹So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain;
who takes away the life of the owners of it.
- ²⁰Wisdom cries outside;
she utters her voice in the streets;
- ²¹she cries in the chief place of gathering, in the openings of the gates;
in the city she utters her words,
saying,
- ²²How long will you love simplicity,
you simple ones?
And *how long will* the scorners delight in their scorning,
and fools hate knowledge?
- ²³Turn at my warning;
behold, I will pour out my Spirit to you;
I will make my words known unto you.
- ²⁴Because I have called, and you have refused;
I have stretched out my hand, and no man paid attention;
- ²⁵but you have despised all my advice,
and would have none of my warning—
- ²⁶I also will laugh at your trouble;
I will mock when your fear comes;
- ²⁷when your fear comes as a wasting away,
and your ruin comes like a whirlwind;
when trouble and pain come upon you.
- ²⁸Then they shall call upon me, and I will not answer;
they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me;
- ²⁹for they hated knowledge
and did not choose the fear of the LORD.
- ³⁰They would have none of my counsel;
they despised all my correction.

- ³¹Therefore they shall eat the fruit of
their own way,
and be filled with their own desires.
³²For the turning away of the simple
shall kill them,
and the riches of fools shall destroy
them.
³³But whoever listens to me shall dwell
safely,
and shall be quiet from fear of
evil.

CHAPTER 2

- ¹My son, if you will receive my words
and hide my commandments with
you,
²so that you bow down your ear to
wisdom
and apply your heart to understand-
ing;
³yea, if you cry after knowledge
and lift up your voice for under-
standing;
⁴if you seek her as silver,
and search for her as *for* hidden
treasures —
⁵then you shall understand the fear of
the LORD
and find the knowledge of God.
⁶For the LORD gives wisdom;
out of His mouth *come* knowledge
and understanding.
⁷He lays up sound wisdom for the
righteous;
He is a shield to those who walk up-
rightly.
⁸He keeps the paths of judgment,
and guards the way of His saints.
⁹Then you shall understand righteous-
ness and judgment and honesty;
yes, every good path.
¹⁰When wisdom enters into your heart,
and knowledge is pleasant to your
soul;
¹¹judgment shall keep you,
understanding shall keep you,
¹²to deliver you from the way of the
evil *man*,
from the man who speaks wicked
things;
¹³those who leave the paths of upright-
ness
to walk in the ways of darkness;

- ¹⁴who rejoice to do evil
and delight in the sinfulness of the
wicked;
¹⁵whose ways are crooked,
and *who are* crooked in their paths.

- ¹⁶*They will* deliver you from the strange
woman,
even the stranger who flatters with
her words,
¹⁷who forsakes the guide of her youth
and forgets the covenant of her God.
¹⁸For her house leads down to death,
and her paths unto the dead.
¹⁹None who go in unto her return again,
neither do they take hold of the paths
of life.
²⁰So you may walk in the way of good
and keep the paths of the righteous.
²¹For the upright shall dwell in the
land,
and the perfect shall remain in it.
²²But the wicked shall be cut off from
the earth,
and the transgressors shall be rooted
out of it .

CHAPTER 3

- ¹My son, forget not my law;
but let your heart keep my command-
ments;
²for they shall add length of days,
and long life, and peace, to you.
³Let not mercy and truth forsake you;
tie them around your neck;
write them upon the tablet of your
heart;
⁴so you shall find favor and good under-
standing
in the sight of God and man.
⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart,
and lean not unto your own under-
standing.
⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him,
and He shall direct your paths.
⁷Do not be wise in your own eyes;
fear the LORD and depart from evil.
⁸It shall be health to your navel
and marrow to your bones.

- ⁹Honor the LORD with your substance,
and with the first-fruits of all your
increase;
- ¹⁰so your barns shall be filled with
plenty,
and your presses shall burst out with
new wine.
- ¹¹My son, do not despise the chastening
of the LORD;
neither be weary with His correction;
- ¹²for whom the LORD loves He cor-
rects,
even as a father *corrects* the son in
whom he delights.
- ¹³Happy is the man who finds wisdom,
and the man who gets understanding.
- ¹⁴For the gain from it is better than the
gain from silver,
and the gain from it more than fine
gold.
- ¹⁵She is more precious than rubies;
and all the things you can desire are
not to be compared with her.
- ¹⁶Length of days is in her right hand;
and in her left hand, riches and honor.
- ¹⁷Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
and all her paths are peace.
- ¹⁸She is a tree of life to those who lay
hold upon her;
and happy *is everyone* who keeps her.
- ¹⁹The LORD has founded the earth by
wisdom;
by understanding He has founded
the heavens.
- ²⁰By His knowledge the depths are
broken up,
and the clouds drop down the dew.
- ²¹My son, do not let them depart from
your eyes;
keep sound wisdom and judgment;
- ²²so they shall be life unto your soul
and grace unto your neck.
- ²³Then you shall walk in your way
safely,
and your foot shall not stumble.
- ²⁴When you lie down, you shall not be
afraid;
yea, you shall lie down, and your
sleep shall be sweet.
- ²⁵Do not be afraid of sudden fear,
nor of the destroying of the wicked,
when it comes.
- ²⁶For the LORD shall be your hope,
and shall keep your foot from being
taken.
- ²⁷Do not withhold good from those to
whom it is due,
when it is in the power of your hand
to do *it*.
- ²⁸Do not say to your neighbor, Go and
come back again,
and tomorrow I will give; when you
have it beside you:
- ²⁹Do not plan evil against your neigh-
bor,
since he dwells trustingly by you.
- ³⁰Do not strive with a man without
cause,
if he has done you no harm.
- ³¹Do not envy the cruel man,
and choose none of his ways.
- ³²For the crooked *man* is hateful to the
LORD;
but His secret is with the righteous.
- ³³The curse of the LORD is in the
house of the wicked;
but He blesses the home of the
just.
- ³⁴Surely He scorns the scorners;
but He gives grace to the lowly.
- ³⁵The wise shall inherit glory;
but shame shall be the promotion of
fools.

CHAPTER 4

- ¹Children, hear the instruction of a
father,
and listen in order to know under-
standing.
- ²For I give you good teaching;
do not forsake my law.
- ³For I was my father's son,
tender and only *beloved* in the sight
of my mother.
- ⁴He also taught me, and said to me,
Let your heart hold fast my words,
keep my commandments and live.
- ⁵Get wisdom, get understanding; forget
it not;
neither turn away from the words of
my mouth.

- ⁶Do not forsake her, and she shall keep you;
love her, and she shall keep you.
- ⁷Wisdom is the main thing; *therefore* get wisdom;
and with all your getting get understanding.
- ⁸Prize her, and she shall lift you up;
she shall bring you to honor when you embrace her.
- ⁹She shall give to your hand an ornament of grace;
a crown of glory she shall deliver to you.
- ¹⁰Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings;
and the years of your life shall be many.
- ¹¹I have taught you in the way of wisdom;
I have led you in the right paths.
- ¹²When you go, your steps shall not be narrowed;
and when you run, you shall not stumble.
- ¹³Take fast hold of instruction; do not let go;
keep her; for she is your life.
- ¹⁴Enter not into the path of the wicked,
and go not into the way of evil *men*.
- ¹⁵Avoid it; do not pass by it;
turn from it, and pass away!
- ¹⁶For they do not sleep, except *when* they have done mischief;
and their sleep is taken away unless they cause *some* to fall.
- ¹⁷For they eat the bread of wickedness
and drink the wine of violence.
- ¹⁸But the path of the just is as the shining light,
that shines more and more unto the perfect day.
- ¹⁹The way of the wicked is as darkness;
they know not at what they stumble.
- ²⁰My son, listen to my words;
bow down your ear to my sayings.
- ²¹Let them not depart from your eyes;
keep them in the midst of your heart.
- ²²For they are life unto those who find them,
and health to all their flesh.
- ²³Keep your heart with all diligence;
for out of it are the issues of life.
- ²⁴Put away from you a wicked mouth,
and wicked lips put far from you.
- ²⁵Let your eyes look right on,
and let your eyelids look straight before you.
- ²⁶Ponder the path of your feet,
and all your ways will be established.
- ²⁷Do not turn to the right hand nor to the left;
remove your foot from evil.

CHAPTER 5

- ¹My son, listen to my wisdom,
and bow your ear to my understanding;
²so that you may keep judgment,
and *that* your lips may keep knowledge.
- ³For the lips of a strange woman drip honey,
and her mouth is sweeter than oil;
⁴but her end is bitter as wormwood,
sharp as a two-edged sword.
- ⁵Her feet go down to death;
her steps take hold on hell.
- ⁶Lest you should ponder the path of life,
her paths are movable *so that* you cannot know *them*.
- ⁷Therefore hear me now, O children,
and do not depart from the words of my mouth.
- ⁸Remove your ways far from her,
and do not come near the door of her house,
- ⁹lest you give your honor to others
and your years to the cruel;
- ¹⁰lest strangers be filled with your wealth,
and your labors be in the house of a stranger;
- ¹¹and you mourn at the last,
when your flesh and body are eaten away,
- ¹²and say, How I have hated instruction,
and my heart despised correction;
- ¹³and *I* have not obeyed the voice of my teachers
nor bowed down my ears to those
who taught me!

¹⁴I was almost in all evil
in the midst of the congregation and
assembly.

¹⁵Drink waters out of your own cistern,
and running waters out of your own
well.

¹⁶Let your overflowing spring be scat-
tered abroad
as rivers of waters in the streets.

¹⁷Let them be only your own,
and not strangers' with you.

¹⁸Let your fountain be blessed,
and rejoice with the wife of your
youth.

¹⁹Like the loving hind and pleasant roe,
let her breasts satisfy you at all times,
and be ravished always with her love.

²⁰And why will you, my son, be rav-
ished with a strange woman,
and embrace the bosom of a stranger?

²¹For the ways of man are before the
eyes of the LORD,
and He watches all his paths.

²²His own iniquities shall take the
wicked himself,
and he shall be held with the cords
of his sins.

²³He shall die without instruction;
and in the greatness of his folly he
shall go astray.

CHAPTER 6

¹My son, if you are surety for your
friend,
if you did strike your hand with a
stranger,

²you are snared with the words of your
mouth,
you are taken with the words of your
mouth.

³My son, do this now, and deliver your-
self
when you have come into the hand
of your friend;
go, humble yourself and make your
friend sure.

⁴Do not give sleep to your eyes
nor slumber to your eyelids.

⁵Deliver yourself as a roe from the hand
of the hunter,
and as a bird from the hand of the
fowler.

⁶Go to the ant, sluggard;
consider her ways and be wise;

⁷who, having no guide,
overseer, or ruler,

⁸provides her food in the summer
and gathers her food in the harvest.

⁹How long will you sleep, O sluggard?
When will you arise out of your
sleep?

¹⁰A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to sleep —

¹¹so shall your poverty come as one who
travels,
and your want like an armed man.

¹²A naughty person, a wicked man,
walks with a crooked mouth.

¹³He winks with his eyes, he speaks
with his feet,

he points with his fingers;

¹⁴crookedness is in his heart; he is al-
ways planning mischief;

he causes fighting.

¹⁵Therefore his trouble shall come sud-
denly;

suddenly he shall be broken without
healing.

¹⁶These six things the LORD hates;
yea, seven are hateful to Him —

¹⁷a proud look, a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent blood,

¹⁸a heart that thinks of wicked plans,
feet that are swift in running to mis-
chief,

¹⁹a false witness who speaks lies,
and he who causes fighting among
brothers.

²⁰My son, keep your father's command-
ments,

and do not forsake the law of your
mother;

²¹bind them upon your heart forever,
and tie them around your neck.

²²When you go, it shall lead you;
when you sleep, it shall keep you;
and when you awake, it shall talk
with you.

²³For the commandment is a lamp; and
the law is light;
and reproofs of instruction are the
way of life;

- ²⁴to keep you from the evil woman,
from the flattery of the tongue of a
strange woman.
- ²⁵Do not lust after her beauty in your
heart;
neither let her take you with her eye-
lids.
- ²⁶For by means of a harlot *a man is
brought* to a piece of bread;
and the adulteress will hunt for the
precious life.
- ²⁷Can a man take fire in his bosom,
and his clothes not be burned?
- ²⁸Can one go upon hot coals,
and his feet not be burned?
- ²⁹So is he who goes in to his neighbor's
wife;
whoever touches her shall not be
innocent.
- ³⁰*Men* do not despise a thief,
if he steals to satisfy his soul when
he is hungry;
- ³¹but *if* he is found he shall restore
sevenfold;
he shall give all the goods of his
house.
- ³²But whoever commits adultery with
a woman lacks understanding;
he *who* does it destroys his own soul.
- ³³He shall get a wound and dishonor;
and his shame shall not be wiped
away.
- ³⁴For jealousy is the rage of a man;
therefore he will not spare in the day
of judgment.
- ³⁵He will not take any ransom;
nor will he be willing if you multiply
the gifts.
- CHAPTER 7
- ¹My son, keep my words
and store up my commandments
within you.
- ²Keep my commandments and live;
and *keep* my law as the apple of your
eye.
- ³Bind them upon your fingers;
write them upon the tablets of your
heart.
- ⁴Say unto wisdom, You are my sister;
and call understanding *your* friend,
⁵so that they may keep you from the
strange woman,
- from the stranger *who* flatters with
her words.
- ⁶For at the window of my house
I looked through my lattice
⁷and saw among the simple ones,
I saw among the youths
a young man with no understanding,
⁸passing through the street near her
corner.
And he went the way to her house,
⁹in the twilight, in the evening,
in the black and dark night;
- ¹⁰and, behold, there a woman met him,
with the dress of a harlot and a
guarded heart.
- ¹¹(She is loud and stubborn;
her feet do not stay in her house;
¹²now *she* is outside, now in the streets,
and lies in wait at every corner.)
- ¹³So she caught him and kissed him,
and with a hard face she said to him,
¹⁴*I have* peace offerings with me;
today I have paid my vows.
- ¹⁵Therefore I came forth to meet you,
earnestly to seek your face, and I
have found you.
- ¹⁶I have decked my beds with coverings
of tapestry,
with carved *work*, with fine linen
from Egypt.
- ¹⁷I have perfumed my bed with myrrh,
aloes, and cinnamon.
- ¹⁸Come, let us take our fill of love until
the morning;
let us delight ourselves with caresses.
- ¹⁹For my husband is not at home,
he has gone on a long journey;
²⁰he has taken a bag of money with him
and will come home at the day of the
full moon.
- ²¹With her much fair speech she caused
him to yield,
with the flattering of her lips she
forced him.
- ²²He goes after her immediately,
like an ox goes to the slaughter,
or like a fool to the correction of the
stocks;
- ²³until a dart strikes through his liver;
as a bird hastens to the snare
and does not know that it is for his
life.

- ²⁴Now therefore listen to me, O children,
and attend to the words of my mouth.
²⁵Do not let your heart turn aside to her ways,
do not go astray in her paths.
²⁶For she has cast down many wounded;
yea, many strong *men* have been slain by her.
²⁷Her house is the way to hell,
going down to the rooms of death.

CHAPTER 8

- ¹Does not wisdom call?
And does not understanding put forth her voice?
²She stands in the top of high places,
by the way in the places of the path.
³She cries in the gates, in the entrance of the city,
at the coming in of the doors.
⁴Unto you, O men, I call;
and my voice is to the sons of man.
⁵O simple, understand wisdom;
and, fools, be of an understanding heart.
⁶Hear; for I will speak of excellent things;
and the opening of my lips shall be right things.
⁷For my mouth shall speak truth;
and wickedness is hateful to my lips.
⁸All the words of my mouth are in righteousness;
there is nothing twisted or perverse in them.
⁹They are all plain to him who understands,
and right to those who find knowledge.
¹⁰Receive my instruction and not silver;
and knowledge rather than choice gold.
¹¹For wisdom is better than rubies;
and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it.
¹²I, wisdom, dwell with sense,
and find out knowledge of wise things.
¹³The fear of the LORD is to hate evil;
I hate pride, and the love of self, and the evil way,
and the wicked mouth.

- ¹⁴Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom;
I am understanding; I have strength.
¹⁵By me kings reign
and princes decree justice.
¹⁶Princes rule by me, and nobles,
even all the judges of the earth.
¹⁷I love those who love me;
and those who seek me early shall find me.
¹⁸Riches and honor are with me;
yea, enduring riches and righteousness.
¹⁹My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold;
and what I give is *better* than choice silver.
²⁰I lead in the way of righteousness,
in the midst of the paths of judgment;
²¹so that I may cause those who love me to inherit riches;
and I will fill their treasuries.
²²The LORD possessed Me in the beginning of His way,
before His works of old.
²³I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning,
before the earth ever was.
²⁴When *there were* no depths, I was brought forth;
when *there were* no mountains filled with water.
²⁵Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I was brought forth;
²⁶before He had made the earth, or the fields,
or the highest part of the dust of the world.
²⁷When He prepared the heavens, I was there;
when He set a circle upon the face of the deep;
²⁸when He set the clouds above;
when He made the fountains of the deep strong;
²⁹when He gave to the sea its limit,
that the waters should not pass His commandment;
when He appointed the foundations of the earth;
³⁰then I was beside Him *as* one brought up *with Him*;
and I was daily *His* delight, rejoicing always before Him;

³¹rejoicing in the part of His earth
where men live;
and My delights were with the sons
of men.

³²Now therefore listen to Me, O chil-
dren;
for blessed are those who keep My
ways.

³³Hear instruction, and be wise,
and do not refuse it.

³⁴Blessed is the man who hears Me,
watching daily at My gates,
waiting at the posts of My doors.

³⁵For whoever finds Me finds life,
and shall obtain favor from the
LORD.

³⁶But he who sins against Me wrongs
his own soul;
all who hate Me love death.

CHAPTER 9

¹Wisdom has built her house;
she has carved out her seven pillars;

²she has killed her beasts; she has mixed
her wine;
she has also set her table.

³She has sent her maidens forth;
she cries upon the highest places of
the city,

⁴Whoever is simple, let him turn in
here;
as for him who lacks understanding,
she says to him,

⁵Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine *which* I have
mixed.

⁶Forsake the foolish and live;
and go in the way of understanding.

⁷He who reproves a scorner gets shame
to himself;
and he who rebukes a wicked *man*
gets himself a blot.

⁸Do not reprove a scorner, lest he hate
you;
rebuke a wise man, and he will love
you.

⁹Give *instruction* to a wise *man*, and he
will be still wiser;
teach a just *man*, and he will increase
in learning.

¹⁰The fear of the LORD is the begin-
ning of wisdom;
and the knowledge of the holy is un-
derstanding.

¹¹For by me your days shall be multi-
plied,
and the years of your life shall be
increased.

¹²If you are wise, you shall be wise for
yourself;
but if you scorn, you alone shall
bear it.

¹³A foolish woman is noisy;
she is simple and knows nothing.

¹⁴For she sits at the door of her house,
in a seat in the high places of the
city,

¹⁵to call those who pass by,
who are going straight on their ways;

¹⁶Whoever is simple, let him turn in
here;
and *as for* him who lacks understand-
ing, she says to him,

¹⁷Stolen waters are sweet,
and bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.

¹⁸But he does not know that the dead
are there;
and that her guests are in the depths
of hell.

CHAPTER 10

¹The proverbs of Solomon.

A wise son makes a glad father;
but a foolish son is the sorrow of his
mother.

²Treasures of wickedness profit noth-
ing;
but righteousness delivers from death.

³The LORD will not allow the soul of
the righteous to go hungry;
but He casts away the desire of the
wicked.

⁴He who deals with a lazy hand be-
comes poor;
but the hand of the hard worker
makes rich.

⁵He who gathers in summer is a wise
son;
but he who sleeps in harvest is a son
who causes shame.

- ⁶Blessings are upon the head of the just;
but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- ⁷The memory of the just is blessed;
but the name of the wicked shall rot.
- ⁸The wise in heart will receive commandments;
but a babbling fool shall fall.
- ⁹He who walks uprightly walks surely;
but he who twists his way shall be known.
- ¹⁰He who winks with the eye causes sorrow;
but a babbling fool shall fall.
- ¹¹The mouth of a righteous *man* is a well of life;
but violence covers the mouth of the wicked.
- ¹²Hatred stirs up fights;
but love covers all sins.
- ¹³In the lips of him who has understanding, wisdom is found;
but a rod is for the back of him who is without understanding.
- ¹⁴Wise *men* store up knowledge;
but the mouth of the foolish is near ruin.
- ¹⁵The rich man's wealth is his strong city;
the ruin of the poor is their poverty.
- ¹⁶The labor of the righteous *tends* to life;
the fruit of the wicked *tends* to sin.
- ¹⁷He who keeps instruction is in the way of life;
but he who refuses reproof is going astray.
- ¹⁸He who hides hatred *with* lying lips,
and he who speaks a slander, is a fool.
- ¹⁹In the multitude of words, sin is not lacking;
but he who holds back his lips is wise.
- ²⁰The tongue of the just is like choice silver;
the heart of the wicked is worth little.
- ²¹The lips of the righteous feed many;
but fools die for lack of wisdom.
- ²²The blessing of the LORD itself makes *men* rich,
and He adds no sorrow with it.
- ²³*It is* as sport to a fool to do mischief;
but a man of understanding has wisdom.
- ²⁴*Even* that which the wicked fears shall come upon him;
but the desire of the righteous shall be granted.
- ²⁵As the whirlwind passes, so the wicked is no *more*;
but the righteous is an everlasting foundation.
- ²⁶Like vinegar to the teeth, and like smoke to the eyes,
so is the sluggard to those who send him.
- ²⁷The fear of the LORD prolongs days;
but the years of the wicked shall be shortened.
- ²⁸The hope of the righteous shall be gladness;
but the hope of the wicked shall perish.
- ²⁹The way of the LORD is strength to the upright;
but ruin shall be to the workers of iniquity.
- ³⁰The righteous shall never be removed;
but the wicked shall not live in the earth.
- ³¹The mouth of the just brings forth wisdom;
but the perverse tongue shall be cut out.
- ³²The lips of the righteous know what is pleasing;
but the mouth of the wicked *what is* contrary.

CHAPTER 11

- ¹A false balance is hateful to the LORD;
but a just weight is His delight.
- ²*When* pride comes, then shame comes;
but with the lowly is wisdom.
- ³The purity of the upright shall guide them;
but the crookedness of transgressors shall destroy them.
- ⁴Riches do not profit in the day of wrath;
but righteousness delivers from death.

- ⁵The righteousness of the perfect shall make his way right;
but the wicked shall fall by his own wickedness.
- ⁶The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them;
but deceivers shall be taken in *their own mischief*.
- ⁷When a wicked man dies, *his* hope shall perish;
and the hope of unjust *men* is lost.
- ⁸The righteous is delivered out of trouble,
and the wicked comes in his place.
- ⁹A hypocrite with *his* mouth destroys his neighbor;
but through knowledge the just shall be delivered.
- ¹⁰When it goes well with the righteous, the city rejoices;
and when the wicked are destroyed, *there is* singing.
- ¹¹By the blessing of the upright the city is lifted up;
but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
- ¹²He who is without wisdom despises his neighbor;
but a man of understanding holds his peace.
- ¹³A talebearer reveals secrets;
but he who is of a faithful spirit keeps the matter hidden.
- ¹⁴Where there is no wisdom, the people fall;
but in the multitude of wise men *there is* safety.
- ¹⁵He who is surety for a stranger shall be ruined;
and he who hates suretyship is safe.
- ¹⁶A gracious woman keeps honor;
and strong *men* keep riches.
- ¹⁷The merciful man does good to his own soul;
but *he who is* cruel troubles his own flesh.
- ¹⁸The wicked work a deceitful work;
but to him who sows righteousness shall be a sure reward.
- ¹⁹As righteousness tends to life;
so he who pursues evil *does so* to his own death.
- ²⁰They who are of a crooked heart are hateful to the LORD;
but *the* upright in *their* way are His delight.
- ²¹*Though* hand *join* in hand, the wicked shall not be unpunished;
but the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.
- ²²*Like* a jewel of gold in a swine's snout,
so is a beautiful woman who turns aside from good moral taste.
- ²³The desire of the righteous is only good;
but the hope of the wicked is wrath.
- ²⁴There is that *which* scatters and yet increases;
and *there is* that *which* withholds more than is right, but *it tends* to poverty.
- ²⁵The soul who gives freely shall be made fat;
and he who waters shall also be watered himself.
- ²⁶He who withholds grain, the people shall curse him;
but blessing shall be upon the head of him who sells *it*.
- ²⁷He who carefully seeks good gets favor;
but he who seeks mischief, it shall come to him.
- ²⁸He who trusts in his riches shall fall;
but the righteous shall blossom like a branch.
- ²⁹He who troubles his own house shall inherit the wind;
and the fool shall be servant to the wise in heart.
- ³⁰The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life;
and he who wins souls is wise.
- ³¹Behold, the righteous shall be rewarded in the earth;
much more the wicked and the sinner.

CHAPTER 12

- ¹Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge;
but he who hates correction is like an animal.
- ²A good *man* gets grace from the LORD;

- but He will condemn a man of wicked thoughts.
- ³A man shall not be established by wickedness;
but the root of the righteous shall not be moved.
- ⁴A woman of virtue is a crown to her husband;
but she who causes shame is like rottenness in his bones.
- ⁵The thoughts of the righteous are right;
but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.
- ⁶The words of the wicked are to lie in wait for blood;
but the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.
- ⁷The wicked are overthrown, and are gone;
but the house of the righteous shall stand.
- ⁸A man shall be praised according to his wisdom;
but he who is of a crooked heart shall be despised.
- ⁹*He who is* despised, and has a servant, is better than he who honors himself and lacks bread.
- ¹⁰A righteous *man* understands the soul of his animal;
but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
- ¹¹He who tills his land shall be satisfied with bread;
but he who follows vain *persons* is without understanding.
- ¹²The wicked desires the net of evil *men*;
but the root of the righteous yields *fruit*.
- ¹³The wicked is snared by the transgression of *his* lips;
but the just shall come out of trouble.
- ¹⁴A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of *his* mouth;
and the reward of a man's hands shall be given to him.
- ¹⁵The way of a fool is right in his own eyes;
but he who listens to advice is wise.
- ¹⁶A fool's wrath is soon known;
- but one with good sense covers shame.
- ¹⁷*He who* speaks truth shows forth righteousness;
but a false witness *shows* deceit.
- ¹⁸There are *those* who speak like the thrusts of a sword;
but the tongue of the wise heals.
- ¹⁹The lips of truth shall be established forever;
but a lying tongue is but for a moment.
- ²⁰Deceit is in the heart of those who imagine evil;
but to the wise men of peace there is joy.
- ²¹No evil shall happen to the just;
but the wicked shall be filled with mischief.
- ²²Lying lips are hateful to the LORD;
but those who deal truly are His delight.
- ²³A wise man conceals knowledge;
but the heart of fools cries out foolishness.
- ²⁴The hand of the hard worker shall bear rule,
but the lazy shall be under service.
- ²⁵Heaviness in the heart of man makes it stoop;
but a good word makes it glad.
- ²⁶The righteous is more excellent than his neighbor;
but the way of the wicked seduces them.
- ²⁷The lazy *man* does not roast that which he took in hunting;
but the wealth of a hard worker is precious.
- ²⁸In the way of righteousness is life;
and in that pathway *there is* no death.

CHAPTER 13

- ¹A wise son *hears* his father's instruction;
but a scorner does not hear rebuke.
- ²From the fruit of his mouth a man shall eat good;
but the soul of the transgressors *shall eat violence*.
- ³He who keeps his mouth keeps his life;

- but he who opens his lips wide shall be ruined.
- ⁴The soul of the sluggard desires and *has* nothing; but the soul of the hard worker shall be made fat.
- ⁵A righteous *man* hates lying; but a wicked *man* is hateful and comes to shame.
- ⁶Righteousness keeps *him who is* upright in the way; but wickedness overthrows the sinner.
- ⁷There are *those* who make themselves rich, yet have nothing; *there are those* who make themselves poor, yet *have* great riches.
- ⁸The ransom of a man's life is his riches; but the poor does not hear rebuke.
- ⁹The light of the righteous rejoices; but the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
- ¹⁰Only by pride comes argument; but with those who take advice is wisdom.
- ¹¹Wealth *gotten* by vanity shall be taken away; but he who gathers by labor shall increase.
- ¹²Hope put off makes the heart sick; but *when* the desire comes, *it is* a tree of life.
- ¹³Whoever despises the word shall be destroyed; but he who fears the commandment shall be rewarded.
- ¹⁴The law of the wise is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death.
- ¹⁵Good understanding gives favor; but the way of transgressors is hard.
- ¹⁶Every wise *man* deals with knowledge; but a fool lays open *his* folly.
- ¹⁷A wicked messenger falls into mischief; but a faithful ambassador is health.
- ¹⁸Poverty and shame shall be to him who refuses instruction; but he who listens to correction shall be honored.
- ¹⁹The desire fulfilled is sweet to the soul;
- but *it is* hateful to fools to depart from evil.
- ²⁰He who walks with wise *men* shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.
- ²¹Evil pursues sinners; but to the righteous good shall be repaid.
- ²²A good *man* leaves an inheritance to his children's children; and the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the just.
- ²³Much food is *in* the plowed ground of the poor; but there are those who are destroyed for lack of judgment.
- ²⁴He who spares his rod hates his son; but he who loves him chastens him early.
- ²⁵The righteous eats to the satisfying of his soul; but the belly of the wicked shall lack.

CHAPTER 14

- ¹Every wise woman builds her house; but the foolish plucks it down with her hands.
- ²He who walks in his uprightness fears the LORD; but *he who is* perverse in his ways despises Him.
- ³In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride; but the lips of the wise shall keep them.
- ⁴Where no oxen are, the crib is empty; but much gain is by the strength of the ox.
- ⁵A faithful witness will not lie; but a false witness will speak lies.
- ⁶A scorner seeks wisdom, and does not *find it*; but knowledge is easy to him who understands.
- ⁷Go from the presence of a foolish man when you do not see *in him* the lips of knowledge.
- ⁸The wisdom of the wise is to understand his way; but the folly of fools is deceit.

- ⁹Fools laugh at sin;
but among the righteous *there is*
favor.
- ¹⁰The heart knows its own bitterness;
and a stranger does not share in its
joy.
- ¹¹The house of the wicked shall be
overthrown;
but the tent of the upright shall be
blessed.
- ¹²There is a way which seems right to a
man,
but the end of it are the ways of
death.
- ¹³Even in laughter the heart is sorrow-
ful;
and the end of that joy is heavi-
ness.
- ¹⁴The backslider in heart shall be filled
with his own ways;
and a good man *shall be satisfied* from
himself.
- ¹⁵The simple believes every word;
but the wise *man* watches his step.
- ¹⁶A wise *man* fears and departs from
evil;
but the fool rages and is sure.
- ¹⁷*He who* is soon angry deals foolishly;
and a man of wicked thoughts is
hated.
- ¹⁸The simple inherit folly;
but the wise are crowned with knowl-
edge.
- ¹⁹The evil bow before the good,
and the wicked at the gates of the
righteous.
- ²⁰The poor is hated even by his own
neighbor;
but the rich *has* many friends.
- ²¹He who despises his neighbor sins;
but he who has mercy on the poor,
happy is he.
- ²²Do not those who think evil go astray?
But mercy and truth shall be to those
who think of good.
- ²³In all labor there is gain;
but the talk of the lips *tends* only to
poverty.
- ²⁴The crown of the wise is their riches
of wisdom;
but the foolishness of fools is folly.
- ²⁵A true witness delivers souls;
but a deceitful *witness* speaks lies.
- ²⁶In the fear of the LORD is strong
hope;
and His children shall have a place
of refuge.
- ²⁷The fear of the LORD is a fountain
of life,
to turn aside from the snares of death.
- ²⁸In the multitude of people is the
king's honor;
but in the lack of people is the ruin
of the prince.
- ²⁹He who is slow to wrath is of great
understanding;
but he who is hasty of spirit exalts
folly.
- ³⁰A sound heart is the life of the flesh;
but envy is the rottenness of the
bones.
- ³¹He who presses the poor curses his
Maker;
but he who honors Him has mercy
upon the poor.
- ³²The wicked is driven away in his
wickedness;
but the righteous has hope in his
death.
- ³³Wisdom rests in the heart of him who
has understanding;
but *that which is* in the midst of fools
is made known.
- ³⁴Righteousness lifts up a nation;
but sin is a shame to any people.
- ³⁵The king's favor is toward a wise
servant;
but his wrath is *against* him who
causes shame.

CHAPTER 15

- ¹A soft answer turns away wrath;
but grievous words stir up anger.
- ²The tongue of the wise uses knowledge
rightly;
but the mouth of fools pours out
foolishness.
- ³The eyes of the LORD are in every
place,
beholding the evil and the good.
- ⁴A wholesome tongue is a tree of life;
but crookedness in it is a break in the
spirit.
- ⁵A fool despises his father's instruction;
but he who listens to correction is
wise.

- ⁶In the house of the righteous is much treasure;
but in the gain of the wicked is trouble.
- ⁷The lips of the righteous send forth knowledge;
but the heart of the foolish does not *do so*.
- ⁸The sacrifice of the wicked is a hateful thing to the LORD;
but the prayer of the upright is His delight.
- ⁹The way of the wicked is hateful to the LORD;
but He loves him who follows after righteousness.
- ¹⁰Correction is grievous unto him who forsakes the way;
and he who hates reproof shall die.
- ¹¹Hell and destruction are before the LORD;
how much more than the hearts of the children of men?
- ¹²A scorner does not love one who corrects him;
neither will he go to the wise.
- ¹³A merry heart makes a cheerful face;
but by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.
- ¹⁴The heart of him who has understanding seeks knowledge;
but the mouth of fools feeds on foolishness.
- ¹⁵All the days of the afflicted are evil;
but he who is of a merry heart has a feast every day.
- ¹⁶Better is a little with the fear of the LORD
than great treasure and trouble without it.
- ¹⁷Better is a dinner of vegetables where love is,
than a stalled ox and hatred with it.
- ¹⁸A wrathful man stirs up fighting;
but *he who is slow to anger calms fighting.*
- ¹⁹The way of the lazy man is like a hedge of thorns;
but the way of the righteous is made plain.
- ²⁰A wise son makes a glad father;
but a foolish man despises his mother.
- ²¹Folly is joy to *him who is* without any wisdom;
but a man of understanding walks uprightly.
- ²²Without wisdom, purposes are defeated;
but in the multitude of wise men they are established.
- ²³A man has joy by the answer of his mouth;
and a word *spoken* in due season, how good *it is!*
- ²⁴The way of life is above to the wise,
so that he may turn away from hell below.
- ²⁵The LORD will destroy the house of the proud;
but He will set up the border of the widow.
- ²⁶The thoughts of the wicked are very hateful to the LORD;
but *the words* of the pure are pleasant words.
- ²⁷He who is greedy for gain troubles his own house;
but he who hates gifts shall live.
- ²⁸The heart of the righteous studies to answer;
but the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things.
- ²⁹The LORD is far from the wicked;
but He hears the prayer of the righteous.
- ³⁰The light of the eyes rejoices the heart;
and a good report makes the bones fat.
- ³¹The ear that hears the reproof of life shall remain among the wise.
- ³²He who refuses instruction despises his own soul;
but he who hears reproof gets understanding.
- ³³The fear of the LORD is the instruction of wisdom;
and before honor is humility.

CHAPTER 16

- ¹The ordering of the heart in man,
and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.
- ²All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes;
but the LORD weighs the spirits.

- ³Roll your works upon the LORD,
and your thoughts shall be blessed.
- ⁴The LORD has made all things for
Himself;
yea, even the wicked for the day of
evil.
- ⁵Everyone who is proud in heart is
hateful to the LORD;
though hand *join* in hand, he shall
not be unpunished.
- ⁶By mercy and truth, iniquity is purged;
and by the fear of the LORD *men*
turn away from evil.
- ⁷When a man's ways please the LORD,
He makes even his enemies to be at
peace with him.
- ⁸Better is a little with righteousness
than great gains without right.
- ⁹A man's heart plans his way;
but the LORD directs his steps.
- ¹⁰A divine sentence is in the lips of the
king;
his mouth does not transgress in judg-
ment.
- ¹¹A just weight and balance are the
LORD's;
all the weights of the bag are His
work.
- ¹²*It is* a hateful thing for kings to com-
mit wickedness;
for the throne is established by right-
eousness.
- ¹³Righteous lips are the delight of
kings;
and they love him who speaks right.
- ¹⁴The wrath of a king is *as* messengers
of death;
but a wise man will quiet it.
- ¹⁵In the light of the king's face is life;
and his favor is like a cloud of the
latter rain.
- ¹⁶How much better *it is* to get wisdom
than gold!
And to get understanding is rather to
be chosen than silver!
- ¹⁷The way of the upright is to turn
away from evil;
he who keeps his way guards his soul.
- ¹⁸Pride goes before destruction,
and a haughty spirit before a fall.
- ¹⁹*It is* better to be of an humble spirit
with the lowly
- than to divide the spoil with the
proud.
- ²⁰He who handles a matter wisely shall
find good;
and whoever trusts in the LORD,
happy is he.
- ²¹The wise in heart shall be called
prudent;
and the sweetness of the lips in-
creases learning.
- ²²Understanding is a fountain of life to
him who has it;
but the instruction of fools is folly.
- ²³The heart of the wise teaches his
mouth,
and adds learning to his lips.
- ²⁴Pleasant words are *like* a honeycomb,
sweet to the soul, and health to the
bones.
- ²⁵There is a way that seems right to a
man,
but the end of it are the ways of
death.
- ²⁶He who labors works for himself;
for his mouth craves it from him.
- ²⁷An ungodly man plots evil;
and his lips are like a burning fire.
- ²⁸A perverse man causes fighting;
and a whisperer separates chief
friends.
- ²⁹A violent man lures his neighbor
and leads him into the way *that is* not
good.
- ³⁰He shuts his eyes to think of crooked
things;
moving his lips, he brings evil to pass.
- ³¹The gray head is a crown of glory,
if it is found in the way of righteous-
ness.
- ³²*He who is slow* to anger is better than
the mighty;
and he who rules his spirit *is better*
than he who takes a city.
- ³³The lot is cast into the lap;
but the whole ordering of it is from
the LORD.

CHAPTER 17

- ¹Better is a dry piece of bread, and
quietness with it,
than a house full of sacrifices with
fighting.

- ²A wise servant shall have rule over a son who causes shame, and shall have part of the inheritance among the brothers.
- ³The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; but the LORD tries the hearts.
- ⁴A wicked doer gives heed to false lips; *and* a liar gives ear to an evil tongue.
- ⁵Whoever scorns the poor reviles his Maker; *and* he who is glad at great troubles shall not be unpunished.
- ⁶Children's children are the crown of old men; and the glory of children are their fathers.
- ⁷An excellent lip is not fitting for a fool; much less are lying lips *fitting for* a prince.
- ⁸A bribe is *like* a precious stone in the eyes of him who has it; wherever it turns, it prospers.
- ⁹He who covers a transgression seeks love; but he who repeats a matter separates friends.
- ¹⁰A reproof enters more into a wise man than a thousand stripes into a fool.
- ¹¹An evil *man* seeks only rebellion; therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
- ¹²Let a bear robbed of her cubs meet a man, rather than a fool in his folly.
- ¹³Whoever rewards evil for good, evil shall not depart from his house.
- ¹⁴The beginning of strife is like letting out water; therefore leave off fighting, before it is meddled with.
- ¹⁵He who justifies the wicked, and he who condemns the just, even both of them are hateful to the LORD.
- ¹⁶Why is *there* a price in the hand of a fool to get wisdom, since *he has* no heart for it?
- ¹⁷A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for the time of trouble.
- ¹⁸A man with no understanding strikes hands *and* becomes surety in the presence of his friend.
- ¹⁹He who loves fighting loves transgression; *and* he who makes his gate high seeks ruin.
- ²⁰He who has a crooked heart finds no good; and he who has a crooked tongue falls into mischief.
- ²¹He who fathers a fool *does it* to his sorrow; and the father of a fool has no joy.
- ²²A merry heart does good *like* a medicine; but a broken spirit dries the bones.
- ²³A wicked *man* takes a bribe out of the bosom to twist the ways of judgment.
- ²⁴Wisdom is before him who has understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth.
- ²⁵A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her who bore him.
- ²⁶Also to fine the just is not good, *nor* to strike princes for uprightness.
- ²⁷He who has knowledge uses few words; *and* a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit.
- ²⁸Even a fool, when he holds his peace, is counted wise; *and* he who shuts his lips is *counted* a man of understanding.

CHAPTER 18

- ¹He that separates himself seeks his own desire *and* mixes himself up with all wisdom.
- ²A fool has no delight in understanding, but only that his heart may lay itself bare.
- ³When the wicked comes, *then* also comes scorn, and with shame comes reproach.
- ⁴The words of a man's mouth are like deep waters, *and* the fountain of wisdom is *like* a flowing brook.
- ⁵*It is* not good to favor the person of the wicked,

- to overthrow the righteous in judgment.
- ⁶A fool's lips enter into argument, and his mouth calls for strokes.
- ⁷A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.
- ⁸The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.
- ⁹Also he who is lazy in his work is brother to him who is a great destroyer.
- ¹⁰The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous *man* runs into it and is safe.
- ¹¹The rich man's wealth is his strong city, and as a high wall in his own mind.
- ¹²Before ruin, the heart of man is proud, and before honor is humility.
- ¹³If one answers a matter before he hears it, it is folly and shame to him.
- ¹⁴The spirit of a man will nourish his sickness; but a wounded spirit who can bear?
- ¹⁵The heart of the prudent gets knowledge; and the ear of the wise seeks knowledge.
- ¹⁶A man's gift makes room for him, and brings him before great men.
- ¹⁷*He who is first in his cause seems just;* but his neighbor comes and searches him.
- ¹⁸The lot causes arguments to cease, and divides between the mighty.
- ¹⁹A brother offended is *harder to win* than a strong city; and *their* disagreements are like the bars of a castle.
- ²⁰A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the product of his lips he shall be satisfied.
- ²¹Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and those who love it shall eat the fruit of it.
- ²²*Whoever finds a wife finds a good thing* and gets favor from the LORD.
- ²³The poor speaks humble requests, but the rich answers roughly.
- ²⁴A man *who has* friends must show himself friendly; and there is a Friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.

CHAPTER 19

- ¹Better is the poor who walks in his honesty than *he who is* perverse in his lips, and is a fool.
- ²Also *it is* not good *that* the soul be without knowledge; and he who hurries with *his* feet sins.
- ³The foolishness of man overturns his way; and his heart frets against the LORD.
- ⁴Wealth makes many friends; but the poor is separated from his neighbor.
- ⁵A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he who* speaks lies shall not escape.
- ⁶Many will beg the favor of the prince; and every man is a friend to him who gives gifts.
- ⁷All the brothers of the poor *man* hate him; how much more do his friends go far from him? He pursues *them with* words, yet they are lacking to *him*.
- ⁸He who gets wisdom loves his own soul; he who keeps understanding shall find good.
- ⁹A false witness shall not be unpunished, and *he who* speaks lies shall perish.
- ¹⁰Luxury is not becoming for a fool; much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
- ¹¹The judgment of a man puts off his anger; and *it is* his glory to pass over a transgression.
- ¹²The king's wrath is like the roaring of a lion; but his favor is like dew on the grass.

- ¹³A foolish son is ruin to his father;
and the quarreling of a wife is a
never-ending dripping.
- ¹⁴Houses and riches are the inheritance
of fathers;
and a prudent wife is from the
LORD.
- ¹⁵Laziness throws *one* into a deep sleep;
and an idle soul shall suffer hunger.
- ¹⁶He who keeps the commandment
keeps his own soul;
but he who despises His ways shall
die.
- ¹⁷He who has pity upon the poor lends
to the LORD;
and that which he has given He will
pay him again.
- ¹⁸Chasten your son while there is hope,
and do not let your soul spare for his
crying.
- ¹⁹A man of great wrath shall suffer punish-
ment;
for if you deliver *him*, yet you must
do it again.
- ²⁰Hear advice, and receive instruction,
so that you may be wise in your later
days.
- ²¹*There are* many purposes in a man's
heart;
but the counsel of the LORD shall
stand.
- ²²The charm of a man is his kindness;
and a poor man is better than a liar.
- ²³The fear of the LORD *tends* to life;
and *he who has it* shall remain satis-
fied;
he shall not be visited with evil.
- ²⁴A lazy *man* hides his hand in *his*
bosom
and will not so much as bring it to
his mouth again.
- ²⁵Strike a scorner, and the simple will
beware;
reprove one who has understanding,
and he will understand knowledge.
- ²⁶He who wastes *his* father *and* chases
away *his* mother
is a son who causes shame and brings
reproach.
- ²⁷My son, cease to hear the instruction
which causes you to err from the
words of knowledge.

- ²⁸An ungodly witness scorns judgment;
and the mouth of the wicked devours
iniquity.
- ²⁹Judgments are prepared for scorners,
and stripes for the back of fools.

CHAPTER 20

- ¹Wine is a mocker, strong drink is
raging;
and whoever is deceived by it is not
wise.
- ²The fear of a king is as the roaring of
a lion;
whoever stirs him up to anger sins
against his own soul.
- ³*It is* an honor for a man to cease from
strife;
but every fool will be meddling.
- ⁴The lazy man will not plow because of
the cold;
therefore he shall beg in harvest and
have nothing.
- ⁵Wisdom in the heart of man is *like*
deep water;
but a man of understanding will draw
it out.
- ⁶Most men will proclaim each his own
goodness;
but a faithful man who can find?
- ⁷The just *man* walks in his purity;
his children are blessed after him.
- ⁸A king who sits in the throne of judg-
ment
scatters away all evil with his eyes.
- ⁹Who can say, I have made my heart
clean;
I am pure from my sin?
- ¹⁰Different kinds of weights, *and* dif-
ferent kinds of measures,
both are hateful to the LORD.
- ¹¹Even a child is known by his own
doings,
whether his work is pure and whether
it is right.
- ¹²The hearing ear and the seeing eye,
the LORD has made both of them.
- ¹³Do not love sleep, lest you come to
poverty;
open your eyes *and* you shall be sat-
isfied with bread.
- ¹⁴*It is* bad, *it is* bad, says the buyer;

but when he has gone his way, then
he boasts.

¹⁵There is gold and a multitude of
rubies;

but the lips of knowledge are a rare
jewel.

¹⁶Take the garment of him who is surety
for a stranger;

and take a pledge from him for a
strange woman.

¹⁷Bread of deceit is sweet to a man;
but afterwards his mouth shall be
filled with gravel.

¹⁸Every purpose is established by wis-
dom;

and with good advice make war.

¹⁹A gossip is a revealer of secrets;
therefore do not mix with him who
flatters with his lips.

²⁰Whoever curses his father or his
mother,
his lamp shall be put out in deep
darkness.

²¹An inheritance may be gotten quickly
at the beginning;

but the end of it shall not be blessed.

²²Do not say, I will repay evil;
but wait upon the LORD, and He
shall save you.

²³Different kinds of weights are hateful
to the LORD;

and a false balance is not good.

²⁴Man's steps are of the LORD;
how can a man then understand his
own way?

²⁵It is a snare to the man who swallows
that which is holy,

and after vows to ask about it.

²⁶A wise king scatters the wicked
and brings the wheel over them.

²⁷The spirit of man is the lamp of the
LORD,

searching all the inward parts of the
belly.

²⁸Mercy and truth preserve the king;
and his throne is upheld by mercy.

²⁹The glory of young men is their
strength;

and the beauty of old men is the gray
head.

³⁰The blueness of a wound cleanses
away evil;

so do stripes clean the inward parts
of the belly.

CHAPTER 21

¹The king's heart is in the hand of the
LORD as the rivers of water;
He turns it wherever He will.

²Every way of a man is right in his own
eyes;

but the LORD ponders the hearts.

³To do justice and judgment is more
pleasing to the LORD than sacrifice.

⁴A high look, a proud heart,
and the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

⁵The thoughts of the diligent tend only
to plenty;

but the thoughts of everyone who is
hasty tend only to want.

⁶The getting of treasures by a lying
tongue

is a vanity tossed to and fro by those
who seek death.

⁷The robbery of the wicked shall de-
stroy them;

because they refuse to do judgment.

⁸The way of man is twisted and
strange;

but as for the pure, his work is right.

⁹It is better to dwell in a corner of the
housetop

than with a quarrelsome woman in
a wide house.

¹⁰The soul of the wicked desires evil;
his neighbor finds no favor in his
eyes.

¹¹When the scorner is punished, the
simple is made wise;

and when the wise is instructed, he
receives knowledge.

¹²The righteous man wisely considers
the house of the wicked;

but God overthrows the wicked for
their wickedness.

¹³Whoever stops his ears at the cry of
the poor,

he also shall cry himself, but shall not
be heard.

¹⁴A gift in secret quiets anger;
and a bribe in the bosom quiets
strong wrath.

¹⁵It is joy to the just to do judgment;

CHAPTER 22

- but ruin shall be to the workers of iniquity.
- ¹⁶The man who wanders out of the way of understanding shall remain in the congregation of the dead.
- ¹⁷He who loves pleasure shall be a poor man; he who loves wine and oil shall not be rich.
- ¹⁸The wicked shall be a ransom for the righteous, and the transgressor for the upright.
- ¹⁹*It is better to dwell in the wilderness than with a quarrelsome and angry woman.*
- ²⁰*There is treasure to be desired, and oil, and the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man swallows it up.*
- ²¹He who follows after righteousness and mercy finds life, righteousness, and honor.
- ²²A wise *man* scales the city of the mighty and brings down the strength of its hope.
- ²³Whoever keeps his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from troubles.
- ²⁴Proud *and* haughty scorner is his name, who deals in proud wrath.
- ²⁵The desire of the lazy man kills him, for his hands have refused to work.
- ²⁶He covets greedily all the day long; but the righteous gives and spares not.
- ²⁷The sacrifice of the wicked is hateful *to God*;
how much more *when* he brings it with a wicked mind?
- ²⁸A false witness shall perish; but the man who hears speaks on and on.
- ²⁹A wicked man hardens his face; but *as for* the upright, he directs his way.
- ³⁰*There is no wisdom, nor understanding, nor counsel against the LORD.*
- ³¹The horse is prepared for the day of battle; but safety is from the LORD.
- ¹A *good* name is rather to be chosen than great riches,
and loving favor rather than silver or gold.
- ²The rich and poor meet together; the LORD is the maker of them all.
- ³A prudent *man* foresees the evil and hides himself;
but the simple pass on and are punished.
- ⁴By humility and the fear of the LORD are riches and honor and life.
- ⁵Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse;
he who keeps his soul shall be far from them.
- ⁶Train up a child in the way he should go;
and when he is old, he will not depart from it.
- ⁷The rich rules over the poor,
and the borrower is servant to the lender.
- ⁸He who sows iniquity shall reap vanity;
and the rod of his anger shall fail.
- ⁹He who has a bountiful eye shall be blessed;
for he gives of his bread to the poor.
- ¹⁰Cast out the scorner, and fighting shall go out;
yes, quarrels and shame shall cease.
- ¹¹He who loves pureness of heart,
for the grace of his lips the king shall be his friend.
- ¹²The eyes of the LORD keep knowledge,
and He overthrows the words of the transgressor.
- ¹³The lazy *man* says, *There is* a lion outside —
I shall be killed in the streets.
- ¹⁴The mouth of strange women is a deep pit;
he who is despised by the LORD shall fall into it.
- ¹⁵Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child;
but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.
- ¹⁶He who crushes the poor to increase *his riches*,

- and* he who gives to the rich, shall surely *come* to want.
- ¹⁷Bow down your ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply your heart to my knowledge.
- ¹⁸For *it is* a pleasant thing if you keep them within you; they shall all be fitted in your lips.
- ¹⁹So that your trust may be in the LORD,
I have made known to you this day, even to you.
- ²⁰Have I not written to you excellent things
in counsel and knowledge,
- ²¹that I might make you know the sureness of the words of truth; that you might answer the words of truth to those who send to you?
- ²²Do not rob the poor, because he is poor;
neither press down the afflicted in the gate;
- ²³for the LORD will plead their cause, and strip the soul of those who plunder them.
- ²⁴Make no friendship with an angry man;
and you shall not go up with a man of fury,
- ²⁵lest you learn his ways
and get a snare to your soul.
- ²⁶Be not *one* of those who strike hands
or of those who are sureties for debts.
- ²⁷If you have nothing to pay,
why should he take away your bed from under you?
- ²⁸Do not remove the old landmark
which your fathers have set.
- ²⁹Do you see a man diligent in his business?
He shall stand before kings;
he shall not stand before unknown *men*.
- ³⁰Do not desire his dainties,
for they are deceitful food.
- ³¹Do not labor to be rich;
cease from your own wisdom.
- ³²Will you set your eyes upon that
which is not?
for *riches* certainly make themselves wings;
they fly away like an eagle toward the heavens.
- ³³Do not eat the bread of *him who has*
an evil eye,
neither desire his dainty foods;
- ³⁴for as he thinks in his heart,
so is he;
Eat and drink, he says to you;
but his heart is not with you.
- ³⁵The piece *which* you have eaten, you shall vomit up,
and lose your sweet words.
- ³⁶Do not speak in the ears of a fool;
for he will despise the wisdom of your words.
- ³⁷Do not remove the old landmarks;
and do not enter into the fields of the fatherless;
- ³⁸for their Redeemer is mighty;
He shall plead their cause with you.
- ³⁹Apply your heart to instruction,
and your ears to the words of knowledge.
- ⁴⁰Do not withhold correction from the child;
for *if* you beat him with the rod, he shall not die.
- ⁴¹You shall beat him with the rod,
and shall deliver his soul from hell.
- ⁴²My son, if your heart is wise,
my heart shall rejoice, even mine.
- ⁴³Yea, my heart shall rejoice
when your lips speak right things.
- ⁴⁴Do not let your heart envy sinners;
but be in the fear of the LORD all the day long.
- ⁴⁵For surely there is an end;
and your hope shall not be cut off.
- ⁴⁶My son, hear and be wise,
and guide your heart in the way.
- ⁴⁷Do not be among those who drink
much wine;
among those who eat too much;

CHAPTER 23

- ¹When you sit down to eat with a ruler,
look carefully at what is before you;
²and put a knife to your throat,
if you are a man given to appetite.

CHAPTER 24

- ²¹for the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and sleepiness shall clothe *a man* with rags.
- ²²Listen to your father who fathered you, and do not despise your mother when she is old.
- ²³Buy the truth, and sell *it* not; *also* wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.
- ²⁴The father of the righteous shall greatly rejoice; and he who fathers a wise *child* shall have joy from him.
- ²⁵Your father and your mother shall be glad, and she who bore you shall rejoice.
- ²⁶My son, give Me your heart, and let your eyes watch My ways.
- ²⁷For a harlot is a deep ditch, and a strange woman is a narrow pit.
- ²⁸She also lies in wait as *for* a prey, and increases the transgressors among men.
- ²⁹Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has fighting? Who has babbling? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes?
- ³⁰Those who stay long at the wine; those who go to seek mixed wine.
- ³¹Do not look upon the wine when it is red, when it gives its color in the cup, when it goes down smoothly.
- ³²At the last it bites like an asp and stings like an adder.
- ³³Your eyes shall look upon strange women, and your heart shall speak perverse things.
- ³⁴Yes, you shall be as he who lies down in the middle of the sea, or as he who lies upon the top of a mast.
- ³⁵*You shall say*, They struck me; I was not sick; they have beaten me, I did not feel *it*. When I awake, I will still go after it again.
- ¹Do not be jealous of evil men, neither desire to be with them.
- ²For their heart studies ruin, and their lips talk of mischief.
- ³Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established;
- ⁴and by knowledge the rooms shall be filled with all precious and pleasant riches.
- ⁵A wise man is strong; yes, a man of knowledge increases strength.
- ⁶For by wise counsel you shall make your war; and in a multitude of wise men *there is* safety.
- ⁷Wisdom is too high for a fool; he does not open his mouth in the gate.
- ⁸He who plots to do evil shall be called a master of wicked thoughts.
- ⁹The thought of foolishness is sin; and the scorner is hateful to men.
- ¹⁰*If* you faint in the day of trial, your strength is small.
- ¹¹*If* you hold back from delivering *those who are* drawn to death, and *those who are* ready to be killed;
- ¹²*if* you say, Behold, we did not know it; does not He who searches the heart see *it*? And He who keeps your soul, does He *not* know *it*? And shall He *not* give to *every* man according to his works?
- ¹³My son, eat honey, because it is good; and the honeycomb, *which is* sweet to your taste;
- ¹⁴so shall the knowledge of wisdom be to your soul; when you have found *it*, then there shall be a reward, and your hope shall not be cut off.
- ¹⁵O wicked *man*, do not lay wait against the dwelling of the righteous; do not spoil his resting place;

- ¹⁶for a just *man* falls seven times, and rises up again;
but the wicked shall fall into evil.
- ¹⁷Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, and do not let your heart be glad when he stumbles;
- ¹⁸lest the LORD see *it*, and it displease Him,
and He turn away His wrath from him.
- ¹⁹Do not fret yourself because of evil men,
neither be jealous of the wicked;
- ²⁰for there shall be no reward to the evil *man*;
the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
- ²¹My son, fear the LORD and the king;
and do not fellowship with those who are given to change;
- ²²for their trouble shall rise suddenly, and who knows the ruin of them both?
- ²³These *things* also *belong* to the wise.
It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment.
- ²⁴He who says to the wicked, You are righteous;
the people shall curse him, *and* nations shall despise him.
- ²⁵But to those who rebuke *him*, *it* shall be a delight,
and a good blessing shall come upon them.
- ²⁶*Every man* shall kiss *his* lips who gives a right answer.
- ²⁷Prepare your work outside,
and make it fit for yourself in the field;
and afterwards build your house.
- ²⁸Do not be a witness against your neighbor without cause;
and do *not* deceive with your lips.
- ²⁹Do not say, I will do so to him as he has done to me;
I will give to the man according to his work.
- ³⁰I went by the field of the lazy man,
and by the vineyard of the man without understanding;
- ³¹and, lo, it was all grown over with thorns,
and nettles had covered the face of it,
and its stone wall was broken down.
- ³²Then I saw, *and* set my mind on it;
I looked upon *it*, *and* received instruction.
- ³³A little sleep, a little slumber,
a little folding of the hands to sleep;
- ³⁴so shall your poverty come as one who travels;
and your want like an armed man.

CHAPTER 25

¹These are also proverbs of Solomon which the men of Hēz-ē-kī'āh king of Judah copied out.

²*It* is the glory of God to hide a thing;
but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.

³The heaven for height, and the earth for depth,
but the heart of kings cannot be searched.

⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
and there shall come forth a vessel for the refiner.

⁵Take away the wicked *from* before the king,
and his throne shall be founded in righteousness.

⁶Do not put yourself forth in the presence of the king,
and do not stand in the place of great *men*;

⁷for *it* is better that it should be said to you, Come up here,
than that you should be put lower in the presence of the prince whom your eyes have seen.

⁸Do not go forth quickly to fight,
lest *you know not* what to do in the end of it,
when your neighbor has put you to shame.

⁹Debate your cause with your neighbor *himself*;
and do not uncover a secret to another,

- ¹⁰lest he who hears *it* put you to shame,
and your evil report turn not away.
- ¹¹A word fitly spoken
is like apples of gold in pictures of
silver.
- ¹²*Like* an earring of gold, and an orna-
ment of fine gold,
so is a wise reprover upon a hearing
ear.
- ¹³Like the cold of snow in the time of
harvest,
so is a faithful messenger to those
who send him;
for he refreshes the soul of his
masters.
- ¹⁴Whoever boasts himself of a false gift
is *like* clouds and wind without
rain.
- ¹⁵By long patience is a prince won over,
and a soft tongue breaks the bone.
- ¹⁶Have you found honey? Eat *only* as
much as is enough for you,
lest you be filled with it and vomit it.
- ¹⁷Withdraw your foot from your neigh-
bor's house,
lest he be weary of you and hate you.
- ¹⁸A man who bears false witness against
his neighbor
is a maul, and a sword, and a sharp
arrow.
- ¹⁹Trust in an unfaithful man in time of
trouble
is *like* a broken tooth, and a foot out
of joint.
- ²⁰As he who takes away a garment in
cold weather,
and as vinegar upon niter,
so is he who sings songs to a heavy
heart.
- ²¹If your enemy is hungry, give him
bread to eat;
and if he is thirsty, give him water to
drink,
- ²²for you shall heap coals of fire upon
his head,
and the LORD shall reward you.
- ²³The north wind drives away rain;
so does an angry face a backbiting
tongue.
- ²⁴*It is* better to dwell in the corner of
the housetop
than with a quarreling woman in a
wide house.
- ²⁵*Like* cold waters to a thirsty soul,
so is good news from a far country.
- ²⁶A righteous man falling down before
the wicked
is *like* a troubled fountain and a rot-
ten spring.
- ²⁷*It is* not good to eat much honey;
so for men to search their own glory
is not glory.
- ²⁸He who *has* no rule over his own
spirit
is *like* a city *that is* broken down, *and*
without walls.

CHAPTER 26

- ¹As snow in summer, and as rain in
harvest,
so honor is not becoming for a fool.
- ²As the bird by wandering, as the swal-
low by flying,
so the curse without cause shall not
come.
- ³A whip for the horse, a bridle for the
ass,
and a rod for the fool's back.
- ⁴Do not answer a fool according to his
foolishness,
lest you also be like him.
- ⁵Answer a fool according to his foolish-
ness,
so that he may not be wise in his own
eyes.
- ⁶He who sends a message by the hand
of a fool
cuts off the feet *and* drinks down
damage.
- ⁷The legs of the lame are not equal;
so is a parable in the mouth of
fools.
- ⁸As he who binds a stone in a sling,
so is he who gives honor to a fool.
- ⁹As a thorn goes up into the hand of a
drunkard,
so is a parable in the mouth of fools.
- ¹⁰The great *God* who formed all *things*
both rewards the fool and rewards
transgressors.
- ¹¹As a dog returns to its vomit,
so a fool returns to his folly.
- ¹²Do you see a man wise in his own
eyes?
There is more hope for a fool than
for him.

CHAPTER 27

- 13The lazy *man* says, *There is a lion in the way;*
a lion is in the streets.
- 14As the door turns upon its hinges,
so *does* the lazy *man turn* upon his bed.
- 15The lazy *man* hides his hand in his bosom;
it grieves him to bring it again to his mouth.
- 16The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can give a reason.
- 17He who passes by, *and* meddles with fighting *which* is not his,
is *like* one who takes a dog by the ears.
- 18As a mad *man* who throws firebrands, arrows, and death,
19so is the man *who* deceives his neighbor
and says, I am only joking.
- 20Where there is no wood, the fire goes out;
so where there is no talebearer, the fighting ceases.
- 21As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire,
so is a quarrelsome man to kindle fighting.
- 22The words of a talebearer are as wounds,
and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly.
- 23Burning lips and a wicked heart
are like a broken piece of pottery with silver waste.
- 24He who hates pretends with his lips and stores up deceit within him.
- 25When he makes his voice gracious, do not believe him;
for seven hateful things are in his heart.
- 26He *whose* hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shown before the *whole* congregation.
- 27Whoever digs a pit shall fall into it;
and he who rolls a stone, it will return upon him.
- 28A lying tongue hates *those who are* afflicted by it;
and a flattering mouth works ruin.
- 1Do not boast yourself of tomorrow;
for you do not know what a day may bring forth.
- 2Let another man praise you, and not your mouth;
a stranger, and not your lips.
- 3A stone is heavy, and sand is heavy;
but a fool's wrath is heavier than them both.
- 4Wrath is cruel, and anger is overwhelming;
but who is able to stand before envy?
- 5Open rebuke is better than secret love.
- 6Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.
- 7The full soul despises a honeycomb;
but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet.
- 8As a bird that wanders from her nest,
so is a man who wanders from his place.
- 9Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart;
so does the sweetness of a man's friend by advice from the heart.
- 10Your own friend, and your father's friend, do not forsake them;
neither go to your brother's house in the day of your trouble;
for better is a neighbor *that is* near than a brother far off.
- 11My son, be wise, and make my heart glad,
so that I may answer him who shames me.
- 12A *man* of judgment foresees the evil *and* hides himself;
but the simple pass on *and* are punished.
- 13Take his robe that is surety for a stranger,
and take a pledge from him for a strange woman.
- 14He who blesses his friend with a loud voice,
rising early in the morning,
it shall be counted a curse to him.
- 15A never-ending dropping in a very rainy day

- and a quarrelsome woman are alike.
- ¹⁶Whoever hides her hides the wind,
and the ointment of his right hand
betrays itself.
- ¹⁷Iron sharpens iron;
so a man sharpens the face of his
friend.
- ¹⁸Whoever keeps the fig tree shall eat
the fruit of it;
so he who waits on his master shall
be honored.
- ¹⁹As in water face *answers* to face,
so the heart of man *answers* to man.
- ²⁰Hell and destruction are never full;
so the eyes of man are never satisfied.
- ²¹*Like* the refining pot for silver and
the furnace for gold;
so is a man to his praise.
- ²²Though you should pound a fool in a
bowl
with a bar in the midst of wheat,
yet his foolishness will not depart
from him.
- ²³Be diligent to know the state of your
flocks,
and watch over your herds.
- ²⁴For riches are not forever;
and does the crown *endure* to every
generation?
- ²⁵The hay appears, and the tender grass
shows itself,
and herbs of the mountain are gathered.
- ²⁶The lambs are for your clothing,
and the goats are the price of the
field.
- ²⁷And *you shall have* goats' milk enough
for your food,
for the food of your household,
and a living for your maidens.
- CHAPTER 28
- ¹The wicked flee when no man pursues;
but the righteous are bold as a
lion.
- ²Because of the transgression of a land,
many are the princes of it;
but by a man of understanding *and*
knowledge
the state of it shall be prolonged.
- ³A poor man who crushes the poor
is *like* a sweeping rain which leaves
no food.
- ⁴Those who forsake the law praise the
wicked;
but those who keep the law plead
against them.
- ⁵Evil men do not understand judgment;
but those who seek the LORD under-
stand all *things*.
- ⁶Better is the poor who walks in his up-
rightness
than he who is perverse *in his* ways,
though he is rich.
- ⁷Whoever keeps the law is a wise son;
but he who is a companion of glut-
tons shames his father.
- ⁸He who increases his wealth by in-
terest and unjust gain,
he shall gather it for him who will
pity the poor.
- ⁹He who turns away his ear from hear-
ing the law,
even his prayer is *a* hateful *thing*.
- ¹⁰Whoever causes the righteous *man* to
go astray in an evil way,
he himself shall fall into his own pit;
but the upright shall inherit good.
- ¹¹The rich man is wise in his own
eyes;
but the poor who has understanding
searches him out.
- ¹²When righteous *men* rejoice, *there is*
great glory;
but when the wicked rise, a man is
hidden.
- ¹³He who covers his sins shall not be
blessed;
but whoever confesses and leaves
them shall have mercy.
- ¹⁴Happy is the man who always fears;
but he who hardens his heart shall
fall into mischief.
- ¹⁵*Like* a roaring lion and a ranging
bear,
so is a wicked ruler over the poor
people.
- ¹⁶The prince who lacks understanding
is also a cruel taskmaster;
but he who hates unjust gain shall
prolong *his* days.
- ¹⁷A man who is pressed down with the
blood
of *any* person
shall flee to the pit;
let no one hold him back.

- ¹⁸Whoever walks uprightly shall be saved;
but *he who is* perverse in his ways shall fall at once.
- ¹⁹He who tills his land shall have plenty of bread;
but he who follows after vain *persons* shall have poverty enough.
- ²⁰A faithful man shall overflow with blessings;
but he who makes haste to be rich shall not be innocent.
- ²¹To have respect of persons is not good;
because *that* man will sin for a piece of bread.
- ²²He who hastens to be rich *has* an evil eye,
and does not know that poverty will come upon him.
- ²³He who rebukes a man shall afterwards find more favor
than he who flatters with the tongue.
- ²⁴Whoever robs his father or his mother and says, *It is* no sin;
the same is the companion of a destroyer.
- ²⁵He who is of a proud heart stirs up fighting;
but he who puts his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.
- ²⁶He who trusts in his own heart is a fool;
but whoever walks wisely, he shall be delivered.
- ²⁷He who gives to the poor shall not lack;
but he who hides his eyes shall have many a curse.
- ²⁸When the wicked rise, men hide themselves;
but when they perish, the righteous increase.
- ³Whoever loves wisdom rejoices his father;
but he who keeps company with harlots spends *his* wealth.
- ⁴The king establishes the land by judgment;
but he who receives bribes overthrows it.
- ⁵A man who flatters his neighbor spreads a net for his feet.
- ⁶In the sin of an evil man *there is* a snare;
but the righteous sings and rejoices.
- ⁷The righteous takes note of the plea of the poor;
but the wicked cares not to know it.
- ⁸Scornful men bring a city into a snare;
but wise *men* turn away wrath.
- ⁹If a wise man contends with a foolish man,
whether he rages or laughs, *there is* no rest.
- ¹⁰Men of blood hate the upright;
but the just seek his soul.
- ¹¹A fool speaks all his mind;
but a wise *man* keeps it in until afterwards.
- ¹²If a ruler listens to lies,
all his servants are wicked.
- ¹³The poor and the deceitful man meet together;
the LORD gives light to both their eyes.
- ¹⁴The king who faithfully judges the poor,
his throne shall be fixed forever.
- ¹⁵The rod and rebuke give wisdom;
but a child left to *himself* brings his mother to shame.
- ¹⁶When the wicked are multiplied, sin increases;
but the righteous shall see their fall.
- ¹⁷Correct your son, and he shall give you rest;
yea, he shall give delight to your soul.
- ¹⁸Where *there is* no wisdom, the people perish;
but he who keeps the law, he is happy.
- ¹⁹A servant will not be corrected by words;

CHAPTER 29

He who hardens *his* neck, *after* being often warned,
shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without help.
When the righteous are in great number, the people rejoice;
but when the wicked bear rule, the people mourn.

- for though he understands, he will not answer.
- ²⁰Do you see a man who is hasty in his words?
There is more hope for a fool than for him.
- ²¹He who tenderly brings up his servant from a child shall have him become *his* son at the end.
- ²²An angry man stirs up fighting, and a furious man abounds in sin.
- ²³A man's pride shall bring him low; but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit.
- ²⁴Whoever is partner with a thief hates his own soul; he hears cursing and does not tell it.
- ²⁵The fear of man brings a snare; but whoever puts his trust in the LORD shall be safe.
- ²⁶Many seek the ruler's favor; but *every* man's judgment *comes* from the LORD.
- ²⁷An unjust man is a hateful thing to the just; and *he who is* upright in the way is hateful to the wicked.
- ⁵Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.
- ⁶Do not add to His words, lest He reprove you and you be found a liar.
- ⁷I have asked two *things* from Thee; do not deny *them* before I die;
- ⁸remove far from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food right for me;
- ⁹lest I be full and deny *Thee*, and say, Who is the LORD? or lest I be poor, and steal, and take the name of my God *in vain*.
- ¹⁰Do not accuse a servant to his master, lest he curse you, and you be found guilty.
- ¹¹*There is a generation that* curses their father, and does not bless their mother.
- ¹²*There is a generation that are* pure in their own eyes, and *yet* is not washed from their own filth.
- ¹³*There is a generation, O how lofty* are their eyes! And their eyelids are lifted up.
- ¹⁴*There is a generation whose teeth are like* swords, and their jaw teeth *like* knives, to devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from *among* men.
- ¹⁵The leech has two daughters, *crying*, Give, give! There are three *things that* are never satisfied, *yea*, four *things* never say, *It is enough* —
- ¹⁶the grave; and the barren womb; the earth *that is* not filled with water; and the fire *that* never says, *It is enough*.
- ¹⁷The eye *that* mocks at *his* father, and despises to obey *his* mother, the ravens of the valley shall pick it out, and the young eagles shall eat it.

CHAPTER 30

- ¹The words of Ā'gūr the son of Jā'kēh, *even* the prophecy; the man spoke to Ī'-thī-ēl, even to Ī'-thī-ēl and Ū'-cāl, *saying*,
- ²Surely I am more like an animal than any man, and do not have the understanding of a man.
- ³I have not learned wisdom, nor the knowledge of the holy.
- ⁴Who has gone up into Heaven and has come down?
Who has gathered the wind in his fists?
Who has bound the waters in a garment?
Who has established all the ends of the earth?
What is His name, and what is His Son's name, if you can tell?

- ¹⁸There are three *things which* are too wonderful for me,
yea, four which I do not know —
- ¹⁹the way of an eagle in the air;
the way of a snake upon a rock;
the way of a ship in the middle of the sea;
and the way of a man with a maiden.
- ²⁰Such is the way of an adulterous woman;
she eats, and wipes her mouth, and says, I have done no wickedness.
- ²¹For three *things* the earth is troubled, and for four which it cannot bear —
- ²²for a servant when he reigns;
and a fool when he is filled with food;
- ²³for a hateful *woman* when she is married;
and a maid that is heir to her mistress.
- ²⁴There are four *things which are* little upon the earth,
but they are exceeding wise —
- ²⁵the ants are a people not strong,
yet they prepare their food in the summer;
- ²⁶the conies are *but* a feeble folk,
yet they make their houses in the rocks;
- ²⁷the locusts have no king,
yet they all of them go forth by bands;
- ²⁸the spider takes hold with her hands,
and is in king's palaces.
- ²⁹There are three *things* which go well,
yea, four which are stately in going —
- ³⁰a lion *which is* strongest among beasts
and does not turn away for any;
- ³¹a greyhound; or a he goat;
and a king against whom *there is* no rising up.
- ³²If you have done foolishly in lifting yourself up,
or if you have thought evil,
lay your hand upon your mouth.
- ³³Surely the churning of milk brings forth butter,

and the wringing of the nose brings forth blood;
so the forcing of wrath brings forth fighting.

CHAPTER 31

- ¹The words of king Lēm'-ū-ēl, the prophecy which his mother taught him.
- ²What, my son? And what, the son of my womb?
And what, the son of my vows?
- ³Do not give your strength to women,
nor your ways to that which destroys kings.
- ⁴*It is not* for kings, O Lēm'-ū-ēl,
it is not for kings to drink wine;
nor for princes to *drink* strong drink;
- ⁵lest they drink, and forget the law,
and twist the judgment of any of the afflicted.
- ⁶Give strong drink to him who is ready to perish,
and wine to those who are of heavy hearts.
- ⁷Let him drink, and forget his poverty,
and remember his misery no more.
- ⁸Open your mouth for the dumb,
for the cause of all the sons of those who are passing away.
- ⁹Open your mouth, judge righteously,
and plead the cause of the poor and needy.
- ¹⁰Who can find a woman of virtue?
For her price is far above rubies.
- ¹¹The heart of her husband trusts safely in her,
so that he shall have no need of spoil.
- ¹²She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
- ¹³She seeks wool and flax,
and works willingly with her hands.
- ¹⁴She is like the merchants' ships;
she brings her food from afar.
- ¹⁵She also rises while it is still night,
and gives food to her household,
and a share to her maidens.
- ¹⁶She considers a field, and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

- ¹⁷She binds her loins with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
- ¹⁸She sees that her merchandise is
good;
her candle does not go out by night.
- ¹⁹She lays her hands to the spindle,
and her hands hold the distaff.
- ²⁰She stretches out her hand to the
poor;
yea, she reaches forth her hands to
the needy.
- ²¹She is not afraid of the snow for her
household;
for all her household are clothed
with scarlet.
She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is silk and purple.
- ²³Her husband is known in the gates,
when he sits among the elders of
the land.
- ²⁴She makes fine linen and sells *it*,
and delivers girdles to the merchants.
- ²⁵Strength and honor are her clothing;
and she shall rejoice in time to come.
- ²⁶She opens her mouth with wisdom;
and in her tongue is the law of kind-
ness.
- ²⁷She looks well to the ways of her
household,
and does not eat the bread of idle-
ness.
- ²⁸Her children rise up and call her
blessed;
her husband *also*, and he praises her.
- ²⁹Many daughters have done well,
but you excel them all.
- ³⁰Favor is deceitful, and beauty is
vain;
but a woman who fears the LORD,
she shall be praised.
- ³¹Give her of the fruit of her hands;
and let her own works praise her in
the gates.

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CHAPTER 1

¹The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem. ²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! all is vanity. ³What profit does a man have from all his labor which he does under the sun? ⁴*One* generation passes away, and *another* generation comes; but the earth remains forever. ⁵The sun also arises, and the sun goes down, and hurries to its place where it arose. ⁶The wind goes toward the south, and it turns around to the north; it whirls around continually; and the wind returns again according to its circuits. ⁷All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is not full; unto the place from where the rivers come, there they return again. ⁸All things are full of labor; man cannot utter *it*; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. ⁹The thing that has been, it is *that* which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done; and there is no new *thing* under the sun. ¹⁰Is there *a* thing of which it may be said, See, this is new? It has already been in days of old, which were before us. ¹¹There is no memory of former *things*; neither shall there be *any* memory of things that are to come, with *those* who shall come after.

¹²I the Preacher was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I gave my heart to seek and search out by wisdom concerning all *things* that are done under heaven. It is a sad task God has given to the sons of man to be humbled by it. ¹⁴I have seen all the works that are done under the sun; and, behold, all is vanity and vexation of spirit. ¹⁵*That which* is crooked cannot be made straight; and that which is lacking cannot be numbered. ¹⁶I spoke within my own heart, saying, Lo, I have become great and have gathered more wisdom than all that have been before me in Jerusalem; yea, my heart had great experience of wisdom and knowledge. ¹⁷And I gave my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly; I know that this also is vexation of spirit. ¹⁸For in much wisdom is much grief; and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow.

CHAPTER 2

¹I said in my heart, Come now, I will test you with joy; therefore enjoy pleasure; and behold, this also is vanity. ²I said of laughter, *It is* mad; and of joy, What does it do? ³I sought in my heart to give myself to wine, yet leading my heart with wisdom; and to lay hold on folly, until I might see what was that good *thing* for the sons of men, *that thing* which they should do under the heavens all the days of their life. ⁴I made great works for myself; I built houses for myself. I planted vineyards for myself. ⁵I made gardens and orchards for myself, And I planted trees in them, of all *kind of* fruit. ⁶I made pools of water for

myself, to water the forest shooting forth trees. ⁷I got servants and maidens, and had servants born in my house; also I had great possessions of great and small cattle above all that were in Jerusalem before me. ⁸I also gathered silver and gold unto myself, and the peculiar treasure of kings and of the provinces. I got men singers and women singers for myself, and the delights of the sons of men, a wife and very many wives. ⁹So I was great and increased more than all that were before me in Jerusalem; also my wisdom remained with me. ¹⁰And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them; I did not withhold my heart from any joy; for my heart rejoiced in all my labor, and this was my part of all my labor. ¹¹Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done, and on the labor that I had labored to do; and, behold, all was vanity and vexation of spirit; and *there was* no profit under the sun.

¹²And I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly; for what *can* the man *do* who comes after the king? *Even* that which has been already done. ¹³Then I saw that wisdom excels folly, as far as light excels darkness. ¹⁴The wise man's eyes are in his head; but the fool walks in darkness; and I also knew that one event happens to all of them. ¹⁵Then I said in my heart, As it happens to the fool, so it happens even to me; and why was I then more wise? Then I said in my heart that this also is vanity. ¹⁶For *there is* no memory of the wise more than of the fool forever, since that which is now shall all be forgotten in the days to come. And how does the wise *man* die? Like the fool! ¹⁷Therefore I hated life; because the work that is done under the sun is sad to me; for all is vanity and vexation of spirit.

¹⁸Yes, I hated all my labor which I had done under the sun; because I should leave it to the man who shall be after me. ¹⁹And who knows whether he shall be a wise *man* or a fool? Yet he shall have rule over all my labor in which I have labored, and in which I have shown myself wise under the sun. This is also vanity. ²⁰Therefore I turned about to cause my heart to despair as to all the labor which I did under the sun. ²¹For there is a man whose labor is in wisdom, and in knowledge, and with success; yet to a man who has not labored in it, he shall leave it *for* his share. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²For what has man from all his labor, and from the troubling of his heart, in which he has labored under the sun? ²³For all his days are sorrows, and his labor sadness; yea, his heart does not take rest in the night. This is also vanity.

²⁴There is nothing better for a man *than* that he should eat and drink, and *that* he should make his soul enjoy good in his labor. This I also saw, that it was from the hand of God. ²⁵For who can eat, or who else can hasten *enjoyment* more than I? ²⁶For *God* gives wisdom, and knowledge, and joy to a man who is good in His sight. But to the sinner He gives labor, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to *him who is* good before God. This also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

CHAPTER 3

¹To every *thing there is* a season, and a time for every purpose under the heaven — ²a time to be born, and a time to die — a time to plant, and a time to pull up *that which is* planted — ³a time to kill, and a time to heal — a time to break down, and a time to build up — ⁴a time to weep, and a time to laugh — a time to mourn, and a time to dance — ⁵a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together — a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing — ⁶a time to get, and a time to lose — a time to keep, and a time to throw away — ⁷a time to tear, and a time to sew — a time to keep silence, and a time to speak — ⁸a time to love, and a time to hate — a time of war, and a time of peace.

⁹What profit does he have who works in that in which he labors? ¹⁰I have seen the task which God has given to the sons of men to be humbled by it. ¹¹He has made everything beautiful in His time; also He has set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God makes from the beginning to the end. ¹²I know that *there is* no good in them, but for *a man* to rejoice and to do good in his life. ¹³And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the good of all his labor, it is the gift of God. ¹⁴I know that, whatever God does, it shall be forever; nothing can be added to it, nor anything taken from it; and Goes does *it* so that *men* should fear before Him. ¹⁵That which has been is now; and that which is to be has already been; and God requires that which is past.

¹⁶And moreover I saw under the sun the place of judgment, *that* wickedness was there; and the place of righteousness, *that* iniquity was there. ¹⁷I said in my heart, God shall judge the righteous and the wicked; for *there is* a time there for every purpose and for every work. ¹⁸I said in my heart concerning the sons of men, that God might prove them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. ¹⁹For that which happens to the sons of men *also* happens to beasts; even one thing happens to them. As the one dies, so dies the other; yea, they all have one breath; so that a man has no advantage over a beast; for all is vanity. ²⁰All go to one place; all are of the dust, and all return to dust again. ²¹Who knows the spirit of man that goes upward, and the spirit of the beast that goes downward? ²²Therefore I have seen that *there is* nothing better than that a man should rejoice in his own works; for that is his portion; for who can bring him to see what shall be after him?

CHAPTER 4

¹So I returned, and considered all the cruel things that are done under the sun. And behold the tears of those who were oppressed, and

they had no comforter! And on the side of those who crushed them *there was* power, but they had no comforter. ²Therefore I praised the dead which are already dead, more than the living which are still alive. ³Yea, better than both is he who has not yet been, who has not seen the evil work that is done under the sun.

⁴Again, I considered all labor, and every right work, that for this a man is envied by his neighbor. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit. ⁵The fool folds his hands together, and eats his own flesh. ⁶Better is one handful with quietness than both hands full *with* travail and vexation of spirit.

⁷Then I returned, and I saw vanity under the sun. ⁸There is one *alone*, and *there is* not a second; yea, he has neither child nor brother; yet *there is* no end to all his labor; neither is his eye satisfied with riches; neither *does he say*, For whom do I labor and take good from my soul? This is also vanity. Yes, it is a sad business.

⁹Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. ¹⁰For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow; but woe to him *who is* alone when he falls, for *he does* not *have* another to help him. ¹¹Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth; but how can one be warm alone? ¹²And if one overthrows him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

¹³A poor and a wise child is better than an old and foolish king, who will not be warned any more. ¹⁴For out of prison he comes to reign; although in his kingdom he was poor. ¹⁵I saw all the living who walk under the sun, with the second child who shall stand up in his place. ¹⁶*There is* no end of all the people, *even* of all who have been before them; they also who come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and vexation of spirit.

CHAPTER 5

¹Guard your steps when you go to the house of God, and be more ready to hear than to give the sacrifice of fools. For they do not know that they are doing evil. ²Do not be rash with your mouth, and do not let your heart be hasty to say a word before God — for God is in Heaven, and you are upon earth; therefore let your words be few. ³For a dream comes through the multitude of business; and a fool's voice *is known* by multitude of words. ⁴When you vow a vow to God, do not wait to pay it. For *He has* no pleasure in fools. Pay that which you have vowed. ⁵*It is* better that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not pay. ⁶Do not allow your mouth to cause your flesh to sin; neither say before the messenger of God that it was an error. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your

hands? ⁷For in the multitude of dreams and many words *there are* also *many different* vanities. But you should fear God.

⁸If you see the oppression of the poor, and violent perverting of judgment and justice in a province, do not marvel at the matter. For He who is higher than the highest watches; and *there are some* higher than they.

⁹Moreover, the profit of the earth is for all. The king is served by the field. ¹⁰He who loves silver shall not be satisfied with silver, nor he who loves plenty with increase. This is also vanity. ¹¹When goods multiply, those who eat them multiply. And what good *is it* to the owners of them, except to see *them* with their eyes? ¹²The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eats little or much; but the abundance of the rich will not allow him to sleep. ¹³There is a sore evil *which* I have seen under the sun, *namely*, riches kept for their owners to their hurt. ¹⁴But those riches perish by evil use. And he brings forth a son, and *there is* nothing in his hand. ¹⁵As he came forth from his mother's womb, naked he shall return to do as he came, and from his labor he shall take nothing which he may carry away in his hand. ¹⁶This also is a sore evil, *that* in all points as he came, so shall he go; and what profit does he have who has labored for the wind? ¹⁷Also all his days he eats in darkness, and *he has* much sorrow and wrath with his sickness.

¹⁸Behold *that* which I have seen. *It is* good and right *for one* to eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all his labor that he takes under the sun all the days of his life, which God gives him — for it is his portion. ¹⁹Also every man to whom God has given riches and wealth, and has given him power to eat of it and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor — this is the gift of God. ²⁰For he shall not much remember the days of his life, because God answers *him* in the joy of his heart.

CHAPTER 6

¹There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men — ²a man to whom God has given riches, wealth, and honor, so that he lacks nothing for his soul of all that he desires, yet God does not give him power to eat of it, but a stranger eats it — this is vanity, and it is an evil disease.

³If a man fathers a hundred *children*, and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, and his soul is not filled with good, and also *that* he have no burial — I say, an untimely birth is better off than he. ⁴For he comes in with vanity and goes out in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness. ⁵Moreover he has not seen the sun, nor known *anything*. This one has more rest than the other.

⁶Yea, though he live twice a thousand years, yet he has seen no good. Do not all go to one place? ⁷All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the appetite is not filled. ⁸For what has the wise more than the fool? What gain has the poor who knows how to walk before the living?

⁹Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the desire. This is also vanity and vexation of spirit. ¹⁰That which has been is named already, and it is known that it is man. Neither may he contend with Him who is mightier than he.

¹¹Since there are many things that increase vanity, what is man the better? ¹²For who knows what is good for man in this life, all the days of his vain life which he spends as a shadow? For who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

CHAPTER 7

¹A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of one's birth. ²*It is* better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting; for that is the end of all men; and the living will lay it to his heart. ³Sorrow is better than laughter; for by the sadness of the face the heart is made better. ⁴The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of laughter. ⁵*It is* better to hear the rebuke of the wise than for a man to hear the song of fools. ⁶For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool — this also is vanity.

⁷Surely oppression makes a wise man mad; and a bribe destroys the heart. ⁸Better is the end of a thing than the beginning of it; *and* the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. ⁹Do not be hasty in your spirit to be angry; for anger rests in the bosom of fools. ¹⁰Do not say, What is *the cause* that the former days were better than these? For you do not ask wisely in regard to this.

¹¹Wisdom is good with an inheritance; but it is gain to those who see the sun. ¹²For wisdom is a defense, *and* money is a defense; but the excellency of knowledge is *that* wisdom gives life to those who have it. ¹³Consider the work of God; for who can make *that* straight which He has made crooked? ¹⁴In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity take note that God also has set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him. ¹⁵All *things* I have seen in the days of my vanity; there is a just *man* who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked *man* who prolongs *his life* in his wickedness. ¹⁶Do not be righteous overmuch, neither make yourself overwise — why should you destroy yourself? ¹⁷Do not be wicked overmuch, neither be foolish — why should you die before your time? ¹⁸*It is* good that you should take hold of this; yea, also from this do not withdraw your hand; for he who fears God shall come forth from all of

them. ¹⁹Wisdom makes the wise stronger than ten mighty *men* who are in the city. ²⁰For *there is* not a just man upon earth who does good and does not sin. ²¹Also do not listen to all words that are spoken; lest you hear your servant curse you. ²²For oftentimes also your own heart knows that you yourself have also cursed others.

²³All this I have proved by wisdom; I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me. ²⁴That which is far off and exceeding deep, who can find it out? ²⁵I set my heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and the reason *of things*, and to know the wickedness of folly, even of foolishness and madness; ²⁶and I find more bitter than death the woman whose heart is snares and nets, *and* her hands *like* hands. Whoever pleases God shall escape from her, but the sinner shall be taken by her. ²⁷Behold, this I have found, says the Preacher, *counting* one by one, to find out the sum; ²⁸which my soul still sought, but I find not — one man among a thousand I have found, but a woman among all those I have not found. ²⁹Lo, this only I have found, that God has made man upright — but they have sought out many inventions.

CHAPTER 8

¹Who is as the wise *man*? And who knows the meaning of a thing? A man's wisdom makes his face to shine, and the boldness of his face shall be changed. ²I *pray you*, keep the king's commandment, and *that* because of the oath of God. ³Do not be hasty to leave his presence. Do not take a stand in an evil thing; for he does whatever pleases him. ⁴Where the word of a king is, *there is* power; and who may say to him, What are you doing? ⁵Whoever keeps the commandment shall feel no evil thing; and a wise man's heart knows both time and judgment.

⁶Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him. ⁷For he does not know what shall be; for who can tell him when it shall be? ⁸*There is* no man who has power over the spirit to keep the spirit; nor *does he have* power in the day of death; and *there is* no discharge in *that* war; neither shall wickedness deliver those who are given to it. ⁹All this I have seen, *and I* gave my heart to every work that is done under the sun; *there is* a time in which one man rules over another to his own hurt. ¹⁰And so I saw the wicked buried, who had come and gone from the place of the holy, and they were forgotten in the city where they had done so — this is also vanity. ¹¹Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.

¹²Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and his *days* be made longer, yet surely I know that it shall be well with those who fear God, who fear before Him. ¹³But it shall not be well with the wicked, nor shall he make *his* days longer like a shadow; because he does not fear before God. ¹⁴There is a vanity which is done upon the earth — that

there are just *men* unto whom it happens according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked *men* to whom it happens according to the work of the righteous — I said that this also is vanity. ¹⁵Then I praised gladness, because a man has no better thing under the sun than to eat, and to drink and to be glad; for that shall go with him of his labor for the days of his life which God gives him under the sun.

¹⁶When I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to see the business that is done upon the earth — for neither day nor night do men see sleep with their eyes — ¹⁷then I looked at all the work of God, that a man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun; because though a man labors to seek *it* out, yet he shall not find it. Yea, further, though a wise *man* speaks of knowing it, yet he shall not be able to find *it*.

CHAPTER 9

¹For all this I took to heart, even to make all this clear, that the righteous and the wise and their works are in the hand of God. No man knows either love or hatred *by* all *that is* before them. ²All *happens* alike to all; *there is* one event to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him who sacrifices and to him who does not sacrifice; as is the good man, so is the sinner; *and* he who swears is as *he* who fears an oath. ³This is an evil among all *things* that are done under the sun, that *there is* one event unto all. Yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that *they go* to the dead.

⁴For to him who is joined to all the living there is hope — for a living dog is better than a dead lion. ⁵For the living know that they shall die; but the dead do not know anything, nor do they have any more a reward; for their memory is forgotten. ⁶Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, has now perished; nor do they any longer have a part forever in any *thing* that is done under the sun.

⁷Go your way, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart — for God now is pleased with your works. ⁸Let your garments be always white; and let your head lack no ointment. ⁹Live joyfully with the wife whom you love all the days of the life of your vanity, which He has given you under the sun, all the days of your vanity — for that is your share in *this* life, and in your labor which you take under the sun. ¹⁰Whatever your hand finds to do, do *it* with all your might; for *there is* no work, nor plan, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave where you go.

¹¹I returned and saw under the sun that the *race* is not to the swift, nor the *battle* to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favor to men of skill — but time

and chance happens to them all. ¹²For man also does not know his time; as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons of men snared in an evil time, when it falls suddenly upon them.

¹³This wisdom I have seen also under the sun, and it *seemed* great to me. ¹⁴*There was* a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it and circled around it, and built huge banks against it. ¹⁵Now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city — yet no man remembered that same poor man. ¹⁶Then I said, Wisdom is better than strength; nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard. ¹⁷The words of wise *men* are heard in quiet more than the cry of him who rules among fools. ¹⁸Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroys much good.

CHAPTER 10

¹Dead flies cause the ointment of the perfumer to send forth a stinking odor; *so does* a little foolishness outweigh wisdom *and* honor. ²A man's heart is at his right hand; but a fool's heart at his left. ³Yes also, when he who is a fool walks by the way, his wisdom fails *him* and he says to everyone *that* he is a fool. ⁴If the spirit of the ruler rises up against you, do not leave your place; for yielding quiets great sinners. ⁵There is an evil *which* I have seen under the sun, as an error *which* comes from the ruler — ⁶foolishness is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in low place. ⁷I have seen servants upon horses and princes walking as servants upon the earth. ⁸He who digs a pit shall fall into it; and whoever breaks a hedge, a snake shall bite him. ⁹Whoever removes stones shall be hurt with them. He who cuts wood shall be endangered by it. ¹⁰If the iron is blunt, and he does not whet the edge, then he must put more strength to *it*. But wisdom is profitable to direct. ¹¹Surely the snake will bite without enchantment; and a babbler is no better. ¹²The words of a wise man's mouth are gracious; but the lips of a fool will swallow himself up. ¹³The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness; and the end of his talk is wicked madness. ¹⁴A fool also is full of words; a man cannot tell what shall be; and what shall be after him, who can tell him? ¹⁵The labor of the foolish wearies every one of them, because he does not know how to go to the city.

¹⁶Woe unto you, O land, when your king is a child and your princes feast in the morning. ¹⁷Blessed are you, O land, when your king is the son of nobles, and your princes eat in due time, for strength, and not for drunkenness!

¹⁸By much laziness the building decays; and through idleness of the hands the house leaks. ¹⁹A feast is made for laughter, and wine makes merry; but money answers all things. ²⁰Do not curse the king, no, not

in your thought; and do not curse the rich in your bedroom; for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which has wings shall tell the matter.

CHAPTER 11

¹Cast your bread upon the waters; for you shall find it after many days. ²Give a share to seven, and also to eight; for you know not what evil shall be upon the earth. ³If the clouds are full of rain, they empty *themselves* upon the earth; and if the tree falls toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falls, there it shall be. ⁴He who watches the wind shall not sow; and he who pays attention to the clouds shall not reap. ⁵As you do not know what is the way of the spirit, *nor* how the bones *grow* in the womb of her who is with child; even so you do not know the works of God who makes all. ⁶In the morning sow your seed, and in the evening do not withhold your hand; for you do not know what shall be blessed, either this or that, or whether they both shall be fruitful in the same way.

⁷Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant *thing it is* for the eyes to behold the sun; ⁸but if a man lives many years, *and* rejoices in them all; yet let him remember the days of darkness; for they shall be many. All that comes is vanity.

⁹Rejoice, O young man, in your youth; and let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth, and walk in the ways of your heart, and in the sight of your eyes — but know that for all these *things* God will bring you into judgment. ¹⁰Therefore remove sorrow from your heart, and put away evil from your flesh; for childhood and youth are vanity.

CHAPTER 12

¹Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth, while the evil days do not come, nor the years draw near, when you shall say, I have no pleasure in them. ²Before the sun, or the light, or the moon, or the stars, are darkened, or the clouds return after the rain; ³in the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because there are few, and those who look out of the windows are darkened, ⁴and the doors shall be shut in the streets, when the sound of the grinding is low, and you shall rise up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low. ⁵Also *when* they shall be afraid of *that which is* high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail — because man goes to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets — ⁶or ever the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher is broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern.

⁷Then the dust shall return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return to God who gave it.

⁸Vanity of vanities, says the preacher; all is vanity. ⁹And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge. Yes, he listened, and looked, *and* set in order many proverbs. ¹⁰The preacher sought to find out pleasing words; and words of truth written by the upright. ¹¹The words of the wise are like goads, yes, their collected words are like nails driven home, *which* are given from one Shepherd. ¹²And further, by these, my son, be warned — of making many books *there is* no end, and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

¹³Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God, and keep His commandments — for this is the whole *duty* of man. ¹⁴For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether *it is* good, or whether *it is* evil.

The Song of SOLOMON

CHAPTER 1

- ¹The song of songs, which is Solomon's.
- ²Let Him kiss me with the kisses of His mouth;
for Thy love is better than wine.
- ³Because of the smell of Thy good ointments
Thy name is as oil poured forth;
therefore the virgins love Thee.
- ⁴Draw me, we will run after Thee,
The king has brought me into his chambers;
we will be glad and rejoice in Thee,
we will remember Thy love more than wine;
the upright love Thee.
- ⁵I am black, but comely,
O daughters of Jerusalem,
like the tents of Kē'dār,
like the curtains of Solomon.
- ⁶Do not look upon me, because I am black,
because the sun has looked upon me.
My mother's children were angry with me;
they made me the keeper of the vineyards;
but my own vineyard I have not kept.
- ⁷Tell me, O Thou whom my soul loves,
where dost Thou feed,
where dost Thou make *thy flock* to rest at noon?
For why should I be as one who is veiled
beside the flocks of Thy companions?
- ⁸If you know not,
most beautiful among women,
go forth in the footsteps of the flock,
and feed your kids
beside the shepherds' tents.
- ⁹I have compared you, O my love,
to a company of horses in Pharaoh's chariots.
- ¹⁰Your cheeks are beautiful with ornaments,
your neck with chains *of gold*.
- ¹¹We will make you borders of gold
with studs of silver.
- ¹²While the King is in His circle,
my spikenard sends forth its smell.
- ¹³A bundle of myrrh is my Beloved unto me.
He shall lie all night between my breasts.
- ¹⁴My Beloved is unto me *like* a cluster of henna
in the vineyards of Ēn-gē'dī.
- ¹⁵Behold, you are beautiful, my love;
behold, you are beautiful;
you have doves' eyes.
- ¹⁶Behold, you are beautiful, my Beloved,
yea, pleasant.
Also our bed is green.
- ¹⁷The beams of our house are cedar,
and our rafters are of fir.

CHAPTER 2

- ¹I am the rose of Shār'ōn,
and the lily of the valleys.
- ²As the lily among thorns, so is My love
among the daughters.
- ³As the apple among the trees of the wood,
so is my Beloved among the sons.
I sat down under His shadow with great delight,
and His fruit was sweet to my taste.
- ⁴He brought me to the banqueting house,
and His banner over me was love.
- ⁵Feed me with raisin cakes,
comfort me with apples—
for I am sick with love.

CHAPTER 3

- ⁶His left hand is under my head,
and His right hand embraces me.
- ⁷I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the roes, and by the hinds of the field,
do not stir up or awake *my* Love until
He please.
- ⁸The voice of my Beloved!
Behold, He comes
leaping upon the mountains,
skipping upon the hills.
- ⁹My Beloved is like a roe
or a young hart.
Behold, He stands
behind our wall,
He looks forth at the windows,
showing Himself through the lattice.
- ¹⁰My Beloved spoke, and said to me,
Rise up, My love, My beautiful one,
and come away.
- ¹¹For lo, the winter is past,
the rain is over *and* gone;
- ¹²the flowers appear on the earth;
the time of the singing of *birds* has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove is
heard in our land;
- ¹³the fig tree puts forth her green figs,
and the vines *with* the tender grape
give a *good* smell.
Arise, My love, My beautiful one,
and come away.
- ¹⁴O My dove, in the clefts of the rock,
in the secret *places* of the stairs,
let Me see your face,
let Me hear your voice;
for your voice is sweet,
and your face is beautiful.
- ¹⁵Take us the foxes,
the little foxes
that spoil the vines;
for our vines have tender grapes.
- ¹⁶My Beloved is mine, and I am His;
He feeds among the lilies.
- ¹⁷Until the day break,
and the shadows flee away,
turn, my Beloved, and be like a roe
or a young hart upon the mountains
of Bē'-thēr.
- ¹By night upon my bed
I sought Him whom my soul loved;
I sought Him,
but I did not find Him.
- ²I will rise now and go
about the city, in the streets and in
the broad ways;
I will seek Him whom my soul
loves.
I sought Him, but I did not find
Him.
- ³The watchmen who go about the city
found me. *I said to them,*
Have you seen Him whom my soul
loves?
- ⁴But a little while after I passed from
them,
I found Him whom my soul loves.
I held Him and would not let Him go,
until I had brought Him into my
mother's house,
and into the room of her who con-
ceived me.
- ⁵I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem,
by the roes, and by the hinds of the field,
do not stir up nor awake *my* love
until He please.
- ⁶Who is this who comes out of the
wilderness
like pillars of smoke,
perfumed with myrrh and frankin-
cense,
with all powders of the merchant?
- ⁷Behold his bed,
which is Solomon's;
sixty strong men are around it,
of the strong men of Israel.
- ⁸They all hold swords,
instructed in war;
every man *has* his sword upon his
thigh
because of fear in the night.
- ⁹King Solomon made himself a chariot
of the wood of Lebanon.
- ¹⁰He made the pillars of it of silver,
the bottom of it of gold, the covering
of it of purple,
the midst of it being paved *with* love,
for the daughters of Jerusalem.

¹¹Go forth, O daughter of Zion,
and behold King Solomon
with the crown with which his mother
crowned him
in the day of his wedding,
and in the day of the gladness of his
heart.

CHAPTER 4

¹Behold, you are beautiful, My love.
Behold, you are beautiful;
you *have* doves' eyes
within your locks;
your hair is like a flock of goats
that appear from Mount Gilead.

²Your teeth are like a flock of shorn
sheep,
which came up from the washing;
of which every one bears twins,
and none is barren among them.

³Your lips are like a cord of scarlet,
and your speech is becoming;
your temples are like a piece of pome-
granate
behind your veil.

⁴Your neck is like the tower of David,
built for an armory,
on which there hang a thousand
bucklers,
all shields of mighty men.

⁵Your two breasts are like two young
roes that are twins,
which feed among the lilies.

⁶Until the day break,
and the shadows flee away,
I will go to the mountain of myrrh
and to the hill of frankincense.

⁷You are all fair, My love;
there is no spot in you.

⁸Come with Me from Lebanon, *My*
spouse, from Lebanon;
look from the top of Ā-mā'-nā,
from the top of Shē'-nir and Hēr'-
mon,
from the lions' dens,
from the mountains of the leopards.

⁹You have ravished My heart, My sis-
ter, *My* spouse;
you have ravished My heart with one
of your eyes,
with one chain of your neck.

¹⁰How fair is your love, My sister, *My*
spouse!

How much better is your love than
wine!
and the smell of your ointments than
all spices!

¹¹Your lips, O *My* spouse, drop *like* the
honeycomb;
honey and milk are under your
tongue;
and the smell of your garments is
like the smell of Lebanon.

¹²A walled garden is My sister, My
spouse;
a spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

¹³Your plants are an orchard of pome-
granates,
with pleasant fruits;
with henna and spikenard,

¹⁴spikenard and saffron; cāl'-ā-mūs and
cinnamon,
with all trees of frankincense;
myrrh and aloes,
with all the chief spices;

¹⁵a fountain of gardens, a well of living
waters,
and streams from Lebanon.

¹⁶Awake, O north wind;
and come, south *wind*;
blow upon my garden,
so that the spices of it may flow out.
Let my Beloved come into His garden,
and eat His pleasant fruits.

CHAPTER 5

¹I have come into My garden, My sis-
ter, *My* spouse;
I have gathered My myrrh with My
spice;
I have eaten My honeycomb with My
honey;
I have drunk My wine with My
milk.

Eat, O friends;
drink, yea, drink abundantly, O Be-
loved.

²I sleep, but my heart wakes.
It is the voice of my Beloved that
knocks, *saying*,

Open to Me, My sister, My love,
My dove, My undefiled;
for My head is filled with dew,
My locks with the drops of the night.

³I have put off my coat;
How shall I put it on?
I have washed my feet;
how shall I defile them?

⁴My Beloved put in his hand by the
hole of the door,
and my heart was moved for Him.

⁵I rose up to open to my Beloved;
and my hands dripped with myrrh,
and my fingers with sweet smelling
myrrh,
upon the handles of the lock.

⁶I opened to my Beloved;
but my Beloved had withdrawn Him-
self, and was gone;
my soul failed when He spoke;
I sought Him, but I could not find
Him;
I called Him, but He gave me no
answer.

⁷The watchmen who went about the
city found me,
they struck me, they wounded me;
the keepers of the walls
took away my veil from me.

⁸I charge you, O daughters of Jeru-
salem,
if you find my Beloved,
that you tell Him
that I am sick with love.

⁹What is your Beloved more than an-
other Beloved,
most beautiful among women?
What is your Beloved more than an-
other Beloved,
that you charge us so?

¹⁰My Beloved is white and ruddy,
the chiefest among ten thousands.

¹¹His head is like the most fine gold,
His locks are bushy
and black as a raven.

¹²His eyes are as the eyes of doves
by the rivers of waters,
washed with milk,
and fitly set.

¹³His cheeks are like a bed of spices,
like sweet flowers;
His lips are like lilies,
dropping sweet smelling myrrh.

¹⁴His hands are like gold rings
set with the beryl;
His belly is like bright ivory
overlaid with sapphires [sāf'-fires].

¹⁵His legs are like pillars of marble,
set upon sockets of fine gold;
His face is like Lebanon,
excellent as the cedars.

¹⁶His mouth is most sweet;
yes, He is altogether lovely.
This is my Beloved, and this is my
Friend,
O daughters of Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 6

¹Where has your Beloved gone,
most beautiful among women?
Where has your Beloved turned
aside?
that we may seek Him with you.

²My Beloved has gone down to His
garden,
to the beds of spices,
to feed in the gardens
and to gather lilies.

³I am my Beloved's, and my Beloved is
mine;
He feeds among the lilies.

⁴O my love, you are as beautiful as
Tir'-zāh,
as lovely as Jerusalem,
as inspiring as an army with banners.

⁵Turn away your eyes from Me,
for they have overcome Me;
your hair is like a flock of goats
that appears from Gilead.

⁶Your teeth are like a flock of sheep
which go up from the washing,
of which every one bears twins,
and there is not one barren among
them.

⁷Your temples behind your veil
are like a piece of pomegranate.

⁸There are sixty queens, and eighty
concubines,
and virgins without number.

⁹But My dove, My undefiled is one
alone.
She is the only one of her mother.
She is the choice of her who bore
her.
The daughters saw her and blessed
her;
the queens and the concubines saw
her, and they praised her.

¹⁰Who is she *who* looks forth like the morning,
fair as the moon, clear as the sun
and as inspiring as *an army* with
banners?

¹¹I went down into the garden of nuts
to see the fruits of the valley,
to see whether the vine flowered
and the pomegranates budded.

¹²Before I was aware, my soul set me
upon the chariots of my princely
people.

¹³Return, return, O Shû'-lā-mītel
Return, return, that we may look
upon you.

What will you see in the Shû'-lā-mītel!
As it were the company of two
armies.

CHAPTER 7

¹How beautiful are your feet in sandals,
O prince's daughter!
The joints of your thighs are like
jewels,
the work of the hands of a skillful
workman.

²Your navel is *like* a round goblet,
which never lacks mixed wine;
your belly is *like* a heap of wheat
set about with lilies.

³Your two breasts are like two young
roes
that are twins.

⁴Your neck is like a tower of ivory;
your eyes *like* the fish-pools in Hesh-
bon,
by the gate of Bāth-rāb'-bīm;
your nose is like the tower of Lebanon
which looks toward Damascus.

⁵Your head upon you is like Carmel,
and the hair of your head like
purple;
the King is held captive in its tresses.

⁶How beautiful and how pleasant you
are,
O love, for delights!

⁷This your stature is like a palm tree,
and your breasts are *like* clusters of
grapes.

⁸I said, I will go up to the palm tree,
I will take hold of the boughs of it;
now also your breasts shall be like
clusters of the vine,
and the smell of your nose like
apples;

⁹and the roof of your mouth like the
best wine for my Beloved,
that goes *down* smoothly,
causing the lips of those who are
asleep to speak.

¹⁰I am my Beloved's, and His desire is
toward me.

¹¹Come, my Beloved,
let us go forth into the field;
let us stay in the villages.

¹²Let us get up early into the vine-
yards;
let us see if the vine flowers,
whether the tender grape appears,
and the pomegranates bud forth;
there I will give Thee my loves.

¹³The love-apples give a smell,
and at our gates are all kinds of
pleasant *fruits*,
new and old,
which I have laid up for Thee, O my
Beloved.

CHAPTER 8

¹O that Thou couldst be as my brother,
who sucked the breasts of my
mother!

When I find Thee outside, I would
kiss Thee;
yea, I would not be despised.

²I would lead Thee, *and* bring Thee
into my mother's house,
who would instruct Thee;
I would cause Thee to drink spiced
wine
of the juice of my pomegranate.

³His left hand would be under my
head,
and His right hand would embrace
me.

⁴I charge you, O daughters of Jeru-
salem,
that you do not stir up nor awake
my Love
until He please.

⁵Who is this that comes up from the wilderness,
leaning upon her Beloved?

I raised you up under the apple tree;
there your mother brought you forth;
there she who bore you brought you forth.

⁶Set me as a seal upon Thy heart,
as a seal upon Thy arm;
for love is strong as death.
Jealousy is cruel as the grave.
The coals of it are coals of fire,
a flame of Jehovah.

⁷Many waters cannot quench love,
neither can the floods drown it.
If a man would give all the wealth
of his house for love,
it would be scorned.

⁸We have a little sister,
and she has no breasts;
what shall we do for our sister
in the day when she shall be spoken
for?

⁹If she is a wall,
we will build upon her a palace of
silver;

and if she is a door,
we will enclose her with boards of
cedar.

¹⁰I am a wall,
and my breasts are like towers;
then was I in His eyes
as one who found favor.

¹¹Solomon had a vineyard in Bā'-āl-
hā'-mōn;
he let out the vineyard to keepers;
everyone for the fruit of it was to
bring a thousand *pieces* of silver.

¹²My vineyard, which is mine, is before
me;
you, O Solomon, *must* have a thou-
sand,
and those who keep the fruit of it
two hundred.

¹³You who dwell in the gardens,
the companions listen to your voice;
cause me to hear *it*.

¹⁴Hurry, my Beloved,
and be Thou like a roe
or a young hart
upon the mountains of spices.

The Book of ISAIAH

CHAPTER 1

¹The vision of Isaiah the son of Ā'-mōz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Ūz-zī'-āh, Jō'-thām, Ā'-hāz, and Hēz-ē-kī'-āh, kings of Judah. ²Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken, I have nursed and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me. ³The ox knows his owner, and the ass his master's crib; *but* Israel does not know, My people does not understand. ⁴Ah, sinful nation, a people heavy with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children who make others rotten — they have forsaken the LORD; they have provoked the Holy One of Israel to anger; they have gone away backward.

⁵Why should you be stricken any more? You will revolt more and more; the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. ⁶From the sole of the foot even to the head *there is* no soundness in it; *but* wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores; they have not been closed, nor bound up, nor soothed with oil. ⁷Your country is wasted, your cities are burned with fire. Your land — strangers devour it right before your eyes, and *it is* wasted, as overthrown by strangers. ⁸And the daughter of Zion is left like a cottage in a vineyard, like a hut in a garden of cucumbers, like a besieged city. ⁹Except the LORD of hosts had left us a very small remnant, we would have been as Sodom, *and* we would have been like Gō-mōr'-rāh.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the law of our God, you people of Gō-mōr'-rāh. ¹¹To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto Me? says the LORD; I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of he-goats. ¹²When you come to appear before Me, who has required this at your hand, to trample My courts? ¹³Bring no more vain sacrifice, incense is an abomination unto Me; the new moons and sabbaths, the calling of meetings, I cannot endure. *It is* iniquity, even the solemn meeting! ¹⁴Your new moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates; they are a trouble to Me; I am weary to bear *them*. ¹⁵And when you spread forth your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; yea, when you make many prayers, I will not hear; your hands are full of blood.

¹⁶Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your doings from before My eyes; cease to do evil; ¹⁷learn to do good; seek judgment, make those who are pressed down happy; judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. ¹⁸Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD; though your sins are as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool. ¹⁹If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; ²⁰but

if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it.

²¹How has the faithful city become a harlot! It was full of judgment; righteousness lodged in it; but now murderers. ²²Your silver has become dross, your wine mixed with water; ²³your princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; everyone loves bribes, and is pursuing rewards; they judge not the fatherless, neither does the cause of the widow come to them. ²⁴Therefore says the Lord, the LORD of Hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease Myself of My foes, and avenge Myself of My enemies. ²⁵And I will turn My hand upon you, and purely purge away your dross and take away all your tin. ²⁶And I will restore your judges as at first, and your counselors as at the beginning; afterwards you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city. ²⁷Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her returning ones with righteousness.

²⁸And the downfall of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and those who forsake the LORD shall be consumed. ²⁹For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which you have desired, and you shall be ashamed for the gardens which you have chosen. ³⁰For you shall be like an oak whose leaf fades, and like a garden that has no water. ³¹And the strong shall be like tow, and the maker of it as a spark, and they shall both burn together, and none shall put them out.

CHAPTER 2

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²And in the last days the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow into it. ³And many people shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the Law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴And He shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁵O house of Jacob, come and let us walk in the light of the LORD.

⁶Therefore Thou hast forsaken Thy people the house of Jacob, because they have become full from the east, and are fortunetellers like the Philistines. And they please themselves in the children of strangers. ⁷Also their land is full of silver and gold, neither is *there any* end of their treasures; their land is also full of horses, neither is *there any* end of their chariots. ⁸Also their land is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made.

⁹And the man bows down, and the great man lowers himself; therefore do not forgive them.

¹⁰Enter into the rock and hide in the dust for fear of the LORD, and for the glory of His majesty. ¹¹The lofty looks of man shall be humbled, and the pride of men shall be bowed down, and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. ¹²For the day of the LORD of hosts shall be upon every *one who is* proud and lofty, and upon every *one who is* lifted up; and he shall be brought low, ¹³And *it shall be* upon all the cedars of Lebanon *that are* high and lifted up, and upon all the oaks of Bā'-shān, ¹⁴and upon all the high mountains, and upon all the hills *that are* lifted up, ¹⁵and upon every high tower, and upon every fenced wall, ¹⁶and upon all the ships of Tār'-shīsh, and upon all pleasant pictures. ¹⁷And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the pride of men shall be made low; and the LORD alone shall be exalted in that day. ¹⁸And He shall completely do away with the idols. ¹⁹And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth for fear of the LORD and for the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth terribly. ²⁰In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made *each one* for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; ²¹to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for fear of the LORD and for the glory of His majesty, when He arises to shake the earth terribly. ²²Cease from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for of what value is he?

CHAPTER 3

¹For behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, takes away from Jerusalem and from Judah the stay and the staff, the whole stay of bread and the whole stay of water, ²the mighty man, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, ³the captain of fifty, and the honorable man, and the counselor, and the skilled worker, and the expert charmer. ⁴And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. ⁵And the people shall be crushed, every man by another, and every man by his neighbor; the child shall act proudly against the old man, and the low against the honorable. ⁶When a man shall take hold of his brother of the house of his father, *saying*, You have clothing, you be our ruler, and *let* this ruin be under your hand; ⁷in that day he shall swear, *saying*, I will not be a healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing; do not make me a ruler of the people. ⁸For Jerusalem is ruined and Judah has fallen; because their tongue and their doings are against the LORD, to provoke the eyes of His glory.

⁹The look of their faces witnesses against them; and they declare their sin like Sodom — they do not hide it! Woe unto their soul! For

they have rewarded evil unto themselves. ¹⁰Say to the righteous that *it shall be well within him*; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. ¹¹Woe unto the wicked! *It shall go evil with him*; for the reward of his hands shall be given him.

¹²As for my people, children are their taskmasters, and women rule over them. O my people, they who lead you cause *you* to go astray and destroy the way of your paths. ¹³The LORD stands up to plead His case, and stands up to judge the people. ¹⁴The LORD will enter into judgment with the elders of His people, and the princes of them; for you have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses. ¹⁵What do you mean by crushing My people and grinding the faces of the poor? says the Lord GOD of hosts.

¹⁶Moreover the LORD says, Because the daughters of Zion are proud, and have walked with stretched out necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet — ¹⁷therefore the Lord will strike with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will make their secret parts naked. ¹⁸In that day the Lord will take away the beauty of *their* tinkling ornaments, and *their* net caps, and *their* round ornaments like the moon, ¹⁹the chains, and the bracelets, and the veils, ²⁰the headbands, and the ornaments of the legs, and the girdles, and the perfume boxes, and the earrings, ²¹the rings, and nose jewels, ²²the costly clothing, and the top tunics, and the shawls, and the purses, ²³the mirrors, and the fine linen, and the turbans, and the veils. ²⁴And instead of sweet smell there shall be a stinking odor; and instead of a girdle, a rope; and instead of well-set hair, baldness; and instead of a robe; a wrapping of sackcloth; *and* burning instead of beauty. ²⁵Your men shall fall by the sword, and your mighty in the war. ²⁶And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she shall sit deserted upon the ground.

CHAPTER 4

¹And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread and wear our own clothing; only let us be called by your name, to take away our shame. ²In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for those who have escaped from Israel. ³And he who is left in Zion, and he who remains in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, *even* everyone who is written among the living in Jerusalem — ⁴when the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst of it by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. ⁵And the LORD will create over every dwelling place of Mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for upon all the glory shall be a defense. ⁶And

there shall be a covering for a shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a hiding place from storm and from rain.

CHAPTER 5

¹Now I will sing to my Beloved a song of my Beloved concerning His vineyard. My Beloved has a vineyard in a very fruitful hill. ²And He fenced it, and gathered out the stones of it, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress in it; and He looked for it to bring forth grapes. And it brought forth wild grapes. ³And now, O people of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, I pray you, judge between Me and My vineyard. ⁴What more could have been done to my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I looked for it to bring forth grapes, why did it bring forth wild grapes? ⁵And now come, I will tell you what I will do to My vineyard; I will take away the hedge of it, and it shall be eaten up; *and* break down the wall of it, and it shall be trampled down; ⁶and I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned nor dug; but there shall come up briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. ⁷For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah His pleasant plant; and He looked for justice, but behold bloody iniquity; for righteousness, but behold a cry!

⁸Woe unto those who join house to house, *who* lay field to field, until *there is* no place, that they may be placed alone in the midst of the earth! ⁹The LORD of hosts said in my ears, Truly many houses shall be deserted, *even* great and fair, without any in it. ¹⁰Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bāth, and the seed of a homer shall yield an ē'-phāh.

¹¹Woe unto those who rise up early in the morning *so that* they may follow strong drink; *those* who go on until night, *until* wine inflames them! ¹²And the harp, and the viol, the tabret, and pipe, and wine, are in their feasts; but they do not see the work of the LORD. Yea, they do not see the work of His hands.

¹³Therefore My people have gone into captivity, because *they have* no knowledge. And their honorable men are starved, and their multitude is dried up with thirst. ¹⁴Therefore hell has enlarged itself, and opened its mouth without measure; and their glory, and their multitude, and their pride, and he who rejoices, shall go down into it. ¹⁵And man is bowed down, and man is humbled, and the eyes of the lofty are humbled. ¹⁶But the LORD of hosts is exalted in judgment, and God the holy One is sanctified in righteousness. ¹⁷Then shall the lambs feed in their way, and the waste places of the fat ones shall strangers eat. ¹⁸Woe unto those who draw iniquity with cords of vanity, and sin as it were with a cart rope; ¹⁹who say, Let Him hurry *and* hasten His work,

so that we may see *it*; and let the purpose of the Holy One of Israel draw near and come, so that we may know *it*!

²⁰Woe unto those who call evil good and good evil; who put darkness for light and light for darkness; who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! ²¹Woe unto *those who are* wise in their own eyes, and bright in their own sight! ²²Woe unto *those who are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mix strong drink; ²³who justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! ²⁴Therefore as the fire devours the stubble, and the flame burns up the chaff, *so* their root shall be like rottenness, and their blossom shall go up like dust — because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. ²⁵Therefore the anger of the LORD is kindled against His people, and He has stretched forth His hand against them, and has stricken them; and the hills trembled, and their dead bodies were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still.

²⁶And He will lift up a banner to the nations from far, and will hiss unto them from the ends of the earth; and behold, they shall come with speed swiftly. ²⁷None shall be weary nor stumble among them; none shall slumber nor sleep; neither shall the girdle of their loins be loosened, nor the thong of their sandals be broken — ²⁸whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses' hoofs shall be thought like flint, and their wheels like a whirlwind. ²⁹Their roaring shall be like a lion; they shall roar like young lions; yea, they shall roar and lay hold of the prey, and shall carry *it* away safe, and none shall deliver *it*. ³⁰And in that day they shall roar against them like the roaring of the sea; and if *one* look unto the land, behold darkness *and* sorrow! And the light is darkened in the heavens of it.

CHAPTER 6

¹In the year that king Ūz-zī'-āh died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and His train filled the temple. ²Above it stood the sēr'-ā-phīms; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory. ⁴And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him who cried, and the house was filled with smoke.

⁵Then I said, Woe is me! For I am undone; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts. ⁶Then one of the seraphims flew unto me, having a live coal in his hand, *which* he had taken with the tongs from off the altar. ⁷And he laid it upon my mouth and said,

Lo, this has touched your lips; and your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged. ⁸Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then I said, Here am I; send me!

⁹And He said, Go, and tell this people, You hear indeed, but understand not; and you see indeed, but do not know. ¹⁰Make the heart of this people fat, and make their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and be converted, and be healed. ¹¹Then I said, Lord, how long? And He answered, Until the cities are wasted without any left, and the houses without man, and the land is completely deserted, ¹²and the LORD has moved men far away, and *there is* a great forsaking in the midst of the land.

¹³But yet in it shall be a tenth, and *it* shall return and shall be eaten; as a turpentine tree, and as an oak, whose stock remains, when they cast *their leaves*; so the holy seed shall be its trunk.

CHAPTER 7

¹And in the days of Ahaz the son of Jō'-thām, the son of Ūz-zī'-āh, king of Judah, Rē'-zīn the king of Syria, and Pē'-kāh the son of Rēm-ā-lī'-āh, king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it, but could not overcome it. ²And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria is in league with Ephraim. And his heart was moved, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the woods are moved by the wind. ³Then the LORD said to Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, you and Shē'-ār-jāsh'-ūb your son, at the end of the channel of the upper pool in the highway of the Fuller's Field. ⁴And say to him, Be careful and be quiet. Do not fear, neither be timid of heart because of the two tails of these smoking firebrands, because of the fierce anger of Rē'-zīn with Syria, and of the son of Rēm-ā-lī'-āh. ⁵Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Rēm-ā-lī'-āh, have plotted against you, saying, ⁶Let us go up against Judah and trouble it, and let us make a break in it for us, and set a king in the midst of it, *even* the son of Tā'-bē-āl. ⁷Thus saith the Lord GOD, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. ⁸For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rē'-zīn; and within sixty-five years Ephraim shall be broken so that it shall not be a people. ⁹And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Rēm-ā-lī'-āh's son. If you will not believe, surely you shall not be established.

¹⁰Moreover the LORD spoke again to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹Ask a sign of the LORD your God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. ¹²But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt the LORD. ¹³And he said, Hear now, O house of David; *is it* a small thing for you to weary men, but will you weary my God also? ¹⁴Therefore the Lord Himself shall give you a sign. Behold, the virgin shall be with child

and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Īm-mān'-ū-ēl. ¹⁵Butter and honey he shall eat until he knows to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶For before the child shall know to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land by which you are alarmed shall be forsaken of both its kings.

¹⁷The LORD shall bring upon you, and upon your people, and upon your father's house, days that have not come, from the days that Ephraim departed from Judah — *even* the king of Ās-syr'-ī-ā. ¹⁸And in that day the LORD shall hiss for the fly that is in the outermost part of the rivers of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the land of Assyria. ¹⁹And they shall come and all of them shall rest in the desert valleys, and in the holes of the rocks, and upon all thorns, and upon all bushes. ²⁰In the same day the LORD shall shave with a razor that is hired, *namely*, by those who are beyond the river, by the king of Assyria, the head, and the hair of the feet; and it shall also sweep away the beard. ²¹And in that day a man shall keep alive a young cow and two sheep; ²²and from the plentiful supply of milk they shall give, he shall eat butter; for butter and honey shall everyone eat who is left in the land. ²³And in that day every place where there were a thousand vines, worth a thousand pieces of silver, it shall *even* be for briers and thorns. ²⁴With arrows and with bows *men* shall come there, because all the land shall become briers and thorns. ²⁵And *on* all hills that shall be dug with the hoe, there shall not come there the fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen and for the trampling of sheep.

CHAPTER 8

¹Moreover the LORD said to me, Take a great scroll and write in it with a man's pen concerning Mā'-hēr-shāl'-āl-hāsh-bāz. ²And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Ū-rī'-āh the priest and Zēch-ārī'-āh the son of Jē-bēr-ē-chī'-āh. ³And I went to the prophetess. And she conceived and bore a son. Then the LORD said to me, Call his name Mā'-hēr-shāl'-āl-hāsh-bāz. ⁴For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, My father, and, My mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.

⁵The LORD also spoke to me again saying, ⁶Because this people has refused the waters of Shī-lō'-āh that go softly, and rejoice in Rē'-zīn and Rēm-ā-lī'-āh's son; ⁷now therefore, behold, the Lord brings upon them the waters of the river, strong and many, *even* the king of Assyria, and all his glory; and he shall come up over all his channels and go over all his banks. ⁸And he shall pass through Judah. He shall overflow and go over, he shall reach *even* to the neck. And the stretching out of his wings shall fill the breadth of your land, O Īm-mān'-ū-ēl.

⁹Gather yourself, O people, and you shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all you from far countries; gird yourselves, and you shall be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and you shall be broken in pieces. ¹⁰Plot together, and it shall come to nothing; speak the word, and it shall not stand; for God is with us.

¹¹For the LORD spoke thus to me with a strong hand, and warned me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying, ¹²Do not say, A conspiracy! to all *those to* whom this people shall say, A conspiracy! Neither fear their fear, nor be afraid. ¹³Sanctify the LORD of hosts Himself. And let Him be your fear, and *let* Him fill you with wonder. ¹⁴And He shall be a sanctuary *for you*, but for a stone of stumbling and for a rock of offense to both the houses of Israel, for a trap and for a snare to the people of Jerusalem. ¹⁵And many among them shall stumble and fall and be broken and be snared and be taken. ¹⁶Bind up the testimony, seal the law among My disciples. ¹⁷And I will wait upon the LORD, who hides His face from the house of Jacob; and I will look for Him. ¹⁸Behold, I and the children whom the LORD has given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, who dwells in Mount Zion.

¹⁹And when they shall say to you, Seek unto those who have familiar spirits, and unto wizards who peep and who mutter — should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead? ²⁰To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, *it is* because *there is* no light in them. ²¹And they shall pass through it, hard-pressed and hungry; and it shall come to pass that when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and curse their king and their God, and look upward. ²²And they shall look to the earth; and behold! trouble and darkness and gloom of anguish! They shall be driven away into deep darkness.

CHAPTER 9

¹But there will be no gloom for her who was in pain. In the former time He lightly afflicted the land of Zē-bū'-lūn and the land of Nāph'-tā-lī, but in later days He has made glorious the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, in Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; they who dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them the light has shined. ³Thou hast multiplied the nation. Thou hast increased the joy. They rejoice before Thee according to the joy in harvest, *and* as *men* rejoice when they divide the spoil. ⁴For Thou hast broken the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his taskmaster, as in the day of Mīd'-ī-ān. ⁵For every boot of the warrior tramping in the battle noise, and the coat rolled in blood, shall be burning fuel for *the* fire. ⁶For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; and

the government shall be upon His shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of *His* government and peace *there shall be* no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and with justice from now on, even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

⁸The Lord sent a word to Jacob, and it has fallen upon Israel. ⁹And all the people shall know, *even* Ephraim and the people of Samaria, who say in pride and hardness of heart, ¹⁰The bricks have fallen down, but we will build with cut stones; the sycamores are cut down, but we will change *them into* cedars. ¹¹Therefore the LORD shall set up the foes of Rē'-zīn against him, and join his enemies together — ¹²the Syrians in front and the Philistines behind — and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still.

¹³For the people do not turn unto Him who strikes them, neither do they seek the LORD of hosts. ¹⁴Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day. ¹⁵The elder and honorable, he is the head; and the prophet who teaches lies, he is the tail. ¹⁶For the leaders of this people cause *them* to go astray; and *they who are* led by them are destroyed. ¹⁷Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall *He* have mercy on their fatherless and widows; for everyone is a hypocrite and an evil-doer, and every mouth speaks foolishness. For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still.

¹⁸For wickedness burns like the fire; it shall devour the briars and thorns, and shall kindle in the thickets of the forest, and they shall lift themselves up *like* the lifting up of smoke. ¹⁹Through the wrath of the LORD of hosts is the land darkened, and the people shall be as the fuel of the fire; no man shall have pity on his brother. ²⁰And he shall snatch on the right hand and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied; they shall each man eat the flesh of his own arm; ²¹Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; *and* they together shall be against Judah. For all this His anger is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still.

CHAPTER 10

¹Woe unto those who order unrighteous laws, and to the scribes who write wicked things; ²to turn aside the needy from judgment, and to take away the right from the poor of my people, that widows may be their prey, and *that* they may rob the fatherless! ³And what will you do in the day of judgment and in the destroying waste *which* shall come from afar? To whom will you flee for help? And where will you leave your glory? ⁴Without Me they shall bow down under the prisoners, and

they shall fall under the slain. For all this His hand is not turned away, but His hand is stretched out still.

⁵O Assyrian, the rod of My anger, and the staff in their hand is My fury. ⁶I will send him against an ungodly nation, and against the people of My wrath I will give him a charge to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to trample them down like the mud of the streets. ⁷However he does not mean so, neither does his heart think so; but *it is* in his heart to destroy and cut off many nations. ⁸For he says, Are not my princes all like kings? ⁹Is not Câl'-nô like Câr-chê'-mîsh? Is not Hâ'-mâth like Är'-pâd? Is not Samaria like Damascus? ¹⁰As my hand has reached to the kingdoms of the idols, whose graven images did excel those of Jerusalem and of Samaria, ¹¹shall I not, as I have done to Samaria and her idols, do so to Jerusalem and her idols? ¹²Therefore, when the Lord has done His whole work upon Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the proud heart of the king of Assyria and the glory of his high looks. ¹³For he says, By the strength of my hand I have done *it*, and by my wisdom; for I am wise. And I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the people like a strong *man*. ¹⁴And my hand has found as a nest the riches of the people; and as one gathers eggs *that are* left, I have gathered all the earth; and there was none who moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped. ¹⁵Shall the axe boast itself against him who chops with it? Shall the saw magnify itself against him who moves it? As if the rod could wave those who lift it up! As if a staff could raise what is not wood! ¹⁶Therefore the Lord, the Lord of hosts, shall send leanness among His fat ones; and under his glory He shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire. ¹⁷And the light of Israel shall be as a fire, and His holy One as a flame; and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briars in one day. ¹⁸And *it* shall burn up the glory of his forest and of his fruitful field, both soul and body; and they shall be as when a standard-bearer faints. ¹⁹And the rest of the trees of his forest shall be few, so that a child might write them.

²⁰And in that day the remnant of Israel, and those who have escaped from the house of Jacob, shall never again lean upon him who struck them. But truly *they* will lean upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel. ²¹The remnant shall return, the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. ²²For though Thy people Israel are like the sand of the sea, *yet* a remnant of them shall return; the full end which is decreed shall overflow with righteousness. ²³For the Lord GOD of hosts shall make a full end, as ordained, in the midst of all the land.

²⁴Therefore thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people who dwell in Zion, do not be afraid of the Assyrian. He shall strike you with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against you, in the manner of Egypt. ²⁵But yet a little while, and the fury shall cease, and My anger in their ruin. ²⁶And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a whip for Himself according to the

slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb; and *as* His rod was upon the sea, so shall He lift it up in the manner of Egypt. ²⁷And in that day his burden shall be taken away from off your shoulder, and his yoke from off your neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing. ²⁸He has come to Aiath [Ē'-āth], he has passed to Mig'-rōn; at Mich'-māsh he has stored his baggage; ²⁹they have gone over the passage; they have made Gē'-bā their resting-place; Rā'-māh is afraid; Gīb'-ē-āh of Saul has fled. ³⁰Lift up your voice, O daughter of Gāl'-līm; cause it to be heard in Lā'-ish, O poor Ān'-ā-thōth. ³¹Mād-mē'-nāh is removed; the people of Gē'-bīm gather themselves to flee. ³²As yet he shall remain at Nob that day; he shall shake his hand *against* the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem. ³³Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror; and the great in height shall be cut down, and the proud shall be humbled. ³⁴And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.

CHAPTER 11

¹And there shall come forth a Rod out of the stump of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots. ²And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD; ³and shall make Him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD. And He shall not judge according to the sight of His eyes, nor reprove according to the hearing of His ears. ⁴But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, and shall decide with uprightness for the meek of the earth. And He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked. ⁵And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His heart. ⁶Also the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸And the suckling child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁰And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for a banner of the people; to it the Gentiles shall seek; and His rest shall be glorious. ¹¹And in that day the Lord shall set His hand the second time to recover the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria and from Egypt, and from Pāth'-rōs, and from Cūsh, and from Ē'-lām, and from Shī'-nār, and from Hā'-māth, and from the islands of the sea. ¹²And He shall set up a banner for the nations, and shall gather the outcasts of Israel and gather together the scattered ones of Judah from the four corners of the earth. ¹³Also the envy of Ephraim

shall depart, and the foes of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not trouble Ephraim. ¹⁴But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil those of the east together; they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. ¹⁵And the LORD shall utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with His mighty wind He shall shake His hand over the river, and shall strike it in the seven streams and make *men* go over dryshod. ¹⁶And there shall be a highway for the remnant of His people, which shall be left, from Assyria; as it was to Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 12

¹And in that day you shall say, O LORD, I will praise Thee; though Thou wast angry with me, Thy anger is turned away, and Thou dost comfort me. ²Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid, for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and *my* song; He also has become my salvation. ³Therefore with joy you shall draw water out of the wells of salvation. ⁴And in that day you shall say, Praise the LORD, call upon His name, declare His doings among the people, make mention that His name is exalted. ⁵Sing unto the LORD; for He has done excellent things; this is known in all the earth. ⁶Cry out and shout, O man of Zion; for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of you.

CHAPTER 13

¹The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Ā'-mōz did see. ²Lift up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice to them, shake the hand, so that they may go into the gates of the nobles. ³I have commanded My holy ones, I have also called My mighty ones for anger, *even* those who rejoice in My highness. ⁴The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; an uproar of noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together; the LORD of hosts gathers an army for the battle. ⁵They come from a far country, from the end of the heavens, *even* the LORD and the weapons of His fury, to destroy the whole land.

⁶Howl! For the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destroying from the Almighty. ⁷Therefore all hands shall be faint, and every man's heart shall melt; ⁸and they shall be afraid. Pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them. They shall be in pain like a woman who is in labor; they shall be amazed at one another; their faces shall be *like* flames. ⁹Behold, the day of the LORD comes, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land waste; and He shall destroy its sinners

out of it. ¹⁰For the stars of heaven and their constellations shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in its going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine. ¹¹And I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease, and will lay low the pride of the terrible. ¹²I will make a man more precious than gold; even a man than the golden wedge of Ō'-phīr. ¹³Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall move out of its place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of His fierce anger. ¹⁴And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man takes up; they shall each man turn to his own people, and each one flee into his own land. ¹⁵Everyone who is found shall be thrust through; and everyone who is joined to *them* shall fall by the sword. ¹⁶Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be robbed, and their wives raped. ¹⁷Behold, I will stir up the Medes against them, who shall not think anything of silver; and *as for* gold, they shall not delight in it. ¹⁸*Their* bows also shall dash the young men to pieces; and they shall have no pity on the fruit of the womb; their eye shall not pity children.

¹⁹And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the majestic beauty of the Chaldees, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gō-mōr'-rāh. ²⁰It shall never be dwelt in forever, neither shall it be lived in from generation to generation; neither shall the Ā-rā'-bī-ān pitch his tent there; neither shall the shepherds make their fold there. ²¹But the wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of howling creatures; and ostriches shall dwell there, and shaggy goats shall dance there. ²²And the wild beasts of the islands shall cry in their castles, and jackals in *their* pleasant palaces; and her time is coming near, and her days shall not be delayed.

CHAPTER 14

¹For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel and set them in their own land; and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cling to the house of Jacob. ²And the people shall take them and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids; and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over those who crushed them. ³And in the day that the LORD shall give you rest from your sorrow, and from your fear, and from the hard bondage in which you were made to serve, ⁴you shall take up this song against the king of Babylon and say,

How the oppressor has ceased! the golden city ceased! ⁵The LORD has broken the staff of the wicked, the scepter of the rulers; ⁶who struck the people in wrath without end, who ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution no one could hold back.

⁷The whole earth is at rest *and* is quiet; they break forth into singing. ⁸Yea, the fir trees rejoice at you, *and* the cedars of Lebanon, *saying*, Since you have fallen, no woodcutter has come up against us. ⁹Hell from below is moved for you, to meet *you* at your coming. It stirs up the dead for you, *even* all the chief ones of the earth. It has raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. ¹⁰All of them shall speak and say to you, Have you also become as weak as we? Have you become like us? ¹¹Your pride is brought down to the grave, *and* the noise of your viols; the worm is spread under you, and the worms cover you. ¹²How you are fallen from heaven, O Lū'-cī-fēr, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, *you* who weakened the nations! ¹³For you have said in your heart, I will go up into Heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north. ¹⁴I will go up above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the Most High. ¹⁵Yet you shall be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. ¹⁶Those who see you shall narrowly look upon you, *and* gaze at you, *saying*, Is this the man who made the earth to tremble, who shook kingdoms; ¹⁷*who* made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities of it; *who* did not open the house of his prisoners? ¹⁸All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. ¹⁹But you are cast out of your grave like a hateful branch, *and like* the clothing of those who are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; like a dead body trampled under foot. ²⁰You shall not be joined with them in burial, because you have destroyed your land *and* have killed your people; the seed of evildoers shall never be famous. ²¹Prepare slaughter for his sons, because of the iniquity of their fathers, so that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities. ²²For I will rise up against them, says the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name and remnant, and son, and grandson, says the LORD. ²³I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water; and I will sweep it with the broom of ruin, says the LORD of hosts.

²⁴The LORD of hosts has sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so it shall come to pass; and as I have purposed, so it shall stand; ²⁵that I will break the Assyrians in My land, and upon My mountains trample him under foot. Then his yoke shall be removed from them, and his burden shall be taken off their shoulders. ²⁶This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth; and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. ²⁷For the LORD of hosts has purposed, and who shall make it come to nothing? And His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

²⁸This burden was in the year that king Ahaz died: ²⁹Rejoice not, O Phī-līs'-tī-ā, all of you, that the rod of him who struck you is broken. For out of the serpent's root shall come an adder, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent. ³⁰And the first-born of the poor shall feed, and the

needy shall lie down in safety; and I will kill your root with famine, and he shall slay your remnant. ³¹Howl, O gate! Cry, O city! You, O Phī-lis'-tī-ā, all of you, are melted away; for there shall come from the north a smoke, and no straggler shall be in his ranks. ³²What shall *one* then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD has founded Zion, and the poor of His people shall trust in it.

CHAPTER 15

¹The burden against Moab. Because Ar of Moab is laid waste in the night *and* brought to silence; because in the night Kir of Moab is laid waste *and* brought to silence; ²he has gone up to Bā'-jīth, and to Dī'-bōn, the high places, to weep; Moab shall howl over Nē'-bō, and over Mē'-dē-bā; baldness shall be on all their heads, *and* every beard cut off. ³In the streets they shall clothe themselves with sackcloth; on the tops of their houses, and in their streets, everyone shall howl, melting in tears. ⁴And Hēsh'-bōn shall cry, and Ēl-ē-ā'-lēh; their voice shall be heard *even* unto Jā'-hāz; therefore the armed soldiers of Moab shall cry out; his life shall be grievous to him. ⁵My heart shall cry out for Moab; his fugitives *shall flee* to Zō'-är, a heifer of three years old; with weeping they shall go up the way to Mount Lū'-hīth; for in the way of Hōr-ō-nā'-īm they shall raise up a cry of ruin. ⁶For the waters of Nīm'-rim shall be deserted; for the hay has dried up *and* the grass fails, there is no green thing. ⁷Therefore that which they have saved, and that which they have laid up, they shall carry away to the brook of the willows. ⁸For the cry has gone all around the borders of Moab; the howling of it unto Ēg'-lā-īm, and the howling of it unto Bēer-ē'-līm. ⁹For the waters of Dī'-mōn shall be full of blood; for I will bring more upon Dī'-mōn, lions upon him who escapes from Moab, and upon the rest of the land.

CHAPTER 16

¹Send the lamb to the ruler of the land from Sē'-lā to the wilderness, to the mount of the daughter of Zion. ²For as a wandering bird cast out of the nest, the daughters of Moab shall be at the fords of Arnon. ³Take counsel, do judgment; make your shadow as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; do not betray him who wanders. ⁴Let my outcasts dwell with you, Moab; be a shelter to them from the face of the destroyer; for the extortioner is at an end, the spoiler ceases, the oppressors are consumed out of the land. ⁵And in mercy the throne shall be established; and he shall sit upon it in truth in the tabernacle of David, judging and seeking judgment, and speeding righteousness.

⁶We have heard of the pride of Moab; *he* is very proud; *even* of his vanity, and his pride, and his wrath; *but* his lies shall not be so. ⁷Therefore Moab shall howl for Moab, everyone shall howl. You shall mourn

for the foundations of Kīr-hār'-ē-sēth; surely *they are* stricken. ⁶For the fields of Hēsh'-bōn *and* the vine of Sib'-māh droop; the lords of the heathen have broken down the choice plants of it, they have come to Jā'-zēr, they wandered *through* the wilderness; her branches are stretched out, they have gone over the sea.

⁹Therefore I will mourn with the weeping of Jā'-zēr the vine of Sib'-māh; I will water you with my tears, O Hēsh'-bōn and Ēl-ē-ā'-lēh; for the shouting for your summer fruits and for your harvest has fallen.

¹⁰And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the plentiful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither shall there be shouting. The treaders shall tread out no wine in presses; I have made *their* shouting to cease. ¹¹Therefore my bowels shall sound like a harp for Moab, and my inward parts for Kīr-hār'-ēsh.

¹²And when it is seen that Moab is weary on the high place, he shall come to his sacred place to pray; but he shall not overcome. ¹³This is the word that the LORD has spoken concerning Moab since that time.

¹⁴But now the LORD has spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, and the glory of Moab shall be condemned, with all that great multitude; and those that are left shall be very small *and* feeble.

CHAPTER 17

¹The burden against Damascus. Behold, Damascus is taken away from being a city, and it shall be a heap of ruins. ²The cities of Ā-rō'-ēr are forsaken; they are for flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid. ³The fortress also shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the rest of Syria. They shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴And in that day the glory of Jacob shall be made thin, and the fatness of his flesh shall become lean. ⁵And it shall be as when the harvestman gathers the grain, and reaps the ears with his arm; and it shall be as he who gathers ears in the valley of Rēph'-ā-im.

⁶Yet gleaning grapes shall be left in it, as the shaking of an olive tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost branch, four or five in the outer fruitful branches of it, says the LORD God of hosts. ⁷At that day a man shall look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel. ⁸And he shall not look to the altars, the work of his hands, neither shall respect that which his fingers have made, either the groves or the images.

⁹In that day his strong cities shall be like a forsaken branch, and an uppermost branch, which they left because of the children of Israel; and there shall be ruin. ¹⁰Because you have forgotten the God of your salvation, and have not been mindful of the Rock of your strength, therefore you shall plant pleasant plants and shall set it with strange slips.

¹¹In the day you shall make your plant grow, and in the morning you shall make your seed flower; *but* the harvest shall be a heap in *that* day of grief and dying pain.

¹²Woe to the multitude of many people, *who* make a noise like the noise of the seas; and to the rushing of nations *who* make a rushing like the rushing of mighty waters! ¹³The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters; *but* *God* shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased like the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing before the whirlwind. ¹⁴At eveningtime, behold, terror! Before the morning, he is not! This is the lot of those who plunder us, and the lot of those who rob us.

CHAPTER 18

¹Woe to the land shadowed with wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ā; ²which sends ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters, *saying*, Go, swift messengers, to a nation scattered and peeled, to a people terrible from their beginnings and onward; a nation measured out and trampled down, whose land the rivers have spoiled! ³See, all you people of the world and dwellers on the earth, when He lifts up a banner on the mountains. And when He blows His trumpet, hear. ⁴For so the LORD said unto me, I will take My rest, and I will look on in My dwelling place, like a clear heat in the sunshine, *and* like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. ⁵For before the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, you shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away *and* cut down the branches. ⁶They shall be left together to the birds of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth; and the birds shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them.

⁷In that time shall be brought to the LORD of hosts the present of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning onward; a nation measured out and trampled under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts—Mount Zion.

CHAPTER 19

¹The burden against Egypt. Behold, the LORD rides upon a swift cloud and shall come into Egypt. And the idols of Egypt shall be moved at His presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. ²And I will set the Egyptians against the Egyptians; and they shall fight each one against his brother, and every one against his neighbor; city against city, kingdom against kingdom. ³And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst of it, and I will destroy its wisdom. And they shall seek

to the idols, and to the charmers, and to those who have familiar spirits, and to the wizards. ⁴And I will give the Egyptians over into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, says the Lord, The LORD of hosts. ⁵And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up. ⁶And they shall turn the rivers far away; the brooks of defense shall be emptied and dried up; the reeds and flags shall wither. ⁷The paper reeds by the brooks, by the mouth of the brooks, and everything sown by the brooks, shall wither, be driven away, and be no *more*. ⁸The fishers also shall mourn, and all those who drop a hook into the brooks shall wail, and those who spread nets upon the waters shall droop. ⁹Moreover those who work in fine flax, and those who weave white works, shall be ashamed. ¹⁰And her foundations shall be broken, and all who make wages shall be bowed down.

¹¹Surely the princes of Zō'-ān are fools, the counsel of the wise men of Pharaoh has become like that of animals. How do you say to Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings? ¹²Where are they? Where are your wise men? And let them tell you now, and let them know what the LORD of hosts has planned against Egypt. ¹³The princes of Zō'-ān have become fools, the princes of Noph are deceived; they have also caused Egypt to go astray, the chief of her tribes. ¹⁴The LORD has mixed a perverse spirit in the midst of it; and they have caused Egypt to go astray in all its work, like a drunken *man* staggers in his vomit. ¹⁵Neither shall there be *any* work for Egypt, which the head or tail, branch or rush, may do. ¹⁶In that day Egypt shall be like women; and it shall be afraid and fear because of the shaking of the hand of the LORD of hosts, which He shakes over it. ¹⁷And the land of Judah shall be a terror to Egypt; everyone who makes mention of it shall be afraid within himself, because of the purpose of the LORD of hosts, which He has purposed against it.

¹⁸In that day five cities in the land of Egypt shall speak the language of Canaan and swear to the LORD of hosts; one shall be called the city of ruin. ¹⁹In that day there shall be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border of it to the LORD. ²⁰And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt. For they shall cry unto the LORD because of the cruel ones, and He shall send them a deliverer, and a great one, and he shall deliver them. ²¹And the LORD shall be known to Egypt, and the Egyptian shall know the LORD in that day, and shall do sacrifice and give an offering; yes, they shall vow a vow to the LORD, and fulfil *it*. ²²And the LORD shall strike Egypt; He shall strike and heal *it*; and they shall return to the LORD, and He shall hear them and shall heal them.

²³In that day there shall be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. ²⁴In that day Israel shall

be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the land; ²⁵whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be My people Egypt, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance.

CHAPTER 20

¹In the year that Tartan came to Āsh'-dōd (when Sār'-gōn the king of Assyria sent him), and fought against Āsh'-dōd and took it; ²at that time the LORD spoke by Isaiah the son of Amoz, saying, Go and take the sackcloth off your loins, and take your shoe off your foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. ³And the LORD said, Just as My servant Isaiah has walked naked and barefoot three years *for* a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ā; ⁴so shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptian prisoners, and the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-āns captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with *their* buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt. ⁵And they shall be afraid and ashamed of Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ā their hope, and of Egypt their glory. ⁶And those who live in this shore shall say in that day, Behold, such is our hope, where we flee for help to be delivered from the king of Assyria; and how shall we escape?

CHAPTER 21

¹The burden against the desert of the sea. As whirlwinds in the south pass through; so it comes from the desert, from a terrible land. ²A grievous vision is declared unto me; the deceiver deals deceitfully, and the robber spoils. Go up, O Ē'-lām; circle around, O Mē'-dī-ā; all the sighting of it I have made to cease. ³Therefore my loins are filled with pain; pangs have taken hold upon me like the pangs of a woman who is in labor; I was bowed down at the hearing of it; I was troubled at the seeing of it. ⁴My heart panted, fearfulness made me afraid; He had turned the night of my pleasure into fear unto me. ⁵Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink; arise, princes, *and* anoint the shield. ⁶For so the LORD has said to me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he sees. ⁷And he saw a chariot *with* a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, *and* a chariot of camels. Then he listened closely with much carefulness. ⁸And he cried, A lion! My lord, without ceasing, I stand upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am stationed at my post whole nights. ⁹And, behold, here comes a chariot of men, a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen! And all the graven images of her gods He has broken to the ground. ¹⁰O my threshing, and the grain of my floor! That which I have heard of the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, I have declared unto you.

¹¹The burden against Dū'-māh. He calls to me out of Sē'-ir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? ¹²The watch-

man said, The morning comes, and also the night; if you will inquire, inquire, *and* come again.

¹³The burden against Arabia. You shall stay in the forest of Arabia, O traveling companies of Dē'-dā-nīm. ¹⁴The people of the land of Tē'-mā brought water to him who was thirsty; they went before him who fled with their bread. ¹⁵For they fled from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the hardship of war. ¹⁶For thus has the LORD said to me, Within a year, according to the years of a hireling, all the glory of Kē'-dār shall fail; ¹⁷and the rest of the number of archers, the mighty men of the children of Kē'-dār, shall be cut down; for the LORD God of Israel has spoken it.

CHAPTER 22

¹The burden against the valley of vision. What ails you now, you who have completely gone up to the housetops? ²You who were full of sounds, a noisy city, a joyous city; your dead *men* are not slain with the sword, nor dead in battle. ³All your rulers have fled together; they are bound by the archers; all that are found in you are bound together, *all who* have fled from afar. ⁴Therefore I said, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly; do not labor to comfort me because of the stripping of the daughter of my people. ⁵For *it is* a day of trouble, and of trampling down, and of doubt by the LORD God of hosts in the valley of vision, breaking down the walls, and of crying to the mountains. ⁶And Ē'-lām carried the quiver with chariots of men *and* horsemen, and Kir uncovered the shield. ⁷And your choicest valleys shall be full of chariots, and the horsemen shall set themselves in order at the gate.

⁸And he uncovered the covering of Judah, and you looked in that day to the armor of the house of the forest. ⁹You have seen also the breaks in the city of David, that they are many; and you gathered together the waters of the lower pool. ¹⁰And you have counted the houses of Jerusalem, and you have broken down the houses to fortify the wall. ¹¹You also made a ditch between the two walls for the water of the old pool; but you have not looked to the Maker of it, neither had respect to Him who formed it long ago. ¹²And in that day the LORD of hosts called *you* to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth; ¹³then, lo, joy and gladness, slaying oxen and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine; *and saying*, Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die! ¹⁴And it was revealed in my ears by the LORD of hosts, Surely this iniquity shall not be purged from you until you die, says the Lord GOD of hosts.

¹⁵Thus says the Lord GOD of hosts, Go, go up to this treasurer, unto Shēb'-nā who is over the house, *and say*, ¹⁶What do you have here? And whom do you have here, that you have carved out a tomb for yourself

here, *as one* who cuts himself out a tomb on high, who cuts out a home for himself in a rock? ¹⁷Behold, the LORD will carry you away with a mighty captivity, and will surely cover you. ¹⁸He will surely turn and toss you violently *like* a ball into a large country; there you shall die, and there the chariots of your glory shall be the shame of your lord's house. ¹⁹And I will drive you from your position, and from your office He shall pull you down.

²⁰And in that day I will call My servant Ē-lī'-ā-kīm the son of Hil-kī'-āh; ²¹and I will clothe him with your robe, and strengthen him with your girdle, and I will commit your government into his hand. And he shall be a father to the people of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. ²²And the key of the house of David I will lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. ²³And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a glorious throne to his father's house. ²⁴And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his father's house, the offspring and the offshoots, all vessels of small quantity, from the vessels of cups, even to all the vessels of jars. ²⁵In that day, says the LORD of hosts, the nail that is fastened in the sure place shall be removed, and be cut down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for the LORD has spoken it.

CHAPTER 23

¹The burden against Tyre. Howl, ships of Tār'-shīsh! For it is laid waste, so that there is no house, no entering in; from the land of Chīt'-tim it is revealed to them. ²Be still, you people of the coast; you whom the merchants of Sidon, who pass over the sea, have filled. ³And by great waters, the seed of Sī'-hôr and the harvest of the river Nile was her revenue; and she is a mart of nations. ⁴Be ashamed, O Sidon; for the sea has spoken, the strength of the sea, saying, I do not labor nor bring forth children, neither do I bring up young men, *nor* bring up virgins. ⁵As at the report concerning Egypt, *so* they shall be sorely pained at the report of Tyre.

⁶Pass over Tarshish; howl, you people of the coast! ⁷Is this your joyous *city*, whose age is from days of old? Her own feet shall carry her afar off to stay. ⁸Who has purposed this against Tyre, the crowning *city*, whose merchants are princes, whose traders are the honorable of the earth? ⁹The LORD of hosts has purposed it, to stain the pride of all glory *and* to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth. ¹⁰Pass through your land like a river, O daughter of Tār'-shīsh; *there is* no more strength. ¹¹He stretched out His hand over the sea; He shook the kingdoms; the LORD has given a commandment against the merchant *city*, to destroy the strongholds of it. ¹²And He said, You shall rejoice no more, O crushed one, virgin daughter of Si-don; arise, pass over to

Chit-tim; there also you shall have no rest. ¹³Behold the land of the Chāl-dē'-āns; this people was not *a people until* the Assyrians founded it for those who live in the wilderness. They set up the towers of it, they raised up the palaces of it; *and* He brought it to ruin. ¹⁴Howl, ships of Tār'-shish! For your strength is laid waste. ¹⁵And in that day Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king. After the end of seventy years Tyre shall sing like a harlot. ¹⁶Take a harp, go about the city, O harlot who has been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs so that you may be remembered.

¹⁷And after the end of seventy years the LORD will visit Tyre, and she shall turn to her hire and shall commit fornication with all the kingdoms of the world upon the face of the earth. ¹⁸And her goods and her wages shall be holiness to the LORD. It shall not be treasured nor laid up, for her merchandise shall be for those who dwell before the LORD, to eat enough, and for lasting clothing.

CHAPTER 24

¹Behold, the LORD makes the earth empty, and makes it waste, and turns it upside down and scatters abroad its people. ²And as *it is* with the people, so *it shall be* with the priest; as *it is* with the servant, so *it will be* with his master; as *it is* with the maid, so *it shall be* with her mistress; as *it is* with the buyer, so *it shall be* with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the creditor, so with the debtor. ³The land shall be completely emptied, and utterly stripped; for the LORD has spoken this word. ⁴The earth mourns *and* fades away; the world droops *and* fades away; the proud people of the earth droop. ⁵Also the earth is defiled under its people; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, *and have* broken the everlasting covenant. ⁶Therefore the curse has destroyed the earth, and they who dwell in it are deserted; therefore the people of the earth are burned, and few men left. ⁷The new wine mourns, the vine droops, all the merry-hearted sigh. ⁸The gladness of tabrets ceases, the noise of those who rejoice ends; the joy of the harp ceases. ⁹They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to those who drink it. ¹⁰The city of shame is broken down; every house is shut up so that no man may come in. ¹¹*There is* a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the gladness in the land has gone. ¹²In the city is left waste, and the gate is stricken with ruin.

¹³When it is this way in the midst of the land among the people, *there shall be* like the shaking of an olive tree *and* like going around to glean when the vintage is done. ¹⁴They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing for the majesty of the LORD, they shall cry aloud from the sea. ¹⁵Therefore glorify the LORD in the fires, *even* the name of the Lord GOD of Israel in the isles of the seas.

¹⁶From the ends of the earth we have heard songs, glory to the righteous. But I said, Leanness to me! Leanness to me! Woe unto me! The deceivers have dealt deceitfully. Yes, the deceivers have dealt very deceitfully. ¹⁷Fear, and the pit, and the snare are upon you, O dweller of the earth. ¹⁸And he who flees from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he who comes up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare, for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth shake. ¹⁹The earth is breaking and breaking, the earth is crashing and crashing! the earth is tottering and tottering! ²⁰The earth is staggering and stragging, like a drunken man! *It* rocks to and fro like a tree-but! So shall its sin be heavy upon it; and it shall fall and not rise again. ²¹And in that day the LORD shall punish the host of the high ones *who are* on high, and the kings of the earth upon the earth. ²²And they shall be gathered together, *as* prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall be shut up in the prison, and after many days they shall be judged. ²³Then the moon shall blush, and the sun shall be ashamed, when the LORD of hosts shall reign in Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and gloriously before His elders.

CHAPTER 25

¹O LORD, Thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will praise Thy name; for Thou hast done wonderful *things*; *Thy* purposes of old are faithfulness *and* truth. ²For Thou hast made a city a heap; a walled city a ruin; a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. ³Therefore the strong people shall glorify Thee, the city of the fearful nations shall fear Thee. ⁴For Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a strength to the needy in his distress, a refuge from the storm, a shadow from the heat, when the blast of the fearful ones is like a storm *against* the wall. ⁵Thou shalt bring down the noise of strangers, as the heat in a dry place; *even* the heat with the shadow of cloud. The branch of the fearful ones shall be brought low.

⁶And in this mountain the LORD of hosts shall make to all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of old wines well refined. ⁷And He will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces. And He shall take away from all the earth the rebuke of His people. For the LORD has spoken *it*.

⁹And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God. We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in His salvation. ¹⁰For the hand of the LORD shall rest in this mountain, and Moab shall be trampled under Him, even as straw is trampled for the dunghill. ¹¹And He shall spread forth His hands in the middle of them, as he who swims spreads forth

his hands to swim. And He shall bring down their pride together with the spoils of their hands. ¹²And the fortress of the high fort of your walls He shall bring down, lay low, bring to the ground, *even* to the dust.

CHAPTER 26

¹In that day this song shall be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; *He* sets up salvation *for* walls and banks. ²Open the gates, so that the righteous nation which keeps the truth shall enter in. ³Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, *whose* mind is stayed *on Thee*; because he trusts in Thee. ⁴Trust in the LORD forever; for in the LORD JĒ-HŌ'-VĀH is everlasting strength.

⁵For He brings down those who dwell on high; He lays low the lofty city; He lays it low, *even* to the ground; He brings it to the dust. ⁶The foot shall trample it down, *even* the feet of the poor *and* the steps of the needy. ⁷The way of the just is uprightness; Thou, O Upright One, dost weigh the path of the just. ⁸Yea, in the way of Thy judgments, O LORD, we have waited for Thee; the desire of *our* soul is to Thy name, and to Thy memory. ⁹With my soul I have desired Thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me I will seek Thee early; for when Thy judgments are in the earth, the people of the world will learn righteousness. ¹⁰Let favor be shown to the wicked, *yet* he will not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the LORD. ¹¹LORD, *when* Thy hand is lifted up, they will not see; *but* they shall see and be ashamed for *their* envy toward Thy people. Yes, the fire of Thy enemies shall devour them.

¹²LORD, Thou wilt ordain peace for us; for Thou also hast worked all our works in us. ¹³O LORD our God, *other* lords besides Thee have had the rule over us; *but* by Thee only will we make mention of Thy name. ¹⁴*They are* dead, they shall not live; *they are* gone, they shall not rise. Therefore Thou hast visited and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish. ¹⁵Thou hast increased the nation, O LORD, Thou hast increased the nation; Thou art glorified; Thou hadst removed *it* far *unto* all the ends of the earth. ¹⁶LORD, in trouble they have visited Thee; they poured out a prayer *when* Thy chastening was upon them. ¹⁷Like a woman with child, who draws near the time of her delivery, is in pain *and* cries out in her pangs; so have we been in Thy sight, O LORD. ¹⁸We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind. We have not brought about any salvation in the earth; neither have the people of the world fallen. ¹⁹Thy dead *men* shall live, *together with* my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in the dust; for your dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

²⁰Come, my people, enter into your rooms and shut your doors around you; hide yourself as it were for a little moment, until the fury

has passed by. ²¹For behold, the LORD comes out of His place to punish the people of the earth for their iniquity; the earth also shall reveal her blood, and shall no more cover her dead.

CHAPTER 27

¹In that day the LORD with His great and grievous and strong sword shall punish the sea-monster, the darting serpent, the sea-monster, that twisting serpent; and He shall kill the monster that is in the sea. ²In that day sing to her, A vineyard of red wine. ³I the LORD keep it; I will water it every moment; lest *any* hurt it, I will keep it night and day. ⁴Fury is not in Me; who would set the briars and thorns against Me in battle? I would go through them; I would burn them together. ⁵Or let them take hold of My strength, *that* he may make peace with Me; *and* he shall make peace with me. ⁶He shall cause those who come from Jacob to take root; Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit.

⁷Has He stricken him, as He struck those who struck Him? *Or* is He slain according to the slaughter of those who are slain by Him? ⁸In measure by measure, when sending her away, Thou didst punish her. He takes away, in respect to His rough wind, in the day of the east wind. ⁹By this therefore shall the iniquity of Jacob be purged; and this is all the fruit to take away his sin; when he makes all the stones of the altar as chalk-stones that are beaten in pieces, the groves and images shall not stand up. ¹⁰Yet the fortified city shall be wasted, *and* the dwelling forsaken and left like a wilderness; there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down and eat up the branches of it. ¹¹When its branches are dried up, they shall be broken off; the women come *and* set them on fire; for it is a people of no understanding. Therefore He who made them will not have mercy on them, and He who formed them will show them no favor.

¹²And in that day the LORD shall beat off *His fruit* from the stream of the river *Eû-phrâ'-tês* unto the brook of Egypt, and you shall be gathered one by one, O children of Israel. ¹³And in that day the great trumpet shall be blown, and those who were ready to perish in the land of Assyria shall come, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt *shall come* and shall worship the LORD in the holy mountain at Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 28

¹Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose glorious beauty is a fading flower which is on the head of the fat valleys of those who are overcome with wine! ²Behold, the Lord has a mighty and strong one — like a storm of hail, a destroying storm like a flood of mighty waters overflowing, *He* shall cast down to the earth with the

hand. ³The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, shall be trampled under foot; ⁴and the glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat valley, shall be a fading flower, *and* as the first-ripe fruit before the summer; which the beholder of it swallows up even while it is yet in his hand.

⁵In that day the LORD of hosts shall be for a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, to the rest of His people, ⁶and for a spirit of judgment to him who sits in judgment, and for strength to those who turn the battle to the gate.

⁷But they also have sinned through wine, and through strong drink are out of the way. The priest and the prophet have sinned through drink; they are swallowed up by wine; they are out of the way through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment. ⁸For all tables are full of vomit *and* filthiness; no place *is clean*.

⁹Whom shall He teach knowledge? And whom shall He make to understand doctrine? *Those who are* weaned from the milk *and* drawn from the breasts. ¹⁰For precept has been upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little; ¹¹for with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people. ¹²To whom He said, This is the rest *with which* you may cause the weary to rest; and this is the refreshing. Yet they were not willing to hear. ¹³But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken and snared and taken.

¹⁴Therefore hear the word of the LORD, you scornful men who rule this people which is in Jerusalem. ¹⁵Because you have said, We have made a covenant with death, and we have an agreement with hell; when the overwhelming rod shall pass through, it shall not come unto us; for we have made lies our refuge, and we have hidden ourselves under falsehood — ¹⁶therefore thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I place in Zion a Stone for a foundation, a tried Stone, a precious Cornerstone, a sure Foundation; he who believes shall not flee away. ¹⁷Also I will lay judgment to the line, and righteousness to the plummet; and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place.

¹⁸And your covenant with death shall be wiped out, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overwhelming rod shall pass through, then you shall be beaten down by it. ¹⁹From the time that it goes forth it shall take you; for morning by morning it shall pass over, by day and by night; and it shall be nothing less than a terror to give ear to the message. ²⁰For the bed is shorter than one can stretch himself on, and the cover is narrower than one can wrap himself in. ²¹For the LORD shall rise up as in Mount Pě-rā'-zīm; He shall be angry as in the

valley of Gibeon, so that He may do His work, His strange work; and bring to pass His act, His strange act. ²²Now therefore do not be mockers, lest your bands be made strong; for I have heard from the LORD GOD of hosts that a full end has even been decreed upon the whole earth.

²³Give ear and hear my voice; listen, and hear my speech. ²⁴Does the plowman plow all day to sow? Does he open and break the clods of his ground? ²⁵When he has made the face of it level, does he not cast out the dill and scatter the cummin, and throw in the choice wheat and the chosen barley and the spelt in the border of it? ²⁶For his God instructs him to judgment *and* teaches him. ²⁷For the dill is not threshed with a threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the dill is beaten out with a staff and the cummin with a rod. ²⁸Grain is crushed — because He does not desire to be forever threshing it, nor crushing it with the wheel of his cart, nor crushing it *with* his horses. ²⁹This also comes forth from the LORD of hosts, *who* is wonderful in wisdom, excellent in working.

CHAPTER 29

¹Woe unto Ār'-î-ēl, to Ār'-î-ēl, the city *where* David dwelt! Add year to year; let them kill their sacrifices. ²Then I will distress Ār'-î-ēl, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow; and it shall be unto me as Ār'-î-ēl. ³And I will camp against you all around, and will lay siege against you with a mount, and I will raise forts against you. ⁴And you shall be brought down *and* shall speak out of the ground, and your speech shall be low out of the dust, and your voice shall be as of one who has a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and your speech shall whisper out of the dust. ⁵Moreover the multitude of your strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passes away; yea, it shall be at an instant — suddenly. ⁶You shall be visited by the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake and great noise, with storm and whirlwind, and the flame of devouring fire.

⁷And the multitude of all the nations who fight against Ār'-î-ēl, even all who fight against her and her stronghold, and who distress her, shall be like a dream of a night vision. ⁸It shall even be as when a hungry man dreams, and behold, he eats; but he wakes and his soul is empty; or as when a thirsty man dreams, and behold, he drinks; but he awakes, and behold, *he is* faint and his soul is longing. So shall it be with the multitude of all the nations who fight against Mount Zion.

⁹Stand still and wonder! Smear over your eyes and be blind! They are drunk, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink. ¹⁰For the LORD has poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and has closed your eyes; He has covered the prophets and your rulers, *also*

the seers. ¹¹And the vision of all has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one who knows books saying, Read this, I pray you; and he says, I cannot, for it is sealed. ¹²And the book is delivered to him who does not know books, saying, Read this, I pray you; and he says, I do not know books.

¹³Therefore the LORD said, Because this people draw near *Me* with their mouth, and with their lips honor *Me*, but have removed their heart far from *Me*, and their fear toward *Me* is taught by the commandment of men; ¹⁴therefore, behold, I will go on doing an amazing work among this people, *even* a marvelous work and a wonder. For the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and the understanding of their intelligent ones shall be hidden. ¹⁵Woe unto those who go deep to hide their purpose from the LORD, and their works are in the dark, and they say, Who sees us? And who knows us? ¹⁶Surely your turning things upside down shall be counted as the potter's clay; for shall the work say of him who made it, He did not make me? Or shall the thing formed say to him who formed it, He had no understanding? ¹⁷Is it not yet a very little while, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be counted as a forest?

¹⁸And in that day the deaf shall hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of their gloom and darkness. ¹⁹The meek also shall increase *their* joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. ²⁰For the terrible one is brought to nothing, and the scorner is destroyed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off; ²¹*those* who make a man guilty for a word, and lay a trap for him gives warning in the gate, and turn aside the just for a worthless thing. ²²Therefore thus says the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob: Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now become pale. ²³But when he sees his children, the work of My hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify My name, and sanctify the Holy one of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel. ²⁴Those who erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and those who murmured shall learn doctrine.

CHAPTER 30

¹Woe to the rebellious children, says the LORD, who take advice, but not of *Me*; and who cover with a covering, but not of My Spirit, that they add sin to sin; ²*those* who set out to go down to Egypt and have not asked at My mouth; to make themselves strong in the strength of Pharaoh and to trust in the shadow of Egypt! ³Therefore the strength of Pharaoh shall be your shame, and the trust in the shadow of Egypt shall be *your* curse. ⁴For his princes were at Zō'-ān, and his ambassadors came to Hā'-nēs. ⁵They were all ashamed of a people *who* could not profit them, nor be a help nor gain, but a shame and also a reproach.

⁶The burden concerning the beasts of the south. Into the land of trouble and woe, where the young and old lion, the viper, and *the* fiery flying serpent come from, they will carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the humps of camels, to a people *that* shall not profit *them*. ⁷For the Egyptians shall help in vain, and to no purpose; therefore I have cried concerning this, Their strength is to sit still.

⁸Now go, write it before them in a tablet, and note it in a book, so that it may be for the time to come forever and ever, ⁹that this is a rebellious people, lying children. *They are* children who will not hear the law of the LORD; ¹⁰who say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Do not prophesy unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy falsehood; ¹¹go out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. ¹²Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel, Because you have despised this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rest on them; ¹³therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a branch ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking comes suddenly in an instant. ¹⁴And He shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces. He shall have no pity, so that there shall not be found in the breaking of it a piece to take fire from the hearth, or to take water out of the pit. ¹⁵For thus says the Lord GOD, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest you shall be saved; and in quietness and hope shall be your strength. And you would not do so. ¹⁶But you said, No; for we will flee upon horses. Therefore you shall flee. And *you said*, We will ride upon the swift; therefore those who pursue you shall be swift. ¹⁷One thousand *shall flee* at the rebuke of one; at the rebuke of five you shall flee, until you are left as a pole upon the top of a mountain, and as a sign on a hill.

¹⁸And therefore the LORD will wait, that He may be gracious unto you; and therefore He will be lifted up, that He may have mercy upon you. For the LORD is a God of judgment; blessed are all those who wait for Him. ¹⁹For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; you shall weep no more; He will be very gracious unto you at the voice of your cry. When He hears it, He will answer you. ²⁰And the LORD gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet your teachers shall not be removed into a corner any more, but your eyes shall see your teachers. ²¹And your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, This is the way, walk in it, when you turn to the right hand and when you turn to the left. ²²You shall also defile the covering of your graven images of silver, and the ornament of your molded images of gold. You shall cast them away like a menstruous cloth. You shall say unto it, Get away from here. ²³Then He shall give the rain of your seed that you shall sow the ground with; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plentiful. In that day your cattle shall feed in large pastures. ²⁴Likewise the oxen and the young asses that plow

the ground shall eat clean fodder, which has been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan. ²⁵And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every high hill, rivers and streams of waters in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. ²⁶Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be seven-fold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the LORD binds up the break of His people and heals the stroke of their wound.

²⁷Behold, the name of the LORD comes from far, burning *with* His anger, and the burden *of it* is heavy; His lips are full of fury, and His tongue like a devouring fire. ²⁸And His breath, like an overflowing stream, shall reach to the middle of the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of vanity. And *there shall be* a bridle in the jaws of the people, causing *them* to go astray. ²⁹You shall have a song, as in the keeping of a holy feast night; and gladness of heart, as when one goes with a pipe to come into the mountain of the LORD, to the mighty One of Israel. ³⁰And the LORD shall cause His glorious voice to be heard, and the bringing down of His arm shall be seen, with the fury of *His* anger, and *with* the flame of a devouring fire, *with* scattering and storm and hailstones. ³¹For through the voice of the LORD the Assyrian shall be beaten down, *who* struck with a rod. ³²And *in* every place which the ordained staff shall pass, which the LORD shall lay upon him, *it* shall be with tabrets and harps; in battles of shaking He will fight with them. ³³For Tō'-phēt is ordained of old; yea, for the king it is prepared. He has made *it* deep *and* large; the pile of it is fire and much wood. The breath of the LORD kindles it, like a stream of brimstone.

CHAPTER 31

¹Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help; and lean upon horses and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong but they do not look unto the Holy One of Israel, neither *do they* seek the LORD! ²Yet He also is wise, and will bring evil, and will not call back His words, but will arise against the house of the evil-doers and against the help of those who work iniquity. ³Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses are flesh, and not Spirit. When the LORD shall stretch out His hand, both he who helps shall fall, and he who is helped shall fall down, and they shall all fail together. ⁴For thus has the LORD spoken unto me, Like the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, *He* will not be afraid of their voice, nor humble Himself because of the noise of their shouting. So the LORD of hosts shall come down to fight for Mount Zion, and upon its hill. ⁵As birds fly-ing, so the LORD of hosts will defend Jerusalem; also defending, He will deliver it; *and* passing over He will preserve *it*.

⁶Turn to *Him from* whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. ⁷For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your hands have made unto you *for a sin*.

⁸Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a great man; and the sword, not of a lowly man, shall devour him. For he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be put to slavery. ⁹And he shall pass over to his stronghold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the banner, says the LORD, whose fire is in Zion, and His furnace in Jerusalem.

CHAPTER 32

¹Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. ²And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a shelter from the tempest, like streams of water in a dry place, like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. ³And the eyes of those who see shall not be dim, and the ears of those who hear shall listen. ⁴Also the heart of the rash shall understand knowledge, and the tongue of those who stutter shall be ready to speak plainly. ⁵The fool shall no more be called noble, nor the miser said to be bountiful. ⁶For the fool will speak evil, and his heart will work iniquity, to practice hypocrisy and to speak misleading things against the LORD, to make the soul of the hungry empty, and he will take away the drink of the thirsty. ⁷Also the weapons of the fool are evil; he thinks of wicked ways to destroy the poor with lying words, even when the needy speaks right. ⁸But the noble thinks noble things; and by noble things he shall stand.

⁹Rise up, you women who are at ease; hear my voice, you careless daughters; listen to my speech. ¹⁰Many days and years you shall be troubled, you careless women; for the vintage shall fail, the gathering shall not come. ¹¹Tremble, you women who are at ease; be troubled, you careless ones; strip yourselves and make yourselves bare, and put *sack-cloth* upon *your* loins. ¹²They shall mourn for the breasts, for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. ¹³Upon the land of my people shall come up thorns and briers; yea, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city; ¹⁴because the palaces shall be forsaken; the multitude of the city shall be left; the forts and towers shall be for dens forever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of flocks ¹⁵until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is thought to be a forest. ¹⁶Then judgment shall dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness remain in the fruitful field. ¹⁷And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the work of righteousness shall be quietness and hope forever. ¹⁸And my people shall dwell in a peaceable home, and in secure dwellings and quiet resting places ¹⁹*even* when it shall hail, coming down on the forest; and the city shall be low in a low

place. ²⁰Blessed are you who sow beside all waters, who send forth the feet of the ox and the ass *there*.

CHAPTER 33

¹Woe to you, destroyer, and you *who have not been* destroyed; you traitor whom they have not betrayed! When you stop plundering, you shall be plundered; *and* when you stop being a traitor, they shall betray you. ²O LORD, be gracious unto us; we have waited for Thee; be Thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. ³At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of Thyself the nations were scattered. ⁴And your spoil shall be gathered *like* the gathering of the caterpillar; as the running to and fro of locusts He shall run upon them. ⁵The LORD is exalted; for He dwells on high. He has filled Zion with judgment and righteousness. ⁶And wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of your times, *and* strength of salvation; the fear of the LORD is his treasure. ⁷Behold, their mighty ones shall cry outside; the messengers of peace shall weep bitterly. ⁸The highways lie waste, the traveler ceases. He has broken the covenant. He has despised the cities. He cared for no man. ⁹The earth mourns *and* droops. Lebanon is ashamed *and* cut down. Sharon is like a wilderness, and Bā'-shān and Carmel shake off *their fruits*. ¹⁰Now I will rise, says the LORD; now I will be exalted; now I will lift up Myself. ¹¹You shall conceive chaff, you shall bring forth stubble; your breath, *like* fire, shall devour you. ¹²And the people shall be like the burnings of lime; *like* thorns cut up, they shall be burned in the fire.

¹³You *who are* far off, hear what I have done; and you *who are* near, know My might. ¹⁴The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness has surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? ¹⁵He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly; he who despises the gain of oppressions, who shakes his hands free from holding bribes, who stops his ears from hearing of blood, and shuts his eyes from seeing evil — ¹⁶he shall dwell on high; his refuge shall be the strongholds of rocks; bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. ¹⁷Your eyes shall see the king in his beauty; they shall behold the land that is very far off. ¹⁸Your heart shall dwell upon terror. Where is the scribe? Where is the receiver? Where is he who counted the towers? ¹⁹You shall not see a fierce people, a people of a deeper speech than you can understand; of a tongue that stutters, *which you* cannot understand. ²⁰Look upon Zion, the city of our holy meetings; your eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet home, a tabernacle *that* shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes of it shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords of it be broken. ²¹But there the glorious LORD will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams, in which no galley with oars shall go, neither shall

mighty ship pass by it. ²²For the LORD is our judge, the LORD is our lawgiver, the LORD is our king; He will save us. ²³Your tacklings are loosened, they could not hold their mast firm, they could not spread the sail; then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey. ²⁴And the people shall not say, I am sick; the people who dwell in it shall be forgiven *their* iniquity.

CHAPTER 34

¹Come near, nations, to hear; and, you people, listen; let the earth hear, and all that is in it; the world, and all things that come forth from it. ²For the anger of the LORD is upon all nations, and *His* fury upon all their armies. He has completely destroyed them, He has delivered them to the slaughter. ³Also their dead shall be thrown out, and their stink shall come up out of their dead bodies, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. ⁴And all the host of the heavens shall be melted, and the heavens shall be rolled together like a scroll; and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falls off from the vine, and as a falling *fig* from the fig-tree. ⁵For my sword shall be bathed in the heavens. Behold, it shall come down upon Ī-dū-mē'-ā and upon the people of my curse for judgment. ⁶The sword of the LORD is filled with blood; it is made fat with fatness *and* with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams – for the LORD has a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Ī-dū-mē'-ā? ⁷And the wild oxen shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. ⁸For *it is* the day of the LORD's vengeance, *and* the year to repay for the fighting against Zion. ⁹And the streams of it shall be turned into pitch, and the dust of it to brimstone, and the land of it shall become burning pitch. ¹⁰It shall not be put out night or day; the smoke of it shall go up forever. From generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it forever and ever. ¹¹But the pelican and the bittern shall possess it; the owl also, and the raven, shall dwell in it. And He shall stretch out upon it the line of shame, and the stones of emptiness. ¹²They shall call the nobles of it to the kingdom, but none shall be there, and all her princes shall be nothing. ¹³And thorns shall come up in her palaces, nettles and thistles in the fortresses of it; and it shall be a home of jackals *and* a court for ostriches. ¹⁴The wild beasts of the desert shall also meet with the wild beasts of the island, and the shaggy goat shall cry to his fellow. The screech owl also shall rest there, and find for herself a place of rest. ¹⁵There the great owl shall make her nest, and lay, and hatch, and gather under her shadow; there shall the vultures also be gathered, every one with her mate.

¹⁶Seek out of the book of the LORD, and read; not one of these shall fail, none shall lack its mate; for My mouth has commanded, and His

Spirit has gathered them. ¹⁷And He has cast the lot for them, and His hand has divided it to them by line — they shall possess it forever, from generation to generation they shall dwell in it.

CHAPTER 35

¹The wilderness and the desert shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose. ²It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing; the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the honor of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD *and* the majesty of our God.

³Make the weak hands strong and make the feeble knees sure. ⁴Say to them who are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not; behold, your God will come *with* vengeance, *even* God *with* a just reward; He will come and save you. ⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶Then the lame man shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing; for in the wilderness waters shall break out, and streams in the desert. ⁷And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land shall become springs of water; in the home of jackals, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. ⁸And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called, The Way of Holiness — the unclean shall not pass over it. But He shall be with them; the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err *in it*. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor *any* beast of prey shall go up on it; it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk *there*. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

CHAPTER 36

¹Now it came to pass in the fourteenth year of king Hêz-ê-kî'-âh *that* Sên-nâch'-êr-îb king of Assyria came up against all the walled cities of Judah and took them. ²And the king of Assyria sent Râb-shâ'-kêh from Lâ'-chîsh to Jerusalem unto king Hêz-ê-kî'-âh with a great army. And he stood by the channel of the upper pool in the highway of the Fuller's Field. ³Then Ê-lî'-â-kîm, Hil-kî'-âh's son, who was over the house, and Shêb'-nâ the scribe, and Jô'-âh, Â'-sâph's son, the recorder, came forth unto him. ⁴And Râb-shâ'-kêh said to them, Say now to Hêz-ê-kî'-âh, Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria, What hope is this in which you trust? ⁵I say, But are vain words wisdom and strength for war? Now on whom do you trust, that you rebel against me? ⁶Lo, you trust in the staff of this broken reed, on Egypt; on which, if a man lean, it will go into his hand and pierce it. So is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who trust in him. ⁷But if you say to me, We trust in Jehovah our God; *is it* not he whose high places and altars Hêz-ê-kî'-âh has taken away, and said

to Judah and Jerusalem, You shall worship before this altar? ⁸Now therefore give pledges, I pray you, to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses if you are able on your part to set riders upon them. ⁹How then will you turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master's servants, and put your trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? ¹⁰Have I now come up without Jehovah against this land to destroy it? The LORD said to me, Go up against this land and destroy it.

¹¹Then Ē-lī'-ā-kīm and Shēb'-nā and Jō'-āh said unto Rāb-shā'-kēh, Speak, I pray you, unto your servants in the Assyrian language, for we understand *it*. But do not speak to us in the Jews' language, in the ears of the people who are on the wall. ¹²But Rāb-shā'-kēh said, Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words, *and* not to the men who sit upon the wall? that they may eat their own dung and drink their own urine with you? ¹³Then Rāb-shā'-kēh stood and cried with a loud voice in the Jews' language, and said, Hear the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. ¹⁴Thus says the king, Do not let Hēz-ē-kī'-āh deceive you, for he shall not be able to deliver you. ¹⁵Neither let Hēz-ē-kī'-āh make you trust in Jehovah, saying, Jehovah will surely deliver us; this city shall not be delivered into the hands of the king of Assyria. ¹⁶Do not listen to Hēz-ē-kī'-āh; for thus says the king of Assyria, Make *your peace* with me by a present, and come out to me; and *let* everyone eat of his vine, and everyone of his fig tree, and everyone drink the waters of his own cistern — ¹⁷until I come and take you away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and wine, a land of bread and vineyards. ¹⁸*Beware* lest Hēz-ē-kī'-āh fool you, saying, Jehovah will deliver us. Has any of the gods of the nations delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? ¹⁹Where are the gods of Hā'-māth and Ār'-phād? Where are the gods of Sē-phār-vā'-īm? And have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? ²⁰Who *are they* among all the gods of these lands that have delivered their land out of my hand, that Jehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? ²¹But they were silent and did not answer him a word, for the king's commandment was, saying, Do not answer him.

²²Then Ē-lī'-ā-kīm, the son of Hil-kī'-āh, who was over the household, and Shēb'-nā the scribe, and Jō'-āh the son of Ā'-sāph, the recorder, came to Hēz-ē-kī'-āh with *their* clothes torn and told him the words of Rāb-shā'-kēh.

CHAPTER 37

¹And when king Hēz-ē-kī'-āh heard, he tore his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the LORD. ²And he sent Ē-lī'-ā-kīm, who was over the household, and Shēb'-nā the scribe, and the elders of the priests covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the

prophet the son of Amoz. ³And they said to him, Thus says Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of blasphemy! For the children have come to the birth, and *there is* no strength to bring forth. ⁴It may be the LORD your God will hear the words of Rāb-shā'-kēh, whom the king of Assyria his master has sent to make fun of the words of the living God, and will reprove the words which the LORD your God has heard. Therefore lift up *your* prayer for the remnant that is left. ⁵So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah.

⁶And Isaiah said to them, Thus you shall say unto your master, Thus says the LORD, Do not be afraid of the words which you have heard, with which the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me. ⁷Behold, I will send a blast upon him, and he shall hear a rumor and return to his own land. And I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

⁸So Rāb-shā'-kēh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Līb'-nāh. For he had heard that he had departed from Lā'-chish. ⁹And he heard *it* said concerning Tir-hā'-kāh king of Ethiopia, He has come forth to make war with you. And when he heard *it*, he sent messengers to Hezekiah, saying, ¹⁰So you shall say to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Do not let your God, in whom you trust, deceive you, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. ¹¹Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands by completely destroying them. And shall you be delivered? ¹²Have the gods of the nations delivered those whom my fathers have destroyed — Gō'-zān, and Hār'-ān, and Rē'-zēph, and the children of Eden who were in Tē-lās'-sār? ¹³Where is the king of Hā'-māth, and the king of Ār'-phād, and the king of the city of Sē-phār-vā'-īm, Hē'-nā, and I'-vāh?

¹⁴And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers and read it. And Hezekiah went up into the house of the LORD and spread it before the LORD. ¹⁵And Hezekiah prayed unto the Lord, saying, ¹⁶O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, who dost dwell *between* the chēr'-ū-bīms, Thou art the God, *even* Thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; Thou hast made the heavens and the earth. ¹⁷Bow down Thy ear, O LORD, and hear; open Thy eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear all the words of Sēn-nāch'-ēr-īb which he has sent to mock the living God. ¹⁸Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the nations and their countries, ¹⁹and have cast their gods into the fire — for they were no gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone — therefore they have destroyed them. ²⁰Now therefore, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the LORD, *even* Thou alone.

²¹Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus says the LORD God of Israel, Because you have prayed to Me against

Sën-näch'-ër-ib king of Assyria, ²²this is the word which the LORD has spoken concerning him: The virgin, the daughter of Zion, has despised you *and* laughed you to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem has shaken her head at you. ²³Whom have you mocked and blasphemed? And against whom have you raised *your* voice and lifted up your eyes upon high? *Even* against the Holy One of Israel. ²⁴By your servants you have mocked the LORD and have said, I have come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars of it, *and* the choice fir trees of it; and I will enter into the height of its border *and* the forest of its Carmel. ²⁵I have dug and drunk water; and with the sole of my feet I have dried up all the rivers of the narrow places. ²⁶Have you not heard long ago *how* I have done it, from days of old, that I have formed it? Now I have brought it to pass that you should be *able* to lay waste walled cities *into* heaps of ruins. ²⁷Therefore their people were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were *as* the grass of the field, and *as* the green herb, *as* the grass on the housetops, and *as* grain blasted before it is grown up. ²⁸But I know you sitting down, and your going out, and your coming in, and your rage against Me. ²⁹Because your rage against Me, and your uproar, has come up into My ears, therefore I will put My hook in your nose, and My bridle in your lips, and I will turn you back by the way which you came.

³⁰And this shall be a sign to you. You shall eat *this* year that which grows of itself; and the second year that which springs of the same; and in the third year you shall sow, and reap, and plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. ³¹The remnant that has escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward and bear fruit upward; ³²for out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and those who escape out of Mount Zion; the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this.

³³Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city nor shoot an arrow there, nor come before it with shields, nor cast a bank against it. ³⁴By the way that he came, by the same he shall return, and shall not come into this city, says the LORD. ³⁵For I will defend this city to save it, for My own sake and for My servant David's sake. ³⁶Then the angel of the LORD went forth and struck a hundred and eighty-five thousand in the camp of the Assyrians; and when *men* arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead corpses.

³⁷So Sën-näch'-ër-ib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and lived at Nineveh. ³⁸And as he was worshipping in the house of Nis'-röch his god, it came to pass that Ä-dräm'-më-lëch and Shä-rë'-zër his sons struck him with the sword. And they escaped into the land of Är'-ä-rät; and E'-sär-häd'-dön his son reigned in his stead.

¹In those days Hezekiah was sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, came unto him and said to him, Thus says the LORD, Set your house in order, for you shall die and not live. ²Then Hezekiah turned his face toward the wall, and prayed unto the LORD,³ and said, Remember now, O LORD, I pray Thee, how I have walked before Thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done *that which is good* in Thy sight. And Hezekiah wept with a great weeping.

⁴Then came the word of the LORD to Isaiah, saying, ⁵Go and say to Hezekiah: Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father, I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; behold, I will add unto your days fifteen years. ⁶And I will deliver you and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria. And I will defend this city. ⁷And this shall be a sign unto you from the LORD that the LORD will do this thing that He has spoken — ⁸behold, I will bring again the shadow of the steps, which has gone down in the sun dial of Ahaz, ten steps backward. So the sun returned ten steps, by which steps it had gone down.

⁹The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick and had recovered from his sickness: ¹⁰I said in the cutting off of my days, I shall go to the gates of the grave; I have numbered the rest of my years. ¹¹I said, I shall not see the LORD, *even* the LORD, in the land of the living; I shall look upon man no more with the people of the world. ¹²My dwelling is plucked up and carried away from me like a shepherd's tent; I have cut off my life like a weaver; He will cut me off with pining sickness; from day *even* until night Thou wilt make an end of me. ¹³I place Him before *me* until morning, *that*, as a lion, so He will break all my bones; from day *even* until night Thou wilt make an end of me. ¹⁴Like a crane *or* a swallow, so I chattered; I mourned as a dove; my eyes failed *with looking* upward; O LORD, I am pressed down; undertake for me. ¹⁵What shall I say? He has spoken unto me, and He Himself has done *it*; I shall go softly all my years in the bitterness of my soul. ¹⁶O LORD, by these *things men* live, and in all these *things is* the life of my spirit; so Thou wilt recover me, and make me to live. ¹⁷Behold, I had great bitterness for peace; but Thou hast in love to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption; for Thou hast cast all my sins behind Thy back. ¹⁸For the grave cannot praise Thee, death can *not* rejoice in Thee; they who go down into the pit cannot hope for Thy truth. ¹⁹The living, the living, he shall praise Thee, as I *do* this day; the father shall make Thy truth known to the children. ²⁰The LORD *was ready* to save me; therefore we will sing my songs to the stringed instruments all the days of our life in the house of the LORD. ²¹For Isaiah had said, Let them take a lump of figs and lay *it* for a plaster upon the boil, and he

shall recover. ²²Hēz-ē-kī'-āh also had said, What is the sign that I shall go up unto the house of the LORD?

CHAPTER 39

¹At that time Mēr-ō'-dāch-bāl'-ā-dān, the son of Bāl'-ā-dān, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he had heard that he had been sick, and had recovered. ²And Hezekiah rejoiced over them, and showed them the house of his precious things, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious ointment, and all the house of his armor, and all that was found in his treasures. There was nothing in his house, nor in all his kingdom that Hezekiah did not show them.

³Then Isaiah the prophet came unto king Hezekiah, and said to him, What did you say to these men? And where did they come from to you? And Hezekiah said, They have come from a far country unto me, *even* from Babylon. ⁴Then he said, What have they seen in your house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in my house they have seen; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not shown them. ⁵Then Isaiah said to Hezekiah, Hear the word of the LORD of hosts: ⁶Behold, the days come when all that is in your house, and *that* which your fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon. Nothing shall be left, says the LORD. ⁷And of your sons which shall issue from you, which you shall bring forth, they shall take away; and they shall be eunuchs [ū'-nūcks] in the palace of the king of Babylon. ⁸Then Hezekiah said to Isaiah, Good is the word of the LORD which you have spoken. And he said, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

CHAPTER 40

¹Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ²Speak lovingly to the heart of Jerusalem, and cry unto her that her warfare is done, that her iniquity is pardoned; for she has received of the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

³The voice of him who cries in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the LORD, make straight a highway in the desert for our God. ⁴Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked *places* shall be made level, and the rough places smooth; ⁵and the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken it. ⁶The voice said, Cry! And he said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the beauty of it is as the flower of the field. ⁷The grass withers, the flower fades; because the Spirit of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people is grass. ⁸The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God shall stand forever.

⁹O you who bring good tidings to Zion, get up into the mountain. Lift up your voice with strength, O you who bring good tidings to Jerusalem; lift it up, do not be afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! ¹⁰Behold, the Lord GOD will come with a strong *hand*, and His arm shall rule for Him; behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. ¹¹He shall feed His flock like a shepherd; He shall gather the lambs with His arm, and carry *them* in His bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that are with young.

¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and measured out the heavens with a span? And who has shut up the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? ¹³Who has directed the Spirit of the LORD, or *who being* His counselor has taught Him? ¹⁴With whom did He take counsel, and *who* instructed Him and taught Him in the path of judgment, and taught Him knowledge, and showed the way of understanding to Him? ¹⁵Behold, the nations are like a drop in a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the scales; behold, He takes up the isles as a very little thing. ¹⁶And Lebanon is not enough to burn, nor the beasts of it enough for a burnt offering. ¹⁷All nations before Him are as nothing; and unto Him they are thought to be less than nothing, and vanity.

¹⁸To whom then will you compare God? Or what likeness will you compare unto Him? ¹⁹The workman melts a graven image, and the goldsmith spreads it over with gold, and casts silver chains. ²⁰He who is so poor that he has no offering chooses a tree that will not rot; he looks for a skillful workman to prepare a graven image *that* shall not be moved. ²¹Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²²*It is* He who sits upon the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them out like a tent to dwell in; ²³who brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth as vanity. ²⁴Yes, they shall not be planted; yes, they shall not be sown. Yes, their stump shall not take root in the earth. And He shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away like stubble. ²⁵To whom then will you compare Me, or can I be equal *to anyone?* says the Holy One. ²⁶Lift up your eyes on high, and behold, who has created these *things*, who brings out their host by number? He calls them all by names by the greatness of His might, for *He is* strong in power — not one is lacking. ²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, My way is hidden from the LORD and my judgment has passed over from my God? ²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard, *that* the everlasting God, the LORD, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not grow weak nor weary? *There is* no searching of His understanding. ²⁹He gives power to the weary; and to *those who have* no might He increases strength. ³⁰Even the young shall faint and be weary, and the young

men shall utterly fall — ³¹but those who wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk and not faint.

CHAPTER 41

¹Keep silence before Me, O islands; and let the people renew *their* strength; let them come near; then let them speak; let us come near together to judgment. ²Who raised up the righteous *man* from the east, called him to His foot, gave the nations before him, and made *him* rule over kings? He gave *them* as the dust to his sword, *and* as driven stubble to his bow. ³He pursued them, *and* passed in peace; *even* by the way *that* he had not gone with his feet. ⁴Who has worked and done *this*, calling the generations from the beginning? I the LORD, the first; and with the last, I am He. ⁵The isles saw *it* and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, and drew near, and came. ⁶They each one helped his neighbor, and said to his brother, Be of good courage. ⁷So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, *and* he who smoothed *with* the hammer *encouraged* him who struck the anvil, saying, It is ready for the soldering; and he fastened it with nails *so that* it should not be moved. ⁸But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham My friend. ⁹*You are those* whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called you from the chief men of it, and said to you, You are My servant; I have chosen you, and not cast you away.

¹⁰Do not fear; for I am with you; be not dismayed; for I am your God. I will make you strong; yes, I will help you; yes, I will uphold you with the right hand of my righteousness. ¹¹Behold, all those who were angered against you shall be ashamed and confounded; they shall be as nothing — and those who strive with you shall perish. ¹²You shall seek them, and shall not find them, *even* those who fought with you; those who war against you shall be as nothing, and as a worthless thing. ¹³For I the LORD your God will hold your right hand, saying unto you, Do not fear; I will help you.

¹⁴Do not fear, worm Jacob *and* you men of Israel; I will help you, says the LORD, and your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁵Behold, I make you a new sharp threshing instrument with teeth; you shall thresh the mountains, and beat *them* small, and shall make the hills like chaff. ¹⁶You shall fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them. And you shall rejoice in the LORD *and* shall glory in the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁷*When* the poor and needy seek water, and *there is* none, *and* their tongue fails for thirst, I the LORD will hear them, *I* the God of Israel will not leave them. ¹⁸I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys; I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. ¹⁹I will plant the cedar in the wilderness, the acacia tree, and the myrtle,

and the oil tree; I will set the fir tree in the desert, *and* the pine, and the box tree together; ²⁰so that they may see, and know, and look upon, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.

²¹Bring near your cause, says the LORD; bring forth your strong *reasons*, says the King of Jacob. ²²Let them bring *them* forth, and show us what shall happen; let them show the former things, what they are, that we may look upon them and know the final end of them; or declare to us things to come. ²³Show the things that will happen in the future, so that we may know that you are gods. Yes, do good, or do evil, so that we may be amazed and behold *it* together. ²⁴Behold, you are of nothing, and your work is of nothing. *He who* chooses you is an abomination. ²⁵I have raised up *one* from the *forth*, and he shall come from where the sun rises; he shall call upon My name. And he shall come upon princes as *upon* mortar, and as the potter tramples clay. ²⁶Who has declared from the beginning, that we may know? And beforetime, that we may say, *He is* righteous? Yea, *there is* none who shows, yea, *there is* none who declares, yea, *there is* none who hears your words. ²⁷I first *shall say* to Zion, Behold! behold them! and I will give to Jerusalem one who brings good news. ²⁸For I looked, and *there was* no man — not even *one* among them. And *there was* no one to advise, who, when I asked of them, could answer a word. ²⁹Behold, they are all vanity; their works are nothing; their molded images are wind and emptiness.

CHAPTER 42

¹Behold My Servant, whom I uphold; My Elect, *in whom* My soul delights; I have put My Spirit upon Him; He shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. ²He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause His voice to be heard in the street. ³A bruised reed He shall not break, and a smoking wick He shall not quench; He shall bring forth judgment unto truth. ⁴He shall not fail nor be discouraged until He has set judgment in the earth; and the isles shall wait for His law.

⁵Thus says God the LORD, He who created the heavens and stretched them out; He who stretched forth the earth and that which comes out of it; He who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it — ⁶I the LORD have called Thee in righteousness, and will hold Thy hand, and will keep Thee, and give Thee for a covenant of the people, for a Light of the Gentiles; ⁷to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the prison, *and* those who sit in darkness out of the prison house. ⁸I am the LORD; that is My name; and My glory I will not give to another, neither My praise to graven images. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them. ¹⁰Sing unto the

LORD a new song, *and* His praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it; the isles and *all* their people. ¹¹Let the wilderness and the cities of it lift up *their voice*, the villages in which Kē'-dār dwells; let the people of the rock sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. ¹²Let them give glory to the LORD and declare His praise in the islands. ¹³The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, He shall stir up jealousy like a man of war; He shall cry, yea, roar; He shall overcome His enemies. ¹⁴I have held My peace for a long time; I have been still *and* refrained Myself; *now* I will cry like a woman in pangs of labor, I will destroy and devour at once. ¹⁵I will make waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herbs. And I will make the rivers islands, and I will dry up the pools. ¹⁶And I will bring the blind by a way *that* they knew not; I will lead them in paths *that* they have not known; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. I will do these things unto them, and not forsake them.

¹⁷They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, *those* who trust in graven images *and* who say to the images, You are our gods. ¹⁸Hear, you deaf; and look, you blind, that you may see. ¹⁹Who is blind but My servant? Or deaf, as My messenger *whom* I sent? Who is blind as *he who* is perfect, and blind as the LORD's servant? ²⁰You see many things, but do not pay attention. You open the ears, but do not hear. ²¹The LORD is well pleased for His righteousness' sake; He will magnify the Law and make it honorable. ²²But this is a people robbed and spoiled; *they are* all of them snared in holes, and they are hidden in prison-houses; they have been taken, and none delivers *them*; a prize, and none says, Give back. ²³Who among you will listen to this? *Who* will listen and hear for the time to come? ²⁴Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? Did not the LORD, He against whom we have sinned? For they would not walk in His ways, neither were they obedient to His law. ²⁵Therefore He has poured upon him the fury of His anger, and the strength of battle; and it has set him on fire round about, yet he did not know; and it burned him, yet he did not lay it to heart.

CHAPTER 43

¹But now thus says the LORD who created you, O Jacob, and He who formed you, O Israel; Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; you are Mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon you. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour; I gave Egypt *for* your ransom, E-thi-ō'-pi-ā and Sē'-bā for you. ⁴Since you were precious in My sight, you have been honored, and I have loved you; therefore I will give men for you, and people for your life. ⁵Fear not; for I am with you. I

will bring your seed from the east, and gather you from the west. ⁶I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Do not keep back; bring My sons from far and My daughters from the ends of the earth; ⁷*even* everyone who is called by My name; for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

⁸Bring forth the blind people who have eyes, and the deaf who have ears. ⁹Let all the nations be brought together, and let the people be gathered; who among them can declare this and show us former things? Let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified; or let them hear, and say, *It is true*. ¹⁰You are My witnesses, says the LORD, and My servant whom I have chosen; that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I am He. Before Me no God was formed, neither shall there be after Me. ¹¹I, *even* I, am the LORD; and there is none to save besides Me. ¹²I have declared, and have saved, and I have shown, when *there was* no strange *god* among you; therefore you are My witnesses, says the LORD, that I am God. ¹³Yea, before the day was, I am He; and *there is* none who can deliver out of My hand; I will work, and who shall turn it back?

¹⁴Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and have brought down all their nobles and the Chāl-dē'-āns, whose cry is in the ships. ¹⁵I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. ¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters; ¹⁷who brings forth the chariot and horse, the army and the power; they shall lie down together, they shall not rise; they are put out, they are snuffed out like a wick.

¹⁸Do not remember the former things, neither consider the things of old. ¹⁹Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, *and* rivers in the desert. ²⁰The beasts of the field shall honor Me, the jackals and the ostriches; because I give waters in the wilderness *and* rivers in the desert, to give drink to My people, My chosen. ²¹This people I have formed for Myself; they shall show forth My praise.

²²But you have not called upon Me, O Jacob; but you have been tired of Me, O Israel. ²³You have not brought me the lamb of your burnt offerings; neither have you honored Me with your sacrifices. I have not caused you to serve with an offering, nor wearied you with incense. ²⁴You have bought Me no sweet cane with money, neither have you filled Me with the fat of your sacrifices; but you have burdened Me with your sins; you have wearied Me with your iniquities. ²⁵I, *even* I, am He who blots out your sins for My own sake, and will not remember your sins. ²⁶Put Me in mind; let us enter into judgment; declare yourself, that you may be justified. ²⁷Your first father has sinned, and your teachers have sinned against Me. ²⁸Therefore I have defiled the princes

of the sanctuary, and have given Jacob to the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

CHAPTER 44

¹Yet now hear, O Jacob My servant, and Israel whom I have chosen; ²Thus says the LORD who made you, and formed you from the womb, *who* will help you; Fear not, O Jacob My servant, and you, Jē-shū'-rūn, whom I have chosen. ³For I will pour water upon him who is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground. I will pour My spirit upon your seed, and My blessing upon your offspring; ⁴and they shall spring up as among the grass, as willows by the water-courses. ⁵One shall say, I am the LORD's; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall write *with* his hand, For the LORD, and name *himself* by the name of Israel. ⁶Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I am the first, and I am the last; and besides Me *there is* no God. ⁷And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it and set it in order for Me, since I placed the people of old? And the things that are coming, and shall come, let them show to them. ⁸Fear not, neither be afraid; have I not told you from that time, and have declared *it*? You are even My witnesses. Is there a God besides Me? Yea, *there is* no God; I do not know *any*.

⁹Those who make a graven image are all of them vanity; and the things in which they delight shall not help; and they are their own witnesses. They do not see nor know, that they may be ashamed. ¹⁰Who has formed a god, or melted a graven image that is good for nothing? ¹¹Behold, all his companions shall be ashamed; and the workmen, they are of men. Let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; *yet* they shall fear, *and* they shall be ashamed together. ¹²The smith *prepares* an axe. He works in the coals, and forms it with hammers, and works it with the strength of his arms — yes, he is hungry, and his strength fails; he drinks no water, and is weak. ¹³The carpenter stretches out *his* line; he marks it out with a pencil; he shapes it with carving tools, and he marks it out with the compass, and makes it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man, that it may remain in the house. ¹⁴He cuts down cedars, and takes cypress and the oak, which he brings up for himself among the trees of the forest; he plants an ash, and the rain makes it great. ¹⁵Then it shall be for a man to burn; for he will take *some* of it, and warm himself — yes, he kindles *it* and bakes bread; yes, he makes a god and worships *it*; he makes it a graven image and falls down to it. ¹⁶He burns part of it in the fire; with part of it he eats flesh; he roasts roast and is satisfied; yea, he warms *himself*, and says, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire. ¹⁷And the rest of it he makes *into* a god, *even* his graven image: he falls down unto it and worships *it*, and prays unto it, and says, Deliver me! for you are my god. ¹⁸They

have not known nor understood; for He has shut their eyes so that they cannot see; *and* their hearts so that they cannot understand. ¹⁹And none thinks within his heart, neither *is there* knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals of it; I have roasted flesh and eaten *it*; and shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down to the stock of a tree? ²⁰He feeds on ashes; a deceived heart has turned him aside, so that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, *Is there* not a lie in my right hand?

²¹Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for you are My servant; I have formed you; you are My servant; O Israel, you shall not be forgotten by Me. ²²I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, your transgressions, and, as a cloud, your sins; return unto Me; for I have redeemed you. ²³Sing, O heavens; for the LORD has done *it*. Shout, lower parts of the earth. Break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it — for the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel. ²⁴Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and He who formed you from the womb, I am the LORD who makes all *things*; who stretches forth the heavens alone; who spreads abroad the earth by itself; ²⁵who brings to nothing the signs of the liars, and makes diviners mad; who turns wise *men* backward, and makes their knowledge foolish; ²⁶who makes the word of His servant sure, and makes good the counsel of His messengers; who says to Jerusalem, She shall have people; and to the cities of Judah, You shall be built, and I will raise up the waste places of it; ²⁷who says to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up your rivers; ²⁸who says of Cyrus, *He is* My shepherd, and shall do all My pleasure; even saying to Jerusalem, You shall be built; and to the temple, Your foundation shall be laid.

CHAPTER 45

¹Thus says the LORD to His anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have made strong in order to humble nations before him. And I will loosen the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut. ²I will go before you, and make the crooked places straight; I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in two. ³And I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you may know that I, the LORD, who calls *you* by your name, am the God of Israel. ⁴For Jacob My servant's sake, and Israel My elect, I have even called you by your name; I have named you, though you have not known me.

⁵I am the LORD, and *there is* none else; *there is* no God besides Me; I clothed you, though you have not known me; ⁶so that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is* none besides Me. I am the LORD, and *there is* none else. ⁷I form the light and create darkness; I make peace and create evil; I the LORD do all these

things. ⁸Drop down, you heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness; let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it. ⁹Woe unto him who fights with his Maker — a potsherd among the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him who forms it, What are you making? Or your work, He has no hands? ¹⁰Woe unto him who says to *his* father, What are you bringing forth? or to the woman, What have you brought forth? ¹¹Thus says the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons, and concerning the work of My hands command Me. ¹²I have made the earth, and created man upon it; I, *even* My hands, have stretched out the heavens; and all their host have I commanded. ¹³I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways; he shall build My city, and he shall let My captives go, not for price nor reward, says the LORD of hosts.

¹⁴Thus says the LORD, The labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Ē-thī-ō-pī-ā and of the Sā-bē'-āns, men of stature, shall come over unto you, and they shall be yours. They shall come after you; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down to you. They shall bow down to you, *saying*, Surely God is in you; and *there is* none else, *there is* no *other* God. ¹⁵Truly Thou art a God who hides Thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. ¹⁶They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them; they who are makers of idols shall go into disgrace together. ¹⁷*But* Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation; you shall not be ashamed nor blush world without end. ¹⁸For thus says the LORD who created the heavens (God Himself), who formed the earth and made it; (He has established it: He created it, not as a waste, *but* He formed it to be lived in); I am the LORD; and *there is* no other. ¹⁹I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth. I did not say unto the seed of Jacob, Seek me in vain. I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

²⁰Gather yourselves and come; draw near together, you *who have* escaped from the nations; those who set up the wood of their graven image and those who pray unto a god *that* cannot save do not know anything. ²¹Tell *them* and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together; who has declared this from days of old? *Who* has told it from that time? Have not I the LORD? And *there is* no other God besides Me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none besides Me. ²²Look unto Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and *there is* no other. ²³I have sworn by Myself, the word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. ²⁴*One* shall surely say, Only in the LORD do I have righteousness and strength; *even* to Him shall *men* come; and all who are angry with Him shall be ashamed. ²⁵In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

CHAPTER 46

¹Bel bows down, Né'-bō stoops; their idols were upon the beasts and upon the cattle; the things you carried about have become a load, a burden to the weary *beast*. ²They stoop, they bow down together; they could not deliver the burden, but *they* themselves have gone into captivity.

³Listen to me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, who are borne *by Me* from the belly, who are carried from the womb; ⁴even unto *your* old age I am He; and *even* to gray hairs I will carry *you*. I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver *you*.

⁵To whom will you compare Me, and make *Me* equal, that we may be alike? ⁶They pour gold out of the bag, and weigh silver out of the scales, and hire a goldsmith; and he makes it a god; they fall down, yea, they bow down. ⁷They carry it upon the shoulder, they carry it and set it in its place, and it stands; it shall not move from its place. Yes, *one* shall cry unto it, yet it cannot answer, nor save him out of his trouble. ⁸Remember this, and show yourselves men; bring *it* again to mind, O sinners. ⁹Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and *there* is no other. *I am* God, and *there is* none like Me, ¹⁰declaring the end from the beginning, and from days of old *the things* that are not *yet* done. saying, My purpose shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure; ¹¹calling a bird of prey from the east, the man of my purpose from a far country. Yes, I have spoken *it*, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed *it*, I will also do it.

¹²Listen unto me, you stubborn-hearted who are far from righteousness; ¹³I bring near My righteousness. It shall not be far off, and My salvation shall not wait — and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel My glory.

CHAPTER 47

¹Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground. *There is* no throne, O daughter of the Châl-dé'-āns; for you shall no more be called tender and delicate. ²Take the millstones and grind meal. Push back your veil, draw up your skirt, uncover your leg, pass over the rivers. ³Your nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, your shame shall be seen; I will take vengeance and I will meet *you as* a man. ⁴As for our Redeemer, the LORD of hosts is His name, the Holy One of Israel. ⁵Sit silent, and go into darkness, O daughter of the Châl-dé'-āns; for you shall no more be called the mistress of kingdoms.

⁶I was angry with My people, I have bowed down My inheritance, and given them into your hand, you showed them no mercy; you have

very heavily laid your yoke upon the older. ⁷And you said, I shall be a mistress forever; so you did not lay these things to your heart, neither remembered the latter end of it. ⁸Now therefore hear this, *you who are* given to pleasures, who live carelessly, who say in your heart, I am, and there is none else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children. ⁹But these two *things* shall come to you in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness for the multitude of your witchcrafts, *and* for the great abundance of your spells.

¹⁰For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, No one sees me. Your wisdom and your knowledge, it has perverted you; and you have said in your heart, I am, and there is no one else besides me. ¹¹Therefore evil shall come upon you; you shall not know where it comes from. And mischief shall fall upon you; you shall not be able to put it off. And ruin shall come upon you suddenly, *which* you shall not know. ¹²Stand now with your spells, and with the multitude of your witchcrafts, in which you have labored from your mouth; perhaps you will be able to profit; perhaps you may bring terror. ¹³You are wearied in the multitude of your plans. Now let the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly fortune tellers, stand up and save you from *these things* that shall come upon you. ¹⁴Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame; *there shall not be* a coal to warm at, *nor* fire to sit before it. ¹⁵So they shall be unto you with whom you have labored, *even* your merchants, from your youth; they shall wander each one to his own way; none shall save you.

CHAPTER 48

¹Hear this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and have come forth out of the waters of Judah, who swear by the name of the LORD and make mention of the God of Israel (*but* not in truth nor in righteousness). ²For they call themselves of the holy city, and rest themselves upon the God of Israel; the LORD of hosts is His name. ³I have foretold the former things from the beginning; and they went forth out of My mouth, and I showed them; I did *them* suddenly, and they came to pass. ⁴Because I knew that you are stubborn, and your neck is an iron sinew and your brow is brass; ⁵I have even from the beginning declared *it* to you. Before it happened I revealed *it* to you; lest you should say, My idol has done them, and my graven image, and my molded image, has commanded them. ⁶You have heard it; see it all; and will you not declare *it*? I have shown you new things from this time, even hidden things, and you did not know them. ⁷They are created now, and not from the beginning; even before the day when you did not hear them; lest you should say, Behold, I knew them. ⁸Yea, you did not

hear; yea, you did not know; yea, from the time *that* your ear was not opened; for I knew that you would deal very deceitfully, and were called a sinner from the womb.

⁹For My name's sake I will put off My anger, and for My praise I will hold back for you, that I do not cut you off. ¹⁰Behold, I have refined you, but not with silver; I have chosen you in the furnace of affliction. ¹¹For my own sake, *even* for My own sake, I will do *it*; for why should *My name* be defiled? And I will not give My glory unto another.

¹²Listen to me, O Jacob and Israel, My called; I am He; I am the first, I also am the last. ¹³My hand also has laid the foundation of the earth, and My right hand has stretched out the heavens — *when* I call unto them, they stand up together. ¹⁴*Let* all of you gather yourselves and hear; who among them has declared these *things*? The LORD has loved him; He will do His pleasure on Babylon, and His arm shall be on the Chāl-dē'-āns. ¹⁵I, *even* I, have spoken; yea, I have called him; and you shall bless his way.

¹⁶Come near unto me, hear this; I have not spoken in secret from the beginning; from the time that it was, there I am; and now the Lord GOD, and His Spirit, has sent me. ¹⁷Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, I am the LORD your God who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way *that* you should go. ¹⁸O that you had listened to My commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea; ¹⁹your seed also would have been like the sand, and the offspring of your bowels like the gravel of it; his name would not have been cut off nor destroyed from before Me.

²⁰Go forth out of Babylon, flee from the Chāl-dē'-āns; say it with a voice of singing, tell this, let this be heard to the end of the earth; say, The LORD has redeemed His servant Jacob. ²¹And they did not thirst *when* He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; He cut open the rock also, and the waters gushed out. ²²*There is* no peace, says the LORD, unto the wicked.

CHAPTER 49

¹Listen, O isles, to Me; and listen, you people from afar; the LORD has called Me from the womb; He has made mention of My name from the bowels of My mother. ²And He has made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of His hand He has hidden me, and made Me a polished shaft. He has hidden Me in His quiver, ³and said unto Me, Thou art My servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. ⁴Then I said, I have labored in vain; I have spent My strength for nothing, and in vain; *yet* surely My judgment is with the LORD, and My work is with My God.

⁵And now, says the LORD who formed Me from the womb to be His servant, to bring Jacob again to Him, Though Israel is not gathered, yet I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and My God shall be My strength. ⁶And He said, It is but a little thing that you should be My servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to bring back the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give Thee for a light to the Gentiles, that Thou mayest be My salvation unto the end of the earth. ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel *and* his Holy One, to Him whom man despises, to Him whom the nation hates, to a servant of rulers — Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the LORD who is faithful, *and* the Holy One of Israel, and He shall choose Thee. ⁸Thus says the LORD, in an accepted time I have listened to Thee, and in a day of salvation I have helped Thee; and I will preserve Thee, and give Thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause *them* to inherit the wasted inheritances; ⁹that Thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth! To those who are in darkness, Show yourselves! They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places. ¹⁰They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun strike them; for He who has mercy on them shall lead them; even by the springs of water He shall guide them. ¹¹And I will make all My mountains a way, and My highways shall be set on high. ¹²Behold, these shall come from far; and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Si'nim.

¹³Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains; for the Lord has comforted His people, and will have mercy upon His afflicted. ¹⁴But Zion said, The LORD has forsaken me, and my LORD has forgotten me. ¹⁵Can a woman forget her suckling child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet I will not forget you. ¹⁶Behold, I have carved you upon the palms of My hands; your walls are forever before Me. ¹⁷Your children shall make haste; your destroyers and those who made you waste shall go out of you.

¹⁸Lift up your eyes round about, and behold; all these gather themselves together *and* come unto you. As I live, says the LORD, you shall surely clothe yourself with them all, as with an ornament, and bind them *on yourself* as a bride *does*. ¹⁹For your waste and your deserted places, and your land of ruins, shall even now be too narrow for you who dwell there, and they who swallowed you up shall be far away. ²⁰The children which you shall have, after you have lost the other, shall say again in your ears, The place is too narrow for me; give place to me so that I may dwell. ²¹Then you shall say in your heart, Who has borne me these, since I have lost my children, and was unfruitful — a captive, and one put away? And who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where were they? ²²Thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up My hand unto the Gentiles, and have set up My banner to the peo-

ple; and they shall bring your sons in *their* arms, and your daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders. ²³And kings shall be your nursing fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers — they shall bow down to you with *their* face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet — and you shall know that I am the LORD; for they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me.

²⁴Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or the lawful captive delivered? ²⁵But thus says the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the fearful ones shall be delivered — for I will contend with him who contends with you, and I will save your children. ²⁶And I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh; and they shall be drunk with their own blood, as with sweet wine; and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am your Saviour and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

CHAPTER 50

¹Thus says the LORD, Where is your mother's bill of divorce, whom I have put away? Or to which of My creditors have I sold you? Behold, you have sold yourself for your iniquities, and your mother is put away for your sins. ²Why have I come and there is no one here? When I called, *why was there* no one to answer? Is My hand shortened at all so that it cannot redeem? Or have I no power to deliver? Behold, at My rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness; their fish stink, because *there is* no water, and die for thirst. ³I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering. ⁴The Lord GOD has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to *him who is* weary; He wakens morning by morning, He wakens my ear to hear as the learned. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened My ear, and I was not rebellious, neither turned away. ⁶I gave My back to the strikers, and My cheeks to those who plucked off the hair; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.

⁷For the Lord GOD will help Me; therefore I have not been ashamed; Therefore I have set My face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be ashamed. ⁸*He is* near who justifies Me; who will contend with Me? Let us stand together; who is My foe? Let him come near Me. ⁹Behold, the Lord God will help Me; who is he *who* shall condemn Me? Lo, they all shall become old like a garment; the moth shall eat them up.

¹⁰Who is among you who fears the LORD, who obeys the voice of His servant, who walks *in* darkness and has no light? Let him trust in the name of the LORD and rest upon his God. ¹¹Behold, all you who kindle a fire, who circle *yourselves* about with sparks; walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks *which* you have kindled. This you shall have of My hand; you shall lie down in sorrow.

¹Listen to me, you who follow after righteousness; you who seek the LORD; look to the rock *from where* you were cut, and to the hole of the pit *from where* you were dug. ²Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah *who* bore you; for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. ³For the LORD shall comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found in it, thanksgiving and the voice of melody.

⁴Listen to Me, My people; and give ear unto Me, O My nation; for a law shall go forth from Me, and I will make My judgment to rest for a light of the people. ⁵My righteousness is near; My salvation has gone forth, and My arms shall judge the people; the isles shall wait upon Me, and on My arm they shall trust. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall become old like a garment — and those who dwell in it shall die in the same way — but My salvation shall be forever, and My righteousness shall not be broken.

⁷Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is My law; do not fear the reproach of men, neither be afraid of their revilings. ⁸For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but My righteousness shall be forever, and My salvation from generation to generation. ⁹Awake! awake! put on strength, O arm of the LORD. Awake! as in the days of old, in the generations of old. Was it not Thou who didst cut Rahab into pieces *and* wounded the crocodile? ¹⁰Was it not Thou who didst dry up the sea, the waters of the great deep; who made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over? ¹¹Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return and come with singing into Zion; and everlasting joy *shall be* upon their head. They shall get gladness and joy; *and* sorrow and mourning shall flee away. ¹²I, *even* I, am He who comforts you. Who are you, that you should be afraid of a man *that* shall die, and of the son of man *who* shall be made *as* grass? ¹³And you forget the LORD your Maker, who has stretched forth the heavens and laid the foundations of the earth. And you have feared without ceasing every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy. And where is the fury of the oppressor? ¹⁴The captive hurries so that he may be made free, and that he should not die in the pit, nor that his bread should fail. ¹⁵But I am the LORD your God, who divided the sea, and its waves roared; the LORD of hosts is His name. ¹⁶And I have put My words in your mouth, and I have covered you in the shadow of My hand, that I may plant the heavens and lay the foundations of the earth, and say to Zion, You are My people.

¹⁷Awake! awake! stand up, O Jerusalem, which has drunk the cup of His fury from the hand of the LORD; you have drunk the cup of trembling to the dregs, *and* wrung *them* out. ¹⁸*There is* none to guide her among all the sons *whom* she has brought forth; neither *is there any* who takes her by the hand of all the sons that she has brought up. ¹⁹These two *things* have come unto you — who shall be sorry for you? — desolation, and ruin, and the famine, and the sword. By whom shall I comfort you? ²⁰Your sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, like a wild bull in a net; they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of your God.

²¹Now therefore hear this, you afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine. ²²Thus says your Lord, the LORD, and your God *who* pleads the cause of His people, Behold, I have taken out of your hand the cup of trembling, *even* the dregs of the cup of My fury; you shall never drink it again. ²³But I will put it into the hand of those who afflict you; who have said to your soul, Bow down so that we may go over; and you have made your body as the ground, and as the street, to those who passed over.

CHAPTER 52

¹Awake! awake! Put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful robes, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for from now on there shall no more come into you the uncircumcised and the unclean. ²Shake yourself from the dust; arise and sit down, O Jerusalem; Free yourself from the bands of your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. ³For thus says the LORD, You have sold yourselves for nothing; and you shall be redeemed without money. ⁴For thus says the Lord GOD, My people went down before into Egypt to stay there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause. ⁵Now therefore, what have I here, says the LORD, that My people is taken away for nothing? Those who rule over them make them howl, says the LORD; and without ceasing My name is blasphemed every day. ⁶Therefore My people shall know My name; therefore *they shall know* in that day that I am He who speaks; behold, *it is I*.

⁷How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good tidings, who cries peace; who brings good tidings of good, who cries salvation; who says to Zion, Your God reigns! ⁸Your watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together they shall sing; for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

⁹Break forth into joy, sing together, you waste places of Jerusalem; for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. ¹⁰The LORD has made bare His holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

¹¹Depart, depart, go out from there! Touch no unclean *thing*! Go out of the midst of her; be clean, you who bear the vessels of the LORD. ¹²For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight; for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel will be your rear *guard*.

¹³Behold, My Servant shall rule well; He shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high. ¹⁴Just as many were astonished at Thee (His visage was marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men), ¹⁵so shall He sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at Him; for *that* which has not been told them they shall see; and *that* which they had not heard they shall understand.

CHAPTER 53

¹Who has believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? ²For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground; He has no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire Him. ³He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as it were we hid our faces from Him; He is despised, and we esteemed Him not.

⁴Surely He has borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵But He was wounded for our transgressions; *He was* bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, each one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ⁷He was oppressed, and He was afflicted; yet He opened not His mouth. He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter; and as a sheep before its shearers is dumb, so He opened not His mouth. ⁸He was taken from prison and from judgment; and who shall declare His generation? For He was cut off out of the land of the living; for the transgression of My people He was stricken. ⁹And He made His grave with the wicked, and with the rich in His death; because He had done no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth.

¹⁰Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put *Him* to grief; when Thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand. ¹¹He shall see the fruit of the travail of His soul, *and* shall be fully satisfied — by His knowledge shall My righteous Servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities. ¹²Therefore I will divide Him *a portion* with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong; because He has poured out His soul unto death; and He was counted among the transgressors; and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

CHAPTER 54

¹Rejoice, O unfruitful one that did not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, you who did not labor in pain with child; for more are the children of the deserted than the children of the married wife, says the LORD. ²Make the place of your tent larger, and let them stretch forth the curtains of your dwellings. Do not hold back, lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes; ³for you shall break forth on the right hand and on the left; and your seed shall inherit the Gentiles, and make the wasted cities to be filled with people. ⁴Do not fear; for you shall not be ashamed, nor shall you blush; for you shall not be put to shame; for you shall forget the shame of your youth, and shall not remember the reproach of your widowhood any more. ⁵For your Maker is your husband; the LORD of hosts is His name; and, your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; the God of the whole earth shall He be called. ⁶For the LORD has called you as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when you were turned away, says your God. ⁷For a small moment I have left you; but with great mercies I will gather you. ⁸In a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; but with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you, says the LORD your Redeemer. ⁹For this is *as* the waters of Noah unto Me; for *as* I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I would not be angry with you, nor rebuke you. ¹⁰For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but My kindness shall not depart from you, neither shall the covenant of My peace be removed, says the LORD who has mercy upon you.

¹¹O you afflicted, storm-tossed *and* not comforted, behold, I will lay your stones with beautiful colors, and lay your foundations with sãp'phires. ¹²And I will make your windows of agates, and your gates of cãr-bün'cles, and all your borders of pleasant stones. ¹³And all your children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of your children. ¹⁴In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from cruelty; for you shall not fear — and from terror, for it shall not come near you. ¹⁵Behold, they shall surely gather together, *but* not by Me; whoever shall gather together against you shall fall for your sake. ¹⁶Behold, I have created the smith who blows the coals in the fire, and who brings forth a tool for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy. ¹⁷No weapon that is formed against you shall be blessed; and every tongue *that* shall rise against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This is the inheritance of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me, says the LORD.

CHAPTER 55

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters, and he who has no money — come, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend money for *that which* is not bread? and your labor for *that which* never satisfies? Listen carefully to Me, and eat *that which* is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. ³Bow down your ear, and come unto Me; and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, *even* the sure mercies of David. ⁴Behold, I have given Him *for* a witness to the people, a Prince and Commander to the people. ⁵Behold, Thou shalt call a nation *that* Thou dost not know; a nation *that* did not know Thee shall run to Thee because of the LORD Thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified Thee.

⁶Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. ⁷Let the wicked forsake His way, and the unrighteous man His thoughts; and let him return unto the LORD, and He will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. ⁸For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the LORD. ⁹For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. ¹⁰For *as* the rain comes down, and the snow from the skies, and does not return there, but waters the earth, and makes it bring forth and bud, so that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater; ¹¹so shall My word be, which goes forth out of My mouth — it shall not return unto Me empty, but it shall do that which I please, and it shall certainly do what I sent it to do. ¹²For you shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace; the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap *their* hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn, the fir tree shall come up; and instead of the brier, the myrtle tree shall come up; and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign *which* shall not be cut off.

CHAPTER 56

¹Thus says the LORD, Keep judgment and do justice; for My salvation is near to come, and My righteousness to be revealed. ²Blessed is the man *who* does this, and the son of man *who* lays hold on it; keeping the sabbath so that he does not defile it, and keeping his hand from doing any evil.

³Neither let the son of the stranger, who has joined himself to the LORD, speak, saying, the LORD has utterly separated me from His people — nor let the eü'-nūch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. ⁴For thus

says the LORD unto the eū'-nūchs who keep My sabbath, and choose *the things* that please Me, and take hold of My covenant; ⁵even to them will I give within My house and within My walls a place and a name better than of sons and of daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off. ⁶Also the sons of the stranger, who join themselves to the LORD to serve Him, and to love the name of the LORD, to be His servants, everyone who keeps from defiling the sabbath, and takes hold of My covenant; ⁷even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer — their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all people. ⁸The Lord GOD who gathers the outcasts of Israel says, Yet I will gather *others* to him, besides those who are gathered to him.

⁹All you beasts of the field, come to devour, *yea*, all you beasts in the forest. ¹⁰His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant; they are all dumb dogs who cannot bark, sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. ¹¹Yea, *they are greedy dogs which* can never have enough; and they are shepherds *who* cannot understand. They all look to their own way, every one for his gain, to his own end. ¹²*They say*, come, and I will bring wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and tomorrow shall be like today, *and* much more abundant.

CHAPTER 57

¹The righteous one perishes, and no man lays it to heart, and godly men are taken away; no one cares that the righteous is taken away from the evil *to come*. ²He shall enter into peace; they shall rest in their beds, *each one* walking in his uprightness.

³But draw near here, you sons of the sorceress, the seed of an adulterer and a harlot. ⁴Of whom are you making sport? Against whom do you make a wide mouth *and* draw out the tongue? Are you not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, ⁵setting yourselves afire with idols under every green tree, killing the little children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks? ⁶Among the smooth *stones* of the stream is your portion; they, *even they*, are your lot; even to them you have poured a drink offering, you have offered a meal offering. Should I receive comfort in these? ⁷Upon a lofty and high mountain you have set your bed; even there you went up to offer sacrifice. ⁸Also behind the doors and the posts you have set up your image; for you have uncovered *yourself to another* besides Me, and have gone up. You have widened your bed and made *a covenant* with them; you loved their bed where you saw it. ⁹And you went to the king with ointment, and increased your perfumes, and sent your messengers far off, and lowered *yourself even* to hell. ¹⁰You are wearied in the length of your way; *yet* you did not say, There is no hope; you found life in your hand; therefore you were not

weak. ¹¹And of whom have you been afraid or feared, that you have lied and have not remembered me, nor laid *it* to your heart? Have I not held My peace, even of old, and you did not fear Me? ¹²I will declare your righteousness, and your works; for they shall not do you any good.

¹³When you cry, let your companies deliver you; but the wind shall carry them all away. Vanity shall take *them*; but he who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain. ¹⁴And *He* shall say, Raise up! Raise up! Prepare the way; take up the stumbling-block out of the way of *My* people. ¹⁵For thus says the high and lofty One who dwells in eternity; whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy *place*, even with him who is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones. ¹⁶For I will not contend forever, neither will I be always angry; for the spirit should fail before Me, and the souls which I have made. ¹⁷For the iniquity of his unjust gain I was angry and struck him; I hid Myself, and was angry, and he went on turning away in the way of his heart. ¹⁸I have seen his ways, and will heal him. I will also lead him, and give comforts back to him and to his mourners. ¹⁹I create the fruit of the lips, Peace, peace, to him who is far off, and to him who is near, says the LORD; and I will heal him. ²⁰But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. ²¹*There is no peace, says my God, to the wicked.*

CHAPTER 58

¹Cry aloud, do not hold back, lift up your voice like a trumpet, and show My people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins. ²Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and *one who* did not forget the ordinance of their God; they ask of Me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in drawing near to God.

³*They say*, Why have we fasted and Thou dost not see? *Why* have we afflicted our soul, and Thou dost take no knowledge? Behold, in the day of your fast you find pleasure and crush all who owe you labors. ⁴Behold, you fast for strife and debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness; you shall not fast as *you do* today, to make your voice to be heard on high. ⁵Is it such a fast that I have chosen? A day for a man to afflict his soul? Is it to bow down his head like a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes *under him*? Will you call this a fast and a day pleasing to the LORD? ⁶Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed ones go free, and that you break every yoke? ⁷*Is it* not to break your bread to the hungry, and that you should bring home the poor that are cast out? when you see the naked, that you should cover him; and that you do not hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸Then shall your light break forth as the morning, and your health shall spring forth quickly; and your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. ⁹Then you shall call, and the LORD shall answer; you shall cry, and He shall say, Here I am. If you take away from the midst of you the yoke, the putting forth of the finger, and speaking vanity — ¹⁰and *if* you draw out your soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul — then shall your light rise in darkness, and your darkness shall be as the noonday. ¹¹And the LORD shall always guide you and satisfy your soul in dry places, and make your bones fat; and you shall be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water whose waters fail not. ¹²And those who come of you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called, The repairer of the breach, The restorer of paths to dwell in.

¹³If from the Sabbath you turn your foot away *from* doing your pleasure on My holy days; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honorable; and shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, nor finding your own pleasure, nor speaking *your own* words; ¹⁴then you shall delight yourself in the LORD; and I will cause you to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed yourself with the inheritance of Jacob your father — for the mouth of the LORD has spoken *it*.

CHAPTER 59

¹Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened so that it cannot save; neither is His ear heavy so that it cannot hear. ²But your iniquities have come between you and your God, and your sins have hidden *His* face from you, so that He will not hear. ³For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perverseness. ⁴None calls for justice, nor does *anyone* plead for truth; they trust in vanity and speak lies; they conceive mischief and bring forth iniquity. ⁵They hatch adders' eggs and weave the spider's web; he who eats their eggs dies, and that which is crushed breaks out into a viper. ⁶Their webs shall not become clothing, neither shall they cover themselves with their works — their works are works of iniquity, and the act of violence is in their hands. ⁷Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood; their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and ruin are in their paths. ⁸They do not know the way of peace, and *there is* no judgment in their paths. They have made crooked paths for themselves; whoever goes in them shall not know peace.

⁹Therefore judgment is far from us; neither does justice overtake us. We wait for light, but behold, dimness; for brightness, *but* we walk in darkness. ¹⁰We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if *we had* no eyes. We stumble at noonday as in the night; *we are* in

deserted places like dead *men*. ¹¹We all roar like bears, and mourn grievously like doves; we look for judgment, but *there is* none; for salvation, *but* it is far off from us. ¹²For our transgressions are multiplied before Thee, and our sins testify against us. For our transgressions are with us; and *as for* our iniquities, we know them — ¹³in transgressing and lying against the LORD, and going away from our God, talking cruelty and revolt, conceiving and speaking from the heart words of falsehood. ¹⁴And judgment has turned away backward, and justice stands afar off; for truth has fallen in the street, and right cannot enter. ¹⁵Yea, truth fails; and he *who* departs from evil makes himself a prey. And the LORD saw, and it displeased Him that *there was* no judgment.

¹⁶And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was none to stand between. Therefore His own arm brought salvation unto Him; and His righteousness upheld Him. ¹⁷For He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon His head. And He put on the garments of vengeance *for* clothing, and was covered with zeal like a cloak. ¹⁸According to *their* deeds, accordingly He will repay, fury to His foes, deed for deed to His enemies. He will repay *their* deeds to the islands. ¹⁹So they shall fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a banner against him.

²⁰And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto those who turn from transgression in Jacob, says the LORD. ²¹As for Me, this is My covenant with them, says the LORD; My spirit that is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart out of your mouth, nor out of the mouth of your seed, nor out of the mouth of your seed's seed, says the LORD, from now on and forever.

CHAPTER 60

¹Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the LORD shall rise upon you, and His glory shall be seen upon you. ³And the Gentiles shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawning. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see. All of them gather themselves together; they come to you. Your sons shall come from far, and your daughters shall be nursed at *your* side. ⁵Then you shall see and become bright, and your heart shall throb and swell for joy; because the multitude of the sea shall turn to you, the forces of the Gentiles will come to you. ⁶The multitude of camels shall cover you, the camels of Míd'-î-ân and Ê'-phāh. All of them from Shē'-bā shall come; they shall bring gold and incense; and they shall show forth the praises of the LORD. ⁷All the flocks of Kē'-dār shall be gathered together unto you; the rams of Nē-baī'-ōth shall minister

to you. They shall come up on My altar pleasing Me, and I will glorify the house of My glory.

⁸Who are these who fly like a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? ⁹Surely the isles shall wait for Me, and the ships of Tār-shīsh first, to bring your sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD your God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because He has glorified you.

¹⁰And the sons of strangers shall build up your walls, and their kings shall minister unto you; for in My wrath I struck you, but in My favor I have had mercy upon you. ¹¹Therefore your gates shall always be open; they shall not be shut day nor night, so that *men* may bring unto you the forces of the Gentiles, and *so that* their kings may be brought. ¹²For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you shall perish. Yes, *those* nations shall be completely wasted. ¹³The glory of Lebanon shall come to you, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box tree together, to beautify the place of My sanctuary; and I will make the place of My feet glorious. ¹⁴Also the sons of those who afflicted you shall come bowing down to you; and all those who despised you shall bow themselves down at the soles of your feet. And they shall call you, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. ¹⁵Instead of being forsaken and hated, so that no man passes through *you*, I will make you an everlasting majesty, a joy of many generations. ¹⁶You shall also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shall suck the breast of kings; and you shall know that I the LORD am your Saviour and your Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob. ¹⁷For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver; and for wood *I will bring* brass, and for stones *I will bring* iron. I will also make your overseers to be peace, and your rulers to be righteousness. ¹⁸Violence shall no more be heard in your land, wasting nor ruin within your borders; but you shall call your walls Salvation, and your gates Praise. ¹⁹The sun shall no more be your light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light to you; but the LORD shall be unto you an everlasting light, and your God your glory. ²⁰Your sun shall no more go down, neither shall your moon withdraw itself; for the LORD shall be your everlasting light, and the days of your mourning shall be ended. ²¹Your people also shall all be righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, so that I may be glorified. ²²A little one shall become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation — I the LORD will hasten it in its time.

CHAPTER 61

¹The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me; because the LORD has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to announce deliverance to the captives, and the

opening of the prison to *those who are* bound; ²to preach the acceptable year of the LORD and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to appoint unto those who mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the role of praise for the spirit of heaviness; so that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that He might be glorified.

⁴And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the ruins of former times. And they shall repair the waste cities, the ruins of many generations. ⁵And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the stranger shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. ⁶But you shall be named the priests of the LORD; *men* shall call you the ministers of our God; you shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory you shall boast yourselves.

⁷For your shame *you shall have* double; and *for* disgrace they shall rejoice in their portion; therefore in their own land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be unto them. ⁸For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed *which* the LORD has blessed. ¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the robes of salvation, He has covered me with the robe of righteousness like a bridegroom adorns *himself* with ornaments, and like a bride adorns *herself* with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its bud, and as the garden causes the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

CHAPTER 62

¹For Zion's sake I will not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness of it go forth as brightness, and the salvation of it as a lamp *that* burns. ²And the Gentiles shall see your righteousness, and all kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. ³You also shall be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴You shall no more be called Forsaken; neither shall your land any more be called Desolate; but you shall be called Hēph'-zī-bāh, and your land Beū'-lāh; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a virgin, *so* shall your sons marry you; and *as* the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, *so* shall your God rejoice over you. ⁶I have set watchmen upon your walls, O Jerusalem, *who* shall never hold their peace day nor night; you who make mention of

the LORD, do not keep silence. ⁷And give Him no rest until He establishes, and until He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. ⁸The LORD has sworn by His right hand, and by the arm of His strength, Surely I will no more give your grain to be food for your enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink your wine for which you have labored. ⁹But those who have gathered it shall eat it and praise the LORD; and they who have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of My holiness.

¹⁰Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way of the people; raise up, raise up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a banner for the people. ¹¹Behold, the LORD has sent a message to the end of the world, Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your salvation comes. Behold, His reward is with Him, and His work before Him. ¹²And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called, Sought out, a city not forsaken.

CHAPTER 63

¹Who is this who comes from Ē'-döm, with dyed garments from Böz'-räh? This *one who is* glorious in His clothing, travelling in the greatness of His strength? I who speak in righteousness, ready to save. ²Why *art Thou* red in Thy clothing, and Thy garments like him who treads in the winepress? ³I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people *there was* none with Me; for I will tread them in My anger and trample them in My fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon My garments, and I will stain all My clothing. ⁴For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come. ⁵And I looked, and *there was* none to help; and I wondered that *there was* none to uphold; therefore My own arm brought salvation unto Me; and My fury, it upheld Me. ⁶And I will tread down the people in My anger, and make them drunk in My fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.

⁷I will mention the loving-kindnesses of the LORD, *and* the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has done for us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel which He has given to them according to His mercies, and according to the multitude of His loving-kindnesses. ⁸For He said, Surely they are My people, children *that* will not lie; so He was their Saviour. ⁹In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of His presence saved them; in His love and in His pity He redeemed them; and He bore them, and carried them all the days of old.

¹⁰But they rebelled, and troubled His Holy Spirit; therefore He was turned to be their enemy, *and* He fought against them. ¹¹Then He remembered the days of old, Moses *and* His people, *saying*, Where is He who brought them up out of the sea with the shepherd of His flock? Where is He who put His Holy Spirit within him? ¹²Who led *them* by

the right hand of Moses with His glorious arm, dividing the water before them, to make Himself an everlasting name? ¹³Who led them through the deep, like a horse in the wilderness, so *that* they would not stumble? ¹⁴As a beast goes down into the valley, the Spirit of the LORD caused him to rest; so didst Thou lead Thy people, to make Thyself a glorious name.

¹⁵Look down from Heaven, and look down from the place of Thy holiness and of Thy glory; where is Thy zeal and Thy strength, the multitude of Thy tender affections and of Thy mercies toward me? Are they withheld? ¹⁶Doubtless Thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel does not know us. Thou, O LORD, art our father, our Redeemer; Thy name is from everlasting.

¹⁷O LORD, why hast Thou made us to wander from Thy ways, *and* hardened our heart from Thy fear? For Thy servants' sake, return the tribes of Thy inheritance. ¹⁸The people of Thy holiness have possessed *it* but a little while; our enemies have trampled Thy sanctuary. ¹⁹We are *Thine*; never didst Thou bear rule over them; they were not called by Thy name.

CHAPTER 64

¹Oh that Thou wouldest tear the heavens, that Thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at Thy presence, ²(as the melting fire burns, the fire causes the waters to boil), to make Thy name known to Thy foes, *that* the nations may tremble at Thy presence!

³When Thou didst terrible things *which* we did not look for, Thou didst come down, the mountains flowed down at Thy presence. ⁴For since the beginning of the world *men* have not heard, nor understood by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, besides Thee, *what* He has prepared for him who waits for Him. ⁵Thou didst meet him who rejoices and works righteousness, *those who* remember Thee in Thy ways. Behold, Thou hast been angry, for we have sinned. In them is an age *to come*, and we shall be saved. ⁶But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags. And we all fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. ⁷And *there is* none who calls upon Thy name, who stirs up himself to take hold of Thee. For Thou hast hidden Thy face from us, and hast melted us away because of our iniquities. ⁸But now, O LORD, Thou art our Father; we are the clay, and Thou art our potter; and we all are the work of Thy hand.

⁹Do not be grievously angry, O LORD, neither remember iniquity forever; behold, see, we pray Thee, we are all Thy people. ¹⁰Thy holy cities are a wilderness; Zion is a wilderness, Jerusalem is a ruin. ¹¹Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised Thee, is burned up with fire; and all our pleasant things are laid waste. ¹²Wilt Thou

hold Thyself back for these *things*, O LORD? Wilt Thou hold Thy peace and afflict us very grievously?

CHAPTER 65

¹I am sought by *those who* asked not for Me; I am found by *those who* sought Me not; I said, Behold Me, behold Me, to a nation *that* was not called by My name. ²I have spread out My hands all the day unto a rebellious people who walk in a way *that was* not good, after their own thoughts; ³a people who without ceasing provoke Me to anger to My face; who sacrifice in gardens, and burn incense upon altars of brick. ⁴A people who remain among the graves, and sleep in the tombs, who eat swine's flesh, and broth from hateful *things is in* their vessels; ⁵who say, Stand by yourself, do not come near me; for I am holier than you. These are a smoke in My nose, a fire that burns all the day. ⁶Behold, *it is* written before Me; I will not keep silence, but will repay, even repay into their bosom ⁷both your iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers, says the LORD, who have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed Me upon the hills; therefore I will measure their former work into their bosom.

⁸Thus says the LORD, As the new wine is found in the cluster, and *one* says, Do not destroy it, for a blessing is in it; so I will do to My servants, that I may not destroy them all. ⁹And I will bring forth a seed out of Jacob, and out of Judah one who inherits My mountains; and My elect shall inherit it, and My servants shall dwell there. ¹⁰And Sharon shall be a fold of flocks, and the valley of Ā'-chôr a place for the herds to lie down in, for My people who have sought me.

¹¹But you are those who forsake the LORD, who forget My holy mountain, who prepare a table for Fortune, and who furnish the drink offering unto Fate. ¹²Therefore I will number you to the sword, and you shall all bow down to the slaughter; because when I called, you did not answer; when I spoke, you did not hear; and did evil before My eyes, and chose *that* in which I did not delight. ¹³Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, Behold, My servants shall eat, but you shall be hungry. Behold, My servants shall drink, but you shall be thirsty. Behold, My servants shall rejoice, but you shall be ashamed. ¹⁴Behold, My servants shall sing for joy of heart, but you shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall howl because of a breaking of spirit. ¹⁵And you shall leave your name for a curse unto My chosen; for the Lord GOD shall kill you, and call His servants by another name — ¹⁶that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he who swears in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from My eyes.

¹⁷For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. ¹⁸But be glad and rejoice

forever *in that* which I create; for behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. ¹⁹And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in My people; and the voice of weeping shall no more be heard in her, nor the voice of crying. ²⁰There shall be no more infants there, nor an old man that has not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old; but the sinner who is a hundred years old shall be despised. ²¹And they shall build houses and live in *them*; and they shall plant vineyards and eat the fruit of them. ²²They shall not build, and another live in *them*; they shall not plant, and another eat; for like the days of a tree are the days of My people, and My elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. ²³They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them. ²⁴And before they call I will answer; and while they are still speaking I will hear. ²⁵The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bull; and dust shall be the food of the snake. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, says the LORD.

CHAPTER 66

¹Thus says the LORD, Heaven is My throne, and the earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you build for Me? And where is the place of My rest? ²For all those *things* My hand has made, and all those *things* have been, says the LORD. But to this man I will look, *even* unto *him who is* poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembles at My word. ³He who kills an ox is *as if* he killed a man; he who sacrifices a lamb, *as if* he cut off a dog's neck; he who offers an offering, *as if he offered* swine's blood; he who burns incense, *as if* he blessed an idol. Yea, they have chosen their own ways, and their soul delights in their abominations. ⁴I also will choose the things that delude them, and I will bring their fears upon them — because when I called, none answered; when I spoke, they did not hear; but they did evil before My eyes and chose *that* in which I did not delight.

⁵Hear the word of the LORD, you who tremble at His word; your brothers who hated you, who cast you out for My name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified. But He shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. ⁶A sound of noise from the city, a sound from the temple, a sound of the LORD repaying His enemies. ⁷Before she labored in pain, she brought forth; before her pain came, she has delivered a man child. ⁸Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? *Or* shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion labored, she brought forth her children. ⁹Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? says the LORD; shall I cause to bring forth, and shut *the womb*? says your God. ¹⁰Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all you who love her.

Rejoice for joy with her, all you who mourn for her; ¹¹that you may suck and be satisfied with her comforting breasts; that you may milk out and be delighted with the fullness of her glory.

¹²For thus says the LORD, Behold, I will hold out peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream. Then you shall suck, you shall be carried upon *her* sides and be dandled upon *her* knees. ¹³As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; and you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And when you see *this*, your heart shall rejoice and your bones shall flourish like an herb; and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward His servants, and *His* fury toward His enemies. ¹⁵For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with His chariots like a whirlwind, to refresh His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. ¹⁶For by fire and by His sword the LORD will enter into judgment with all flesh; and the slain of the LORD shall be many.

¹⁷Those who sanctify themselves, and purify themselves to go into the gardens, behind one *tree* in the middle, eating swine's flesh, and the hateful thing, and the mouse, shall be cut off together, says the LORD. ¹⁸For I (for their works and their thoughts it shall come) I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and see My glory. ¹⁹And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those who escape from them to the nations, *to* Tār'-shish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow — *to* Tū'-bāl, and Jā'-vān, *unto* the isles afar off, that have not heard My fame, neither have seen My glory — and they shall declare My glory among the Gentiles. ²⁰And they shall bring all your brothers *for* an offering to the LORD out of all nations upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to My holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. ²¹And I will also take *some* of them for priests *and* for Levites, says the LORD. ²²For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, says the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain. ²³And from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, all flesh shall come to worship before Me, says the LORD. ²⁴And they shall go forth, and look upon the dead bodies of the men who have sinned against Me; for their worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be put out; and they shall be an object of disgust to all flesh.

The Book of JEREMIAH

CHAPTER 1

¹The words of Jēr-ě-mī'-āh the son of Hīl-kī'-āh, of the priests who were in Ān'-ā-thōth in the land of Benjamin, ²to whom the word of the LORD came in the days of Jō-sī'-āh the son of Amon king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign. ³It also came in the days of Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm the son of Jō-sī'-āh king of Judah, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the son of Jō-sī'-āh king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month. ⁴Then the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ⁵Before I formed you in the belly I knew you; and before you came forth out of the womb I sanctified you, *and* I ordained you a prophet unto the nations. ⁶Then I said, Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I cannot speak; for I am a child. ⁷But the LORD said to me, Do not say, I am a child; for you shall go to all that I shall send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. ⁸Do not be afraid of their faces; for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD. ⁹Then the LORD put forth His hand, and touched my mouth. And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. ¹⁰See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant.

¹¹Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, I see a rod of an almond tree. ¹²Then the LORD said to me, You have seen well; for I will hasten My word to perform it. ¹³And the word of the LORD came to me the second time, saying, What do you see? And I said, I see a boiling pot; and the face of it is toward the north. ¹⁴Then the LORD said to me, Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the people of the land. ¹⁵For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, says the LORD. And they shall come, and they shall each one set his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls of it round about, and against all the cities of Judah. ¹⁶And I will pronounce My judgments against them regarding all their wickedness, *those* who have forsaken me, and have burned incense to other gods, and have worshipped the works of their own hands.

¹⁷Therefore you must gird up your loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command you. Do not be dismayed at their faces, lest I make you afraid before them. ¹⁸For, behold, I have made you a defenced city this day, and an iron pillar, and brass walls against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes of it, against the priests of it, and against the people of the land. ¹⁹And they shall fight against you; but they shall not overcome you. For I am with you, says the LORD, to deliver you.

CHAPTER 2

¹Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ²Go and cry in the ears of Jerusalem, saying, Thus says the LORD, I remember you, the kindness of your youth, the love of your engagements, when you went after Me in the wilderness, in a land *that was* not sown. ³Israel was holiness unto the LORD, *and* the first-fruits of His increase. All that devour him shall offend; evil shall come upon them, says the LORD. ⁴Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.

⁵Thus says the LORD, What iniquity have your fathers found in Me, that they have gone far from Me and have walked after vanity, and have become vain? ⁶Neither did they say, Where is the LORD who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of pits, through a land of dry places, and of the shadow of death, through a land that no man passed through, and where no man lived? ⁷And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit of it and the goodness of it; but when you entered, you defiled My land and made My inheritance an abomination. ⁸The priests did not say, Where is the LORD? And they who handle the law did not know Me; the pastors also sinned against Me, and the prophets prophesied by Bā'-āl, and walked after things that do *them* no good.

⁹Therefore I will enter into judgment with you, says the LORD, and with your children's children I will enter into judgment. ¹⁰For pass over the isles of Chit'-tīm, and see; and send unto Kē'-dār, and carefully consider, and see if there is such a thing. ¹¹Has a nation changed *their* gods who are yet no gods? But My people have changed their Glory for *that which* does not profit. ¹²Be amazed, O heavens, at this, and be horribly afraid; be utterly dried up, says the LORD. ¹³For My people have committed two evils; they have forsaken Me, the Fountain of living waters, *and* have dug out cisterns for themselves — broken cisterns that can hold no water.

¹⁴Is Israel a servant? Is he a homeborn slave? Why has he become a spoil? ¹⁵The young lions roared upon him, and gave forth their voice. And they made his land waste; his cities are burned without people. ¹⁶Also the children of Nōph and Tā-hāp'-ā-nēs have broken the crown of your head. ¹⁷Have you not brought this upon yourself, in that you have forsaken the LORD your God, when He led you by the way? ¹⁸And now what have you to do in the way of Egypt, to drink the waters of Sī'-hōr? Or what have you to do in the way of Assyria, to drink the waters of the river? ¹⁹Your own wickedness shall correct you, and your backslidings shall reprove you, therefore know and see that *it is* an evil and bitter *thing* that you have forsaken the LORD your God, and that My fear is not in you, says the Lord GOD of hosts.

²⁰For long ago I have broken your yoke *and* have taken away your bands; and you said, I will not transgress — when upon every high hill and under every green tree you wander, playing the harlot. ²¹Yet I had planted you a noble vine, wholly a true seed. How then have you turned into the wild plant of a strange vine unto Me? ²²For though you wash yourself with nitre, and take much soap for yourself, *yet* your iniquity is marked before Me, says the Lord GOD. ²³How can you say, I am not defiled; I have not gone after Bā'—ā-līm? See your way in the valley, know what you have done; *you are* a swift camel crossing its ways; ²⁴a wild ass used to the wilderness, *who* snuffs up the wind at her pleasure; in her meeting, who can turn her away? All those who seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her. ²⁵Withhold your foot from being bare, and your throat from thirst; but you said, There is no hope; no; for I have loved strangers, and after them I will go. ²⁶As the thief is ashamed when he is found, so is the house of Israel ashamed; they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets; ²⁷saying to a stock, You are my father; and to a stone, You have brought me forth. For they have turned *their* back to Me, and not *their* face; but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise and save us! ²⁸But where are your gods that you have made for yourselves? Let them arise, if they can save you in the time of your trouble; for *according to* the number of your cities are your gods, O Judah. ²⁹Why will you plead with Me? You all have sinned against Me, says the LORD. ³⁰In vain I have stricken your children; they received no correction. Your own sword has devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion.

³¹O generation, see the word of the LORD. Have I been a wilderness to Israel? a land of darkness? Why do My people say, We are lords; we will come no more to Thee? ³²Can a maid forget her ornaments, *or* a bride her dress? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number. ³³Why did you trim your way to seek love? Therefore you have also taught the wicked ones your ways. ³⁴Also in your skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents; I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these. ³⁵Yet you say, Because I am innocent, surely His anger shall turn from me. Behold, I will plead with you, because you say, I have not sinned. ³⁶Why do you gad about so much to change your way? You also shall be ashamed of Egypt, as you were ashamed of Assyria. ³⁷Yes, you shall go forth from him, and your hands upon your head; for the LORD has rejected those in whom you trust, and you will not get good by them.

CHAPTER 3

¹They say, If a man puts away his wife, and she goes from him and becomes another man's *wife*, shall he return to her again? Would not that land be greatly defiled? But you have played the harlot with many

lovers; yet return again to Me, says the LORD. ²Lift up your eyes to the high places, and see. Where have you not been lain with? By the highways you have sat for them, like the Ā-rā'-bī-ān in the wilderness; and you have defiled the land with your fôr-nī-cā'-tions and with your wickedness. ³Therefore the showers have been withheld, and there has been no latter rain; and you had a harlot's forehead, you refused to be ashamed. ⁴Will you not from this time cry to Me, My father, Thou art the guide of my youth? ⁵Will He keep *His anger* forever? Will He keep *it* to the end? Behold, you have spoken and done things *as* evil as you could do.

⁶The LORD also said unto me in the days of Jō-sī'-āh the king, Have you seen *that* which backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there has played the harlot. ⁷And I said after she had done all these *things*, Turn to Me! But she did not return. And her deceitful sister Judah saw *it*. ⁸And I watched – when for all the causes for which backsliding Israel committed adultery, I have put her away and have given her a bill of divorce – yet her deceitful sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also. ⁹And through the wantonness of her fôr-nī-cā'-tion, she defiled the land and committed adultery with stones and with stocks. ¹⁰And yet for all this her deceitful sister Judah has not turned to Me with her whole heart, but in falsehood, says the LORD. ¹¹And the LORD said to me, The backsliding Israel has justified herself more than deceitful Judah.

¹²Go and cry these words toward the north, and say, Return, you backsliding Israel, says the LORD; *and* I will not cause My anger to fall upon you; for I am merciful, says the LORD, *and* I will not keep *anger* forever. ¹³Only acknowledge your iniquity, that you have sinned against the LORD your God and have scattered your ways to the strangers under every green tree, and you have not obeyed My voice, says the LORD. ¹⁴Turn, O backsliding children, says the LORD; for I am married to you; and I will take you one from a city, and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. ¹⁵And I will give you pastors according to My heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. ¹⁶And when you have multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, says the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD – neither shall it come to mind – neither shall they remember it – neither shall they visit *it* – neither shall it be made any more. ¹⁷At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem. Neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart. ¹⁸In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers. ¹⁹But I said, How shall I put you among the children, and give you a pleasant

land, a goodly inheritance of the hosts of nations? And I said, You shall call me, My Father, and shall not turn away from Me.

²⁰Surely as a wife deceitfully departs from her husband, so you have dealt deceitfully with me, O house of Israel, says the LORD. ²¹A voice was heard upon the high places, weeping *and* cryings of the children of Israel; for they have made their way crooked, *and* they have forgotten the LORD their God. ²²Return, you backsliding children, *and* I will heal your backslidings. Behold, we come unto Thee; for Thou art the LORD our God. ²³Truly the high hills have proved to be in vain, the noisy throng on the mountains. Truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel. ²⁴For shame has eaten up the labor of our fathers from our youth, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. ²⁵We lie down in our shame, and our blushing covers us; for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God.

CHAPTER 4

¹If you will return, O Israel, says the LORD, return unto Me. And if you will put away your abominations out of your sight, then you shall not be moved. ²And you shall swear, The LORD lives, in truth, in judgment, and in righteousness; and the nations shall bless themselves in Him, and in Him they shall glory. ³For thus says the LORD to Jerusalem, Break up your fallow ground, and do not sow among thorns. ⁴Circumcise yourselves to the LORD, and take away the foreskins of your heart, you men of Judah and people of Jerusalem; lest My fury come forth like fire, and burn so that none can put *it* out — because of the evil of your doings.

⁵Declare in Judah, and let it be heard in Jerusalem; and say, Blow the trumpet in the land; cry, gather together, and say, Gather yourselves and let us go into the fenced cities. ⁶Set up the banner toward Zion; flee for safety and do not wait; for I will bring evil from the north, and a great ruin. ⁷The lion has come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he has gone forth from his place to make your land a waste. Your cities shall be laid waste, without any to live in them. ⁸Cird sackcloth upon yourselves for this, wail and howl; for the fierce anger of the LORD is not turned back from us. ⁹And at that day, says the LORD, the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be amazed, and the prophets shall wonder. ¹⁰Then I said, Ah, Lord GOD! Surely Thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, You shall have peace; but in truth the sword reaches to the soul. ¹¹At that time it shall be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind from the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of My people, not to fan nor to cleanse,

¹²a full wind from those *places* shall come unto Me. Now also I will give judgment against them. ¹³Behold, he shall come up like clouds, and his chariots shall be like a whirlwind. His horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us, for we are plundered! ¹⁴O Jerusalem, wash your heart from wickedness so that you may be saved. How long shall your vain thoughts stay within you? ¹⁵For a voice declares from Dan, and makes known affliction from Mount Ephraim. ¹⁶Make mention to the nations; behold, sound out against Jerusalem *that* watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah. ¹⁷Like keepers of a field, they are against her round about; because she has been rebellious against Me, says the LORD. ¹⁸Your way and your doings have brought these things upon you; this is your wickedness, because it is bitter, because it reaches unto your heart.

¹⁹My bowels, my bowels! I am pained at my very heart! My heart makes a noise in me; I cannot hold my peace because you have heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. ²⁰Ruin upon ruin is cried; for the whole land is plundered; suddenly my tents are robbed, *and* my curtains in a moment. ²¹How long shall I see the banner *and* hear the sound of the trumpet? ²²For My people are foolish; they have not known Me; they are stupid children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge. ²³I looked upon the earth, and, lo, it was without form and void; and the heavens, and they *had* no light. ²⁴I looked upon the mountains, and, lo, they trembled; and all the hills moved lightly. ²⁵I looked, and, lo, *there was* no man, and all the birds of the skies had fled. ²⁶I looked, and, lo, the fruitful place was a wilderness, and all the cities of it were broken down at the presence of the LORD, *and* by His fierce anger. ²⁷For so the LORD has said, The whole land shall be a waste, yet I will not make a full end. ²⁸The earth shall mourn for this, and the heavens above shall be black; because I have spoken, I have purposed, and will not repent; neither will I turn back from it. ²⁹The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen. They shall go into thickets and climb up upon the rocks. Every city shall be forsaken, and not a man shall live in them. ³⁰And *when* you have been stripped, what will you do? Though you clothe yourself with crimson, though you adorn yourself with ornaments of gold, though you make your eyes large with paint, you shall make yourself beautiful in vain; *your* lovers will despise you; they will seek your life. ³¹For I have heard a voice as of a woman in labor, *and* the pain as of her who brings forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, gasping for breath and spreading her hands, *saying*, Woe is me now! For my soul is weary of murderers.

CHAPTER 5

¹Run to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places of it, if you can find a man, if there

are any who do judgment, who seek the truth — and I will pardon it. ²And though they say, the LORD lives; surely they swear falsely. ³O LORD, are not Thy eyes upon the truth? Thou hast stricken them, but they have not grieved; Thou hast destroyed them, *but* they have refused to receive correction; they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return. ⁴Therefore I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish; but they do not know the way of the LORD *nor* the judgment of their God. ⁵I will go up unto the great men, and will speak to them; for they have known the way of the LORD *and* the judgment of their God. But these have broken the yoke together *and* have torn off the bonds! ⁶Therefore a lion out of the forest shall kill them, *and* a wolf of the deserts shall rob them; a leopard shall watch over their cities. Everyone who goes out from them shall be torn in pieces, because their sins are many *and* their backslidings are multiplied.

⁷How shall I pardon you for this? Your children have forsaken Me, and have sworn by *those who are* no gods. When I had fed them to the full, they then committed adultery and gathered themselves by troops in the houses of the harlots. ⁸They were like fed horses in the morning; every one neighed after his neighbor's wife. ⁹Shall I not judge for these *things?* says the LORD. And shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

¹⁰Go up upon her walls, and destroy; but do not make a full end; take away her battlements, for they are not the LORD's. ¹¹For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very deceitfully against Me, says the LORD. ¹²They have lied against the LORD and said, It is not He; neither shall evil come upon us; neither shall we see sword nor famine. ¹³And the prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in them; so it shall be done to them. ¹⁴Therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts, Because you speak this word, behold, I will make My words in your mouth fire, and *will make* this people wood, and it shall devour them. ¹⁵Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from afar, O house of Israel, says the LORD. It is a mighty nation, it is an old nation, a nation whose language you do not know, neither understand what they say. ¹⁶Their quiver is as an open grave; they are all mighty men. ¹⁷And they shall eat up your harvest, and your bread *which* your sons and your daughters should eat. They shall eat up your flocks and your herds; they shall eat up your vines and your fig trees. They shall make your walled cities poor with the sword, those in which you trusted. ¹⁸Nevertheless in those days, says the LORD, I will not make a full end with you.

¹⁹And when you shall say, Why does the LORD our God do all these *things* to us? Then you shall answer them, Just as you have forsaken Me and served strange gods in your land, so you shall serve strangers in a land *that is* not yours. ²⁰Declare this in the house of Jacob, and cry it

in Judah, saying, ²¹Now hear this, O foolish people and without understanding; who have eyes and see not; who have ears and hear not; ²²Do you not fear Me? says the LORD. Will you not tremble at My presence, I who have placed the sand *for* the bound of the sea by a never-ending decree, so that it cannot pass it? And though the waves of it toss themselves, yet they cannot succeed; though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it? ²³But this people has a revolting and a rebellious heart; they have revolted and gone. ²⁴Neither do they say in their heart, Let us now fear the LORD our God, who gives both the former and the latter rain in its season; He reserves unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest.

²⁵Your iniquities have turned away these *things*, and your sins have withheld good *things* from you. ²⁶For among My people are found wicked *men*; they lay wait, as he who sets snares; they set a trap, they catch men. ²⁷Like a cage full of birds, so their houses are full of deceit; therefore they have become great and grown rich. ²⁸They have become fat, they shine. Yes, they go past the deeds of the wicked; they do not judge the cause, the cause of the fatherless, yet they get rich; and they do not judge the right of the needy. ²⁹Shall I not visit for these *things*? says the LORD. Shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

³⁰A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land. ³¹The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love *to have it* so, and what will you do in the end of it?

CHAPTER 6

¹O children of Benjamin, gather yourselves to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tē-kō'-ā, and set up a sign of fire in Bēth-hāc'-cēr-ēm — for evil appears out of the north, and great ruin. ²I have compared the daughter of Zion to a beautiful and tender *woman*. ³The shepherds with their flocks shall come to her; they shall pitch *their* tents against her all around; they shall feed each one in his place. ⁴Prepare war against her; arise and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! For the day goes away, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. ⁵Arise, and let us go by night, and let us destroy her palaces.

⁶For thus has the LORD of hosts said, Cut down trees and cast a mound against Jerusalem! This is the city to be visited; there is nothing but evil in the midst of her. ⁷As a fountain casts out her waters, so she casts out her wickedness; violence and spoil is heard in her; always before Me are grief and wounds. ⁸O Jerusalem, you must be instructed, lest My soul depart from you; lest I make you a waste, a land without people.

⁹Thus says the LORD of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel like a vine; turn back your hand as a grape gatherer into the baskets. ¹⁰To whom shall I speak, and give warning, that they may hear? Behold, their ear is not circumcised, and they cannot listen;

behold, the word of the LORD is unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. ¹¹Therefore I am full of the fury of the LORD; I am weary with holding in; I will pour it out upon the children in the street, and upon the circle of young men together — for even the husband with the wife shall be taken, the aged with *him who is* full of days. ¹²And their houses shall be turned to others, together *with their* fields and wives; for I will stretch out My hand upon the people of the land, says the LORD. ¹³For everyone from the least of them even to the greatest of them is given to unjust gain; and from the prophet even to the priest everyone deals falsely. ¹⁴They have also healed the hurt *of the daughter* of my people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace. ¹⁵Were they ashamed when they had done a hateful thing? No, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush; therefore they shall fall among those who fall. At the time *that* I visit them they shall be cast down, says the LORD. ¹⁶Thus says the LORD, Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths where the good way is, and walk in it, and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk *in it*. ¹⁷Also I set watchmen over you, *saying*, Listen to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, We will not listen.

¹⁸Therefore hear, you nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. ¹⁹Hear, O earth; behold, I will bring evil upon this people, *even* the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not listened to My words, nor to My law, but have rejected it. ²⁰To what purpose does there come incense to me from Shē'-bā, and the sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not pleasing, nor your sacrifices sweet to Me. ²¹Therefore thus says the LORD, Behold, I will lay stumbling-blocks before this people, and the fathers and the sons together shall fall upon them; the neighbor and his friend shall perish. ²²Thus says the LORD, Behold, a people comes from the north country, and a great nation shall be raised from the sides of the earth. ²³They shall lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel and have no mercy; their voice roars like the sea; and they ride upon horses, set in order like a man for war against you, O daughter of Zion. ²⁴We have heard the rumor of it; our hands become feeble; anguish has taken hold of us, *and* pain, like a woman in labor. ²⁵Do not go forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy *and* fear are on every side.

²⁶O daughter of my people, clothe *yourself* with sackcloth, and wallow yourself in ashes; make mourning for yourself, *as for* an only son, most bitter weeping — for the ravager shall suddenly come upon us. ²⁷I have set you up *as* a watchtower *and* a stronghold among My people, that you may know and try their way. ²⁸They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders; *they are* brass and iron; they are all corrupters. ²⁹The bellows are burned, the lead is melted by the fire; the founder melts in vain; for the wicked are not plucked away. ³⁰Reprobate silver shall *men* call them, because the LORD has rejected them.

CHAPTER 7

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ²Stand in the gate of the LORD's house, and declare there this word, and say, Hear the word of the LORD, all *you of* Judah, who enter in at these gates to worship the LORD. ³Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Make your ways and your doings good, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. ⁴Do not trust in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD are these. ⁵For if you make your ways and your doings completely good; if you completely do judgment between a man and his neighbor; ⁶if you do not press down the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your hurt — ⁷then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, forever and ever.

⁸Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot do any good. ⁹Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know — ¹⁰and *then* come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, We are delivered to do all these hateful things? ¹¹Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your eyes? Behold, I also have seen *it*, says the LORD. ¹²But go now to My place which was in Shi'-loh, where I set My name at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of My people Israel. ¹³And now, because you have done all these works, says the LORD, and I spoke to you, rising up early and speaking, but you did not hear — and I called you, but you did not answer — ¹⁴therefore I will do unto this house, which is called by My name, in which you trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I have done to Shi'-loh. ¹⁵And I will cast you out of My sight, as I have cast out all your brothers, the whole seed of Ephraim. ¹⁶Therefore do not pray for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, nor make intercession to Me; for I will not hear you.

¹⁷Do you not see what they do in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? ¹⁸The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead *their* dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven and to pour out drink offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger. ¹⁹Do they provoke Me to anger? says the LORD. *Do they* not *provoke* themselves to the shame of their own faces? ²⁰Therefore thus says the Lord GOD; Behold, My anger and My fury shall be poured out upon this place, upon man, and upon animal, and upon the trees of the field, and upon the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and shall not be put out.

²¹Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Put your burnt offerings to your sacrifices, and eat flesh. ²²For I did not speak unto your

fathers, nor command them in the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt offerings or sacrifices. ²³But I commanded them this thing, saying, Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people; and walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, so that it may be well with you. ²⁴But they did not listen, nor bow their ear, but walked in the plans *and* in the imagination of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward. ²⁵Since the day that your fathers came forth out of the land of Egypt until this day I have even sent unto you all My servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending *them*. ²⁶Yet they did not listen to Me, nor bow down their ear, but hardened their neck. They did worse than their fathers. ²⁷Therefore you shall speak all these words unto them, but they will not listen to you; you shall also call to them, but they will not answer you. ²⁸But you shall say to them, This is a nation which does not obey the voice of the LORD their God, nor receives instruction; truth has perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

²⁹*O Jerusalem*, cut off your hair and throw *it* away, and take up a weeping on the high places. For the LORD has turned away and forsaken the generation of His wrath. ³⁰For the children of Judah have done evil in My sight, says the LORD. They have set their abominations in the house which is called by My name, in order to defile it. ³¹They have built the high places of Tō'-phēt, which is in the valley of the son of Hin'-nōm, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I did not command *them*, neither did it come into My heart.

³²Therefore, behold, the days come, says the LORD, that it shall no more be called Tō'-phēt, nor the valley of the son of Hin'-nōm, but the valley of slaughter. For they shall bury in Tō'-phēt, until there is no place. ³³And the bodies of this people shall be food for the birds of the sky, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall frighten *them* away. ³⁴Then I will cause the voice of gladness to cease from the cities of Judah and from the streets of Jerusalem; and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride. For the land shall be wasted.

CHAPTER 8

¹At that time, says the LORD, they shall bring out the bones of the kings of Judah, and the bones of its princes, and the bones of the priests, and the bones of the prophets, and the bones of the people of Jerusalem, out of their graves. ²And they shall spread them before the sun, and the moon, and all the host of the heavens, whom they have loved and whom they have served, and after whom they have walked, and whom they have sought, and whom they have worshipped. They shall not be gathered nor buried; they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth. ³And death shall be chosen rather than life by all the rest of those who

remain of this evil family, who remain in all the places where I have driven them, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴Moreover you shall say to them, Thus says the LORD; shall they fall and not arise? Shall he turn away and not return? ⁵Why *then* has this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a never-ending backsliding? They hold fast to deceit; they refuse to return. ⁶I listened and heard, *but* they did not speak right; no man repented of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? Everyone turned to his own way, like the horse rushes into the battle. ⁷Yea, the stork in the heaven knows her seasons; and the turtle and the crane and the swallow watch the time of their coming; but my people do not know the judgment of the LORD. ⁸How do you say, We are wise, and the law of the LORD is with us? Lo, certainly the lying pen of the scribes *has written* falsely. ⁹The wise *men* are ashamed, they have been afraid, and have been captured. Lo, they have turned away from the word of the LORD; and what wisdom is in them? ¹⁰Therefore I will give their wives to others, *and* their fields to those who shall inherit *them*, for everyone from the least even to the greatest is given to unjust gain. From the prophet even unto the priest everyone deals falsely. ¹¹For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, saying, Peace, peace; when *there is* no peace. ¹²Were they ashamed when they had done a hateful thing? No, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush; therefore they shall fall among those who fall; in the time of their judgment they shall be cast down, says the LORD.

¹³I will surely put an end to them, says the LORD; there shall be no grapes on the vine, nor figs on the fig tree, and the leaf shall fade; and *the things that* I have given them shall pass away from them. ¹⁴Why do we sit still? Gather yourselves, and let us enter into the fenced cities, and let us be silent there. For the LORD our God has put us to silence, and has given us water of gall to drink, because we have sinned against the LORD. ¹⁵We looked for peace, but no good *came*; *and* for a time of health, but behold, trouble! ¹⁶The snorting of his horses was heard from Dan; the whole land trembled at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones. For they have come, and have devoured the land, and all that is in it; the city, and those who live in it. ¹⁷For, behold, I will send serpents *and* adders among you, which will not be charmed; and they shall bite you, says the LORD.

¹⁸*When* I would comfort myself against sorrow, my heart is faint within me. ¹⁹Behold the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people, because of those who dwell in a far country. Is not the LORD in Zion? Is not her King in her? Why have they provoked Me to anger with their graven images *and* with strange vanities? ²⁰The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. ²¹For the hurt of the daughter of my people I am hurt; I am in gloom; horror has taken hold on me. ²²*Is*

there no balm in Gilead? *Is there* no physician there? Why then has the healing of my people not come?

CHAPTER 9

¹Oh that my head were waters, and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people! ²Oh that I had in the wilderness a lodging place for traveling men, that I might leave my people and go away from them! For they are all adulterers, a gathering of deceivers. ³And they bend their tongues *like* their bow *for* lies. But they are not mighty for the truth upon the earth; for they go from evil to evil, and they do not know Me, says the LORD. ⁴Everyone beware of his neighbor, and do not trust any brother! For every brother will trip up his neighbor, and will walk with slanders. ⁵And everyone will deceive his neighbor, and will not speak the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies, *and* they tire themselves to commit iniquity. ⁶Your dwelling is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know Me, says the LORD. ⁷Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will melt them and try them; for how shall I do for the daughter of My people? ⁸Their tongue is *like* an arrow shot out; it speaks deceit; *one* speaks peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in heart he lies in wait.

⁹Shall I not punish them for these *things*? says the LORD; shall not My soul be avenged on such a nation as this? ¹⁰I will take up a weeping and a wailing for the mountains, and a mourning for the homes of the wilderness; because they are burned up, so that none can pass through *them*; neither can *men* hear the voice of the cattle. Both the birds of the skies and the beast have fled; they are gone. ¹¹And I will make Jerusalem ruins, a den of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah a desert, without a living soul.

¹²Who is the wise man who may understand this? And *who is he* to whom the mouth of the LORD has spoken, that he may declare it? For why does the land perish *and* burn up like a wilderness, so that none passes through? ¹³And the LORD says, Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice. Neither have *they* walked in it; ¹⁴but *they* have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Bā'-ā-lim, which their fathers taught them. ¹⁵Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will feed them, *even* this people, with wormwood, and will give them water of gall to drink. ¹⁶I will also scatter them among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known. And I will send a sword after them until I have put an end to them.

¹⁷Thus says the LORD of hosts, Think carefully, and call for the mourning women, that they may come. And send for the wise women, that they may come; ¹⁸and let them make haste and take up a weeping

for us, so that our eyes may run down with tears, and our eyelids gush out with waters. ¹⁹For a voice of weeping is heard out of Zion. How are we plundered! We are greatly ashamed, because we have forsaken the land, because they have thrown down our tents. ²⁰Yet hear the word of the LORD, O women, and let your ear receive the word of His mouth, and teach your daughters to weep, and each one *teach* her neighbor to mourn. ²¹For death has come up into our windows, *and* has entered into our houses, to cut off the children from outside *and* the young men from the streets. ²²Speak, Thus says the LORD, Even the bodies of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvest-man, and none shall gather *them*.

²³Thus says the LORD, Do not let the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might; do not let the rich man glory in his riches — ²⁴but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, doing kindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth — for in these things I delight, says the LORD.

²⁵Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will punish all *those who are* circumcised, with those who are not circumcised — ²⁶Egypt, and Judah, and E'-dom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all *who are* in the outermost corners, who dwell in the wilderness. For all *these* nations are not circumcised, and all the house of Israel are not circumcised in heart.

CHAPTER 10

¹Hear the word which the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel. ²Thus says the LORD, Do not learn the way of the heathen, and do not be frightened at the signs of the heavens; for the heathen are frightened at them. ³For the customs of the people are vain; for *one* cuts a tree out of the forest with the axe, the work of the hands of the workman. ⁴They adorn it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and hammers, so that they do not move it. ⁵They are upright as the palm tree, but do not speak; they must be carried, because they cannot go. Do not be afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither *is it* in them to do good. ⁶Because *there is* none like Thee, O LORD; Thou art great, and Thy name is great in might. ⁷Who would not fear Thee, O King of nations? For *fear* belongs to Thee, because among all the wise *men* of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, *there is* none like Thee. ⁸But they are all at once foolish and animal-like — the tree is an example of vanities. ⁹Silver spread into plates is brought from Tār'-shish, and gold from Ū'-phāz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the founder; blue and purple is their clothing; they are all the work of skillful *men*. ¹⁰But the LORD is the true God, He is the living God, and the everlasting King. At His wrath the earth shall tremble, and the

nations shall not be able to stand His fury. ¹¹Thus you shall say unto them, The gods who have not made the heavens and the earth, they shall perish from the earth and from under these heavens. ¹²He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom, and has stretched out the heavens by His judgment. ¹³When He utters His voice, *there is* a noise of many waters in the heavens. He causes the vapors to go up from the ends of the earth; He makes lightnings with rain, and brings forth the wind out of His treasures. ¹⁴Every man is like an animal in knowledge; every refiner is put to shame by the graven image; for his molded image is a lie, and *there is* no breath in them. ¹⁵They are vanity *and* the work of errors; in the time of their judgment they shall perish. ¹⁶The Portion of Jacob is not like them; for He is the Maker of all *things*; and Israel is the rod of His inheritance. The LORD of hosts is His name.

¹⁷Gather up your goods from the ground, you who live under the siege. ¹⁸For thus says the LORD, Behold, I will sling out the people of the land at this time, and will distress them, so that they may feel *it*.

¹⁹Woe is me for my hurt! My wound is grievous; but I said, Truly this is a grief, and I must bear it. ²⁰My tabernacle is ravaged, and all my cords are broken; My children have gone forth from Me, and they are not. *There is* none to stretch out My tabernacle any more, and to set up My curtains. ²¹For the pastors have become like animals, and have not sought the LORD, therefore they shall not be blessed, and all their flocks shall be scattered. ²²Behold, the noise of the rumor has come, and a great moving out of the north country, to make the cities of Judah a waste, a den of jackals.

²³O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself; *it is* not in man who walks to direct his steps. ²⁴O LORD, correct me, but with judgment; not in Thy anger, lest Thou bring me to nothing. ²⁵Pour out Thy fury upon the heathen who do not know Thee, and upon the families who do not call upon Thy name; for they have eaten up Jacob and have devoured him, and have destroyed him, and have wasted his dwelling.

CHAPTER 11

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD saying, ²Hear the words of this covenant, and speak to the men of Judah and to the people of Jerusalem. ³And say to them, Thus says the LORD God of Israel, Cursed is the man who does not obey the words of this covenant, ⁴which I commanded your fathers in the day *that* I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, Obey My voice and do them according to all that I command you – so you shall be My people, and I will be your God – ⁵so that I may fulfil the oath which I have

sworn to your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as *it is* this day. Then I answered and said, Amen, O LORD. ⁶Then the LORD said to me, Declare all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear the words of this covenant, and do them. ⁷For I earnestly testified to your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, *even* unto this day, rising early and testifying, saying, Obey My voice. ⁸Yet they did not obey nor bow down their ear, but walked each one in the imagination of his evil heart. Therefore I will bring upon them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded *them* to do; but they did not do *them*. ⁹And the LORD said to me, A plot is found among the men of Judah, and among the people of Jerusalem. ¹⁰They have turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear My words. And they went after other gods to serve them. The house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken My covenant which I made with their fathers.

¹¹Therefore thus says the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon them, which they shall not be able to escape; and though they shall cry to Me, I will not listen to them. ¹²Then shall the cities of Judah and the people of Jerusalem go and cry unto the gods to whom they offer incense. But they shall not save them at all in the time of their trouble. ¹³For *according to* the number of your cities were your gods, O Judah. And *according to* the number of the streets of Jerusalem you have set up altars to *that* shameful thing, *even* altars to burn incense to Bā'-āl. ¹⁴Therefore do not pray for this people, neither lift up a cry or prayer for them. For I will not hear *them* in the time they cry to Me for their trouble. ¹⁵What has My beloved to do in My house, *since* she has committed wickedness with many. And has the holy flesh passed from you? When you do evil, then you rejoice! ¹⁶The LORD called your name, a green olive tree, fair, and of goodly fruit. With the noise of a great uproar He has kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken. ¹⁷For the LORD of hosts who planted you has spoken evil against you, for the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have done against themselves to provoke Me to anger by offering incense to Bā'-āl.

¹⁸And the LORD has given me knowledge, and I know *it*. Then Thou didst show me their doings. ¹⁹But I was like a lamb or an ox *that* is brought to the slaughter. And I did not know that they had plotted evils against me, *saying*, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit of it, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, so that his name may be remembered no more. ²⁰But, O LORD of hosts who dost judge rightly, who tries the heart and the mind, let me see Thy vengeance upon them. For to Thee I have revealed my cause. ²¹Therefore thus says the LORD of the men of Ān'-ā-thōth, who seek your life, saying, Do not prophesy in the name of the LORD, that you do not die by our hand. ²²Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, Behold, I will punish them. The young men shall die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall die by

famine; ²³and there shall be no remnant of them. For I will bring evil upon the men of Ān'-ā-thōth, *even* the year of their judgment.

CHAPTER 12

¹Righteous art Thou, O LORD, when I enter into judgment with Thee; yet let me talk with Thee of Thy judgments. Why does the way of the wicked prosper? *Why* are all those happy who deal very deceitfully? ²Thou hast planted them; yea, they have taken root. They grow, yea, they bring forth fruit. Thou art near in their mouth and far from their heart. ³But Thou, O LORD, dost know me. Thou hast seen me and tried my heart toward Thee. Pull them out like sheep for the slaughter, and prepare them for the day of slaughter. ⁴How long shall the land mourn, and the herbs of every field wither, because of the wickedness of those who dwell in it? The beasts and the birds have been destroyed, because they said, He shall not see our last end.

⁵If you have run with the footmen, and they have worn you out, then how can you fret yourself with horses? And *if they wore you out* in the land of peace, *in which* you trusted, then how will you do in the swelling of Jordan? ⁶For even your brothers and the house of your father, even they have dealt deceitfully with you. Yea, they have called a multitude after you. Do not believe them, though they speak good things to you.

⁷I have forsaken My house; I have left My inheritance. I have given the dearly beloved of My soul into the hand of her enemies. ⁸My inheritance is to Me as a lion in the forest; it cries out against Me; therefore I have hated it. ⁹My inheritance is to Me *like* a speckled bird; the birds all around are against her. Come, gather all the beasts of the field, come to devour. ¹⁰Many pastors have destroyed My vineyard; they have trampled My portion under foot; they have made My pleasant portion a deserted wilderness. ¹¹They have made it deserted, *and* lonely it mourns to me. The whole land is made a desert because no man lays it to heart. ¹²The ravagers have come upon all high places through the wilderness; for the sword of the LORD shall devour from the *one* end of the land even to the *other* end of the land. No flesh shall have peace. ¹³They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns. They have put themselves to pain, *but* shall not get any good. And they shall be ashamed of your harvests because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

¹⁴Thus says the LORD against all my evil neighbors who touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit: Behold, I will pluck them out of their land, and pluck out the house of Judah from among them. ¹⁵And after I have plucked them out, I will return and have pity on them, and will bring them again, each man to his inheritance and each man to his land. ¹⁶And if they will carefully learn the ways of My people, to swear by My name, "The LORD lives"; as

they taught the people to swear by Bā'-āl; then they shall be built in the midst of My people. ¹⁷But if they will not obey, I will uproot and destroy that nation, says the LORD.

CHAPTER 13

¹Thus says the LORD to me, Go and get a linen girdle, and put it upon your loins, and do not put it in water. ²So I got a girdle according to the word of the LORD, and put it upon my loins. ³And the word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, ⁴Take the girdle that you have gotten, which is upon your loins, and arise. Go to Euphrates [Yoû-frāy'-tēez], and hide it there in a hole of the rock. ⁵So I went and hid it by Eû-phrā'-tēs, as the LORD commanded me. ⁶And after many days the LORD said to me, Arise, go to Eû-phrā'-tēs and take the girdle from there, which I commanded you to hide there. ⁷Then I went to Eû-phrā'-tēs and dug, and took the girdle from the place where I had hidden it. And, behold, the girdle was ruined; it was not good for anything. ⁸Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁹Thus says the LORD, In this way I will spoil the pride of Judah and the great pride of Jerusalem. ¹⁰This evil people, who refuse to hear My words, who walk in the imagination of their heart and walk after other gods to serve them and to worship them, shall even be like this girdle, which is good for nothing. ¹¹For as the girdle holds fast to the loins of a man, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to cling to Me, says the LORD — so that they might be unto Me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory — but they would not hear.

¹²Therefore you shall speak to them this word: Thus says the LORD God of Israel, Every jar shall be filled with wine. And they shall say to you, Do we not surely know that every jar shall be filled with wine? ¹³Then you shall say to them, Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will fill all the people of this land, even the kings that sit upon David's throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. ¹⁴And I will smash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, says the LORD. I will not pity, nor spare, nor have mercy, but will destroy them.

¹⁵Hear and give ear; do not be proud; for the LORD has spoken. ¹⁶Give glory to the LORD your God, before He causes darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the dark mountains, and, while you look for light, He turns it into the shadow of death *and* makes *it* gross darkness. ¹⁷But if you will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places for *your* pride. And my eye shall weep sore and run down with tears, because the LORD's flock is carried away captive. ¹⁸Say to the king and to the queen, Humble yourselves, sit down; for your greatnesses shall come down, *even* the crown of your glory. ¹⁹The cities of the South shall

be shut up, and none shall open *them*. Judah shall be carried away captive, all of it; it shall be wholly carried away captive. ²⁰Lift up your eyes and behold those who come from the north; where is the flock *that* was given to you, your beautiful flock? ²¹What will you say when he comes to punish you? For you have taught them to be captains *and* chief over you; shall not sorrows take you like a woman in labor?

²²And if you say in your heart, Why do these things come upon me? *It is* because of the greatness of your iniquity that your skirts are uncovered, *and* your heels are made bare. ²³Can the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ān change his skin, or the leopard its spots? *Then* you also may do good, who are accustomed to doing evil. ²⁴Therefore I will scatter them as the stubble that passes away by the wind of the wilderness. ²⁵This is your lot, the share I have measured to you, says the LORD, because you have forgotten Me and trusted in falsehood. ²⁶There I will uncover your skirts upon your face, that your shame may appear. ²⁷I have seen your adulteries, and your neighings, the wickedness of your fôr-nī-cā'-tion, *and* your hateful things on the hills in the fields. Woe unto you, O Jerusalem! Will you not be made clean? When will it ever be?

CHAPTER 14

¹The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah concerning the time of dryness. ²Judah mourns, and its gates droop. They are black to the ground, and the cry of Jerusalem has gone up. ³And their nobles have sent their little ones to the waters; they came to the cisterns, *and* found no water. They returned with their vessels empty; they were ashamed and turned pale, and covered their heads. ⁴Because the ground is dried up, for there was no rain in the earth, the plowmen were ashamed; they covered their heads. ⁵Yea, the hind also calved in the field and left *it*, because there was no grass. ⁶And the wild asses stood in the high places; they snuffed up the wind like jackals; their eyes became dim because *there was* no grass.

⁷O LORD, though our iniquities testify against us, act for Thy name's sake; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against Thee. ⁸O the Hope of Israel, its Saviour in time of trouble, why shouldest Thou be as a stranger in the land, and as a traveler *who* turns aside to stay for a night? ⁹Why shouldest Thou be as one who is dumb, as a mighty man who cannot save? Yet Thou, O LORD, art in the midst of us, and we are called by Thy name. Do not leave us!

¹⁰Thus says the LORD to this people; Thus they have loved to wander; they have not held back their feet; therefore the LORD does not receive them. He will now remember their iniquity and punish their sins. ¹¹Then the LORD said to me, Do not pray for this people, for *their* good. ¹²When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they

offer burnt offering and a sacrifice, I will not receive them. But I will put an end to them by the sword, and by the famine, and by the plague.

¹³Then I said, Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, the prophets are saying to them, You shall not see the sword, neither shall you have famine; but I will give you true peace in this place. ¹⁴Then the LORD said to me, The prophets prophesy lies in My name; I did not send them, neither have I commanded them, neither did I speak to them. They prophesy to you a false vision and worthless fortune telling, and a thing of no value, and the deceit of their heart. ¹⁵Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who prophesy in My name, and I did not send them; yet they say, Sword and famine shall not be in this land; by sword and famine those prophets shall be consumed. ¹⁶And the people to whom they prophesy shall be cast out in the streets of Jerusalem because of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them, them, their wives, nor their sons, nor their daughters. For I will pour their wickedness upon them.

¹⁷Therefore you shall speak this word to them: Let my eyes run down with tears night and day, and do not let them cease. For the virgin daughter of my people is broken with a great break, with a very grievous blow. ¹⁸If I go out into the field, then *I* see those killed with the sword! And if I enter into the city, then *I* see those who are sick with famine! Yes, both the prophet and the priest have gone up into a land that they do not know. ¹⁹Hast Thou completely turned away from Judah? Hast Thy soul hated Zion? Why hast Thou stricken us, and *there is no healing for us?* We looked for peace, and *there is no good*; and for the time of healing, and behold trouble! ²⁰We acknowledge, O LORD, our wickedness, *and* the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against Thee. ²¹Do not despise *us* for Thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of Thy glory; remember, do not break Thy covenant with us. ²²Are there *any* among the vanities of the Gentiles who can cause rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Art Thou not He, O LORD our God? Therefore we will wait upon Thee; for Thou hast made all these *things*.

CHAPTER 15

¹Then the LORD said to me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before Me, *yet* My mind *could* not be toward this people. Cast *them* out of My sight, and let them go forth. ²And if they say to you, Where shall we go? Then you shall tell them, Thus says the LORD: *Those who are* for death go to death; and *those* for the sword, to the sword; and *those who are* for the famine, to the famine; and *those who are* for the captivity go to the captivity. ³And I will set over them four kinds, says the LORD — the sword to kill, and the dogs to tear, and the birds of the heaven and the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy. ⁴And I will cause

them to be removed into all kingdoms of the earth, because of Mā-nās'-sēh the son of Hēz-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah, for that which he did in Jerusalem. ⁵For who shall have pity upon you, O Jerusalem? Or who shall weep over you? Or who shall go aside to ask how you are? ⁶You have forsaken Me, says the LORD; you have gone backward; therefore I will stretch out My hand against you, and destroy you; I am weary with repenting. ⁷And I will sift them with a sieve in the gates of the land; I will bereave *them* of children; I will destroy My people, *since* they do not return from their ways. ⁸Their widows have been more to Me than the sand of the seas; I have brought upon them a ravager at noon-day against the mother of the young men; I have caused *him* to fall upon it suddenly, and terrors upon the city. ⁹She who has borne seven droops; she has given up the spirit; her sun has gone down while *it was* yet day. She has been ashamed and has turned pale; and I will deliver the rest of them to the sword before their enemies, says the LORD.

¹⁰Woe is me, my mother, that you have borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have neither loaned upon usury, nor have men loaned to me on usury; *yet* every one of them curses me. ¹¹The LORD said, Verily it shall be well with those who are left of you. Truly I will cause the enemy to treat you *well* in the time of evil and in the time of affliction. ¹²Shall iron break the iron and the brass from the North? ¹³Your wealth and your treasures I will give as a prize without price, and for all your sins, even in all your borders. ¹⁴And I will make *you* pass with your enemies into a land *which* you do not know; for a fire has been kindled in My anger, *which* shall burn upon you.

¹⁵O LORD, Thou knowest; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on those who seek to hurt me. Do not take me away in Thy long-suffering; know that for Thy sake I have suffered rebuke. ¹⁶Thy words were found, and I ate them; and Thy word was to me the joy and gladness of my heart; for I am called by Thy name, O LORD God of hosts. ¹⁷I did not sit in the circle of mockers, nor rejoice; I sat alone because of Thy hand; for Thou hast filled me with wrath. ¹⁸Why does my pain never end, and *why* is my wound never cured, refusing to be healed? Wilt Thou surely be to me like a deceitful brook whose waters fall away?

¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD, If you turn back, then I will bring you again, *and* you shall stand before me. And if you take the precious from the worthless, you shall be as My mouth. Let them turn back to you, but do not return to them. ²⁰And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of brass; and they shall fight against you, but they shall not overcome you; for I am with you to save you and to deliver you, says the LORD. ²¹And I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem you out of the hand of the terrible.

CHAPTER 16

¹The word of the LORD came also to me, saying, ²You shall not take a wife for yourself, neither shall you have sons or daughters in this place. ³For thus says the LORD concerning the sons and concerning the daughters who are born in this place, and concerning their mothers who bore them, and concerning their fathers who fathered them in this land; ⁴they shall die of painful deaths; they shall not be mourned, neither shall they be buried. *But* they shall be as dung upon the face of the earth. And they shall be destroyed by the sword and by famine; and their bodies shall be food for the birds of the heavens and for the beasts of the earth. ⁵For thus says the LORD, Do not enter into the house of mourning, neither go to weep nor moan over them; for I have taken away My peace from this people, says the LORD, *even* loving-kindness and mercies. ⁶Both the great and the small shall die in this land. They shall not be buried, neither shall *men* mourn for them, nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them. ⁷Neither shall *men* tear *themselves* for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead. Neither shall *men* give them the cup of comfort to drink for their father or for their mother. ⁸Also you shall not go into the house of feasting, to sit with them to eat and to drink. ⁹For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will cause the voice of mirth to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, and the voice of gladness, and the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.

¹⁰And when you shall show this people all these words, and they shall say to you, Why has the LORD pronounced all this great evil against us? Or what is our iniquity, or what is our sin that we have committed against the LORD our God? ¹¹Then you shall say to them, Because your fathers have forsaken Me, says the LORD, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken Me, and have not kept My law. ¹²And you have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, you walk each one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they might not listen to Me. ¹³Therefore I will cast you out of this land into a land that you do not know, *neither* you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods day and night; where I will not show you favor.

¹⁴Therefore, behold, the days come, says the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD lives, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt — ¹⁵but, the LORD lives, who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the North, and from all the lands where He had driven them. And I will bring them again into their lands that I gave to their fathers.

¹⁶Behold, I will send for many fishermen, says the LORD, and they shall catch them. And afterwards I will send for many hunters, and they

will hunt them from every mountain and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. ¹⁷For My eyes are upon all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, neither is their iniquity hidden from My eyes. ¹⁸And first I will twice repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land, they have filled My inheritance with the dead bodies of their hateful idols. ¹⁹O LORD, my strength and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come to Thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and *things* in which *there is* no good. ²⁰Shall a man make gods to himself, and they are no gods? ²¹Therefore, behold, this once I will make them know My power; I will cause them to know My hand and My might; and they shall know that My name is Jehovah.

CHAPTER 17

¹The sin of Judah is written with a pin of iron, *and* with the point of a diamond; *it is* carved upon the tablet of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars — ²while their children remember their altars and their groves by the green trees upon the high hills. ³O My mountain in the field, I will give your wealth *and* all your treasures to the spoil, *and* your high places for sin, throughout all your borders. ⁴And you, even through yourself, have let go of the inheritance which I gave you; and I will cause you to serve your enemies in the land which you do not know. For you have kindled a fire in My anger, *which* shall burn forever.

⁵Thus says the LORD, Cursed is the man who trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the LORD. ⁶For he shall be like a naked thing in the desert, and shall not see when good comes. But he shall live in the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land *that* has no people. ⁷Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, and whose hope is the LORD. ⁸For he shall be like a tree planted by the waters, and *that* spreads out its roots by the river, and shall not see when the heat comes, but its leaf shall be green — and he is not sorrowful in the year of dryness, neither shall he cease from yielding fruit.

⁹The heart is deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked; who can know it? ¹⁰I the LORD search the heart, *I* try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways *and* according to the fruit of his doings. ¹¹The quail sits *on* eggs and does not hatch *them*; in the same way he who gets riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the middle of his days, and in his end he shall be a fool.

¹²A glorious high throne from the beginning is the place of our sanctuary. ¹³O LORD, the Hope of Israel, all who forsake Thee shall be ashamed. Those who depart from Me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken the LORD, the Fountain of living waters. ¹⁴Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed, save me, and I shall be saved; for Thou art my praise.

¹⁵Behold, they say to me, Where is the word of the LORD? Let it come now! ¹⁶As for me, I have not hurried away from being a shepherd after Thee; neither have I desired the woeful day; Thou knowest. That which came out of my lips was *right* before Thee. ¹⁷Do not be a terror unto me; Thou art my hope in the day of evil. ¹⁸Let those who persecute me be ashamed, but do not let me be ashamed; let them be afraid, but do not let me be afraid. Bring upon them the day of evil, and destroy them with double ruin.

¹⁹Thus the LORD said to me: Go and stand in the gates of the children of the people, by which the kings of Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem. ²⁰And say to them, Hear the word of the LORD, kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the people of Jerusalem who enter in by these gates! ²¹Thus says the LORD, Take heed to yourselves, and carry no burden on the Sabbath day, nor bring *it* in by the gates of Jerusalem. ²²Neither carry out a burden from your houses on the Sabbath day, neither do any work, but keep the Sabbath day holy, as I commanded your fathers. ²³But they did not obey, neither bowed down their ear, but made their neck stiff, so that they might not hear nor receive instruction. ²⁴And if you carefully listen to me, says the LORD, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the Sabbath day, but keep the Sabbath day holy, to do no work in it — ²⁵then kings and princes sitting on the throne of David shall enter into the gates of this city, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their princes, the men of Judah, and the people of Jerusalem. And this city shall remain forever. ²⁶And they shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the places about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the plain, and from the mountains, and from the south, bringing burnt offerings, and sacrifices, and meal offerings, and incense, and bringing sacrifices of praise to the house of the LORD. ²⁷But if you will not listen to me to keep the Sabbath day holy, and not to carry a burden, even entering in at the gates of Jerusalem on the Sabbath day — then I will kindle a fire in the gates of it, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be put out.

CHAPTER 18

¹The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ²Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words. ³Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he was working a work on the wheel. ⁴And the vessel that he made in clay was ruined in the hand of the potter; so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make *it*. ⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁶O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter? says the LORD. Behold, As the clay in the potter's hands, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel. ⁷The instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck *it* up and to pull

it down, and to destroy *it*; ⁸if that nation, against whom I have spoken, will turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do to them. ⁹And the instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build *it* and to plant *it* — ¹⁰if it does evil in My sight, that it does not obey My voice, then I will repent of the good with which I said I would do them good.

¹¹Now therefore come, speak to the men of Judah, and to the people of Jerusalem, saying, Thus says the LORD: Behold, I am forming evil against you, and thinking of a plan against you. Return now, each one from his evil way, and make your ways and your doings good. ¹²And they said, There is no hope; but we will walk after our own ways, and we will each one do *according to* the stubbornness of his evil heart. ¹³Therefore thus says the LORD, Ask now among the nations; who has heard the like of this? The virgin of Israel has done a very horrible thing. ¹⁴Will *a man* leave the snow of Lēb'-ā-non *which comes* from the rock of the field? Or shall the cold flowing waters that come from another place be forsaken? ¹⁵Because My people have forgotten Me, they have burned incense to vanity, and they have caused themselves to stumble in their ways *from* the old paths, to walk in by-paths, not in the highway, ¹⁶to make their land a waste *and* a hissing forever. Everyone who passes by will be amazed, and will wag his head. ¹⁷I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

¹⁸Then they said, Come and let us plot plans against Jeremiah. For the law shall not perish from the priest, nor wisdom from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come and let us strike him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words. ¹⁹Give heed to me; O LORD, and listen to the voice of those who contend with me. ²⁰Shall evil be given back for good? For they have dug a pit for my soul. Remember that I stood before Thee to do good for them, *and* to turn away Thy wrath from them. ²¹Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and pour out their *blood* by the force of the sword. And let their wives be bereaved of their children, and be widows; and let their men be put to death; *let* their young men be slain by the sword in battle. ²²Let a cry be heard from their houses, when Thou shalt bring a troop upon them; for they have dug a pit to take me, and have hidden snares for my feet. ²³Yet, LORD, Thou knowest all their plans against me to kill *me*. Do not forgive their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from Thy sight, but let them be overthrown before Thee; deal with them in the time of Thy anger.

CHAPTER 19

¹Thus says the LORD, Go and get a potter's earthen jar, and *take some* of the elders of the people and of the elders of the priests. ²And

go forth to the valley of the son of Hin'-nōm, which is by the entry of the east gate, and declare there the words that I shall tell you. ³And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O kings of Judah, and people of Jerusalem. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, which shall cause the ears of him who hears it to tingle. ⁴Because they have forsaken Me, and have made this place strange, and have burned incense in it to other gods whom neither they nor their fathers have known, nor the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents. ⁵They have also built the high places of Bā'-āl, to burn their sons with fire *for* burnt offerings unto Bā'-āl, which I never commanded nor spoke, neither did *it* come into My mind. ⁶Therefore, behold, the days come, says the LORD, that this place shall no more be called Tō'-phēt, nor the valley of the son of Hin'-nōm, but, The valley of slaughter. ⁷And I will make the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem come to nothing in this place, and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hands of those who seek their lives. And I will give their dead bodies to be food for the birds of the sky, and for the animals of the earth. ⁸And I will make this city a waste and a hissing. Everyone who passes by shall be amazed and shall hiss because of all the plagues of it. ⁹And I will cause them to eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they shall each one eat the flesh of his friend in the siege and distress, with which their enemies and those who seek their lives shall distress them.

¹⁰Then you shall break the jar in the sight of the men who go with you, ¹¹and shall say to them, Thus says the LORD of hosts, Even so I will break this people of this city, as *one* breaks a potter's vessel that cannot be made whole again. And they shall bury *them* in Tō'-phēt until *there is no place left* to bury. ¹²I will do this unto this place, says the LORD, and to its people, and *even* make this city as Tō'-phēt. ¹³And the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, shall be as defiled as the place of Tō'-phēt, because of all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink offerings unto other gods. ¹⁴Then Jeremiah came from Tō'-phēt, where the LORD had sent him to prophesy. And he stood in the court of the LORD's house, and said to all the people, ¹⁵Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all its towns all the evil that I have spoken against it, because they have hardened their necks so that they might not hear My words.

CHAPTER 20

¹Now Pāsh'-ūr the son of Im'-mēr the priest, who was also chief governor in the house of the LORD, heard that Jeremiah prophesied these

things. ²Then Pāsh'-ūr struck Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the high gate of Benjamin, which was by the house of the LORD. ³And on the next day, Pāsh'-ūr brought Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then Jeremiah said to him, The LORD has not called your name Pāsh'-ūr, but Mā'-gòr-mīs-sā'-bīb. ⁴For thus says the LORD, Behold, I will make you a terror to yourself and to all your friends. And they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and your eyes shall behold it. And I will give all Judah into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall carry them captive into Babylon, and shall kill them with the sword. ⁵Besides I will deliver all the strength of this city, and all the labors of it, and all the precious things of it; and all the treasures of the kings of Judah I will give into the hand of their enemies (who shall strip them, and take them, and carry them to Babylon). ⁶And you, Pāsh'-ūr, and all who dwell in your house, shall go into captivity. And you shall come to Babylon, and you shall die there, and shall be buried there — you and all your friends to whom you have prophesied lies.

⁷O LORD, Thou hast deceived me, and I was deceived. Thou art stronger than I, and Thou hast overcome. I am a mockery all the day; everyone laughs at me. ⁸For whenever I speak, I cry out, I cry violence and ruin; therefore the word of the LORD has been a reproach and a cause of mocking to me all day. ⁹Then I said, I will not make mention of Him, nor speak in His name any more. But *His word* was in my heart like a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I was weary with holding in, and I could not *stop*.

¹⁰For I heard the evil words of many, terror is all around! Report *him*, and we will report it. All my familiar friends watched for my fall, *saying*, Perhaps he will be lured away, and we shall overcome him, and we shall take our revenge on him. ¹¹But the LORD is with me like a mighty, fearful one. Therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not overcome *me*. They shall be greatly ashamed; for they shall not be blessed. *Their* everlasting shame shall never be forgotten. ¹²But, O LORD of hosts, who tries the righteous *and* sees the heart and the mind, let me see Thy vengeance upon them: For I have committed my cause unto Thee. ¹³Sing unto the LORD, praise the LORD; for He has delivered the soul of the poor from the hand of evildoers.

¹⁴Cursed is the day in which I was born; let not the day in which my mother bore me be blessed. ¹⁵Cursed is the man who brought news to my father, saying, A man child is born unto you; making him very glad. ¹⁶And let that man be as the cities which the LORD overthrew, and repented not; and let him hear the cry in the morning, and the shouting at noontide; ¹⁷because he did not kill me from the womb; or that my mother might have been my grave, and her womb *to be* always great *with me*. ¹⁸Why did I come forth from the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be ended in shame?

CHAPTER 21

¹The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zēd-ē-kī'-āh sent to him Pāsh'-ūr the son of Mēl-chī'-āh, and Zēph-ā-nī'-āh the son of Mā-ā-seī'-āh the priest, saying, ²I pray you, ask of the LORD for us. For Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon makes war against us. Ask if the LORD will deal with us according to all His wonderful works, that he may go up from us.

³Then Jeremiah said to them, You shall say this to Zēd-ē-kī'-āh, ⁴Thus says the LORD God of Israel: Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, with which you fight against the king of Babylon, and *against* the Chāl-dē'-āns who circle you outside the walls. And I will gather them together in the middle of this city. ⁵And I Myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath. ⁶And I will strike the people of this city, both man and beast. They shall die of a great plague. ⁷And afterward, says the LORD, I will deliver Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and those who are left in this city from the plague, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life. And he shall strike them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, nor have pity, nor have mercy.

⁸And to this people you shall say, Thus says the LORD, Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. ⁹He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the plague. But he who goes out and falls to the Chāl-dē'-āns who are all around you, he shall live, and his life shall be his prize. ¹⁰For I have set My face against this city for evil, and not for good, says the LORD. It shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

¹¹And concerning the house of the king of Judah, *say*, Hear the word of the LORD. ¹²O house of David, thus says the LORD: Do judgment in the morning, and deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the cruel, lest My fury go out like fire, and burn so that none can put *it* out, because of the evil of your doings. ¹³Behold, I am against you, O dweller of the valley *and* rock of the plain, says the LORD; *you* who say, Who shall come down against us? Or who shall enter into our homes? ¹⁴But I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, says the LORD; and I will kindle a fire in the forest of it, and it shall devour all things around it.

CHAPTER 22

¹Thus says the LORD: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak this word there. ²And say, Hear the word of the LORD, O king of Judah, who sits upon the throne of David, you and your servants, and your people who enter in by these gates. ³Thus says the LORD, Do judgment and righteousness, and deliver him who is robbed out of the hand of the cruel. And do no wrong, do no violence to the stranger, the fatherless, or the widow, neither shed innocent blood in this place. ⁴For if you do this thing indeed, then there shall enter in by the gates of this house kings sitting upon the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people. ⁵But if you will not hear these words, I swear by Myself, says the LORD, that this house shall become a ruin. ⁶For thus says the LORD to the king's house of Judah, You are Gilead to Me, *and* the head of Lēb'-ā-nōn. *Yet* surely I will make you a wilderness *and* cities with no people. ⁷And I will prepare destroyers against you, each one with his weapons. And they shall cut down your choice cedars, and throw *them* into the fire. ⁸And many nations shall pass by this city, and they shall say each one to his neighbor, Why has the LORD done this to this great city? ⁹Then they shall answer, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

¹⁰Weep not for the dead, nor moan for him; *but* weep bitterly for him who goes away. For he shall return no more, nor see his native country. ¹¹For thus says the LORD concerning Shāl'-lūm the son of Jō-sī'-āh king of Judah, who reigned in the place of Jō-sī'-āh his father, who went forth out of this place; he shall not return there any more. ¹²But he shall die in the place where they have led him captive, and shall see this land no more.

¹³Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness and his rooms by wrong; *who* uses his neighbor's servants without pay, and gives him nothing for his work — ¹⁴who says, I will build myself a wide house and large rooms, and cuts out windows for himself; and puts in a cedar ceiling, and paints *it* with vēr-mīl'-ī-ōn. ¹⁵Do you reign, because you lust to excel in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink, and do judgment and justice? Then *it was* well with him. ¹⁶He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well with him. Was this not to know me? says the LORD. ¹⁷But your eyes and your heart are *for* nothing but your unjust gain, and to shed innocent blood, and for cruelty, and to do violence. ¹⁸Therefore thus says the LORD concerning Jē-hoi'-ā-kim the son of Jō-sī'-āh king of Judah, They shall not mourn for him, *saying*, Ah, my brother! or, Ah, sister! They shall not mourn for him, *saying*, Ah, lord! or, Ah, his glory! ¹⁹He shall be buried with the burial of an ass, drawn and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

²⁰Go up to Lēb'-ā-nōn, and cry. And lift up your voice in Bā'-shān, and cry from the passages; for all your lovers are destroyed. ²¹I spoke to you in your ease; but you said, I will not hear. This has been your way from your youth, for you have not obeyed My voice. ²²The wind shall eat up all your pastors, and your lovers shall go into captivity; surely then you will be ashamed and will blush for all your wickedness.

²³O dweller in Lēb'-ā-nōn, you who make your nest in the cedars, how gracious shall you be when pangs come to you, the pain as of a woman in labor? ²⁴As I live, says the LORD, though Cō-nī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm king of Judah were the signet upon My right hand, yet I would pull you out of there! ²⁵And I will give you into the hand of those who seek your life, and into the hand of *those* whose face you fear, even into the hand of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chāl-dē'-āns. ²⁶And I will cast you out, and your mother who bore you, into another country where you were not born. And there you shall die. ²⁷But to the land to which they desire to return, there they shall not return. ²⁸Is this man Cō-nī'-āh a despised broken idol? *Is he* a vessel in which *there is* no pleasure? Why are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into a land which they do not know? ²⁹O earth, earth, earth! hear the word of the LORD! ³⁰Thus says the LORD, Write this man *down as* childless, a man that shall not be blessed in his days. For no man of his seed shall be blessed, sitting upon the throne of David and ruling any more in Judah.

CHAPTER 23

¹Woe unto the pastors who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture, says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel against the pastors who feed My people, You have scattered My flock, and have driven them away, and have not visited them. Behold, I will bring upon you the evil of your doings, says the LORD. ³And I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and will bring them again to their fold. And they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴And I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them. And they shall fear no more, nor be afraid; neither shall they lack *anything*, says the LORD.

⁵Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will raise to David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and act wisely, and shall do judgment and justice in the earth. ⁶In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely. And this is His name by which He shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. ⁷Therefore, behold, the days come, says the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD lives, who brought the children of Israel up out of the land of Egypt — ⁸but, The LORD lives, who brought up and led the seed of the house

of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries where I have driven them. And they shall dwell in their own land.

⁹My heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake. I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of His holiness. ¹⁰For the land is full of adulterers. Yes, because of cursing the land mourns; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their way is evil, and their power is not right. ¹¹For both prophet and priest are ungodly; yes, in My house I have found their wickedness, says the LORD. ¹²Therefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness; they shall be driven on, and fall in them; for I will bring evil upon them, *even* the year of their judgment, says the LORD. ¹³And I have seen folly in the prophets of Sā-mār'-ī-ā; they prophesied by Bā'-āl and caused My people Israel to go astray. ¹⁴I have also seen in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing; they commit adultery and walk in lies. They also give power to the hands of evildoers, so that none returns from his wickedness; they are all of them like Sodom to Me, and its people like Gō-mōr'-rāh. ¹⁵Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the prophets: Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink the water of gall; for from the prophets of Jerusalem ungodliness has gone forth into all the land.

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts, Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you vain; they speak a vision from their own heart, not out of the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They still say unto those who despise Me, The LORD has said, You shall have peace! And they say to everyone who walks after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you! ¹⁸For who has stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hears His word? Who has listened to His word and heard *it*? ¹⁹Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD has gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind. It shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD shall not return, until He has done and until He has set up the purposes of His heart; in later days you shall understand it perfectly. ²¹I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran; I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in My wisdom and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way and from the evil of their doings.

²³Am I a God at hand, says the LORD, and not a God afar off? ²⁴Can anyone hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? says the LORD. Do I not fill Heaven and earth? says the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets said, who prophesy lies in My name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. ²⁶How long shall *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? But, *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who plot to cause My people to forget My name by their dreams which they tell, each one to his neighbor, as their fathers

have forgotten My name for Bā'-āl. ²⁸The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream. And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? says the LORD. ²⁹Is not My word like a fire? says the LORD; and like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces? ³⁰Therefore, the LORD says, Behold, I am against the prophets who steal My words each one from his neighbor. ³¹The LORD says, Behold, I am against the prophets who use their tongues and say, He says. ³²The LORD says, Behold, I am against those who prophesy false dreams and tell them, and cause My people to go astray by their lies and by their lightness. Yet I did not send them nor command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all, says the LORD.

³³And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask you, saying, What is the burden of the LORD? You shall then say to them, What burden? I will even forsake you, says the LORD. ³⁴And *as for* the prophet, and the priest, and the people, who shall say, The burden of the LORD, I will even punish that man and his house. ³⁵So you shall say each one to his neighbor, and each one to his brother, What has the LORD answered? And what has the LORD spoken? ³⁶And you shall mention the burden of the LORD no more. For every man's word shall be his burden; for you have perverted the words of the living God, of the LORD of hosts our God. ³⁷Thus you shall say to the prophet, What has the LORD answered you? And what has the LORD spoken? ³⁸But since you say, The burden of the LORD; therefore thus says the LORD, Because you say this word — the burden of the LORD — and I have sent to you saying, You shall not say, The burden of the LORD — ³⁹therefore, behold, I, even I, will completely forget you, and I will forsake you and the city that I gave you and your fathers, *and cast you out* of My presence. ⁴⁰And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a never-ending shame, which shall not be forgotten.

CHAPTER 24

¹The LORD showed me, and behold, two baskets of figs were set before the temple of the LORD, after Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon had carried away captive Jēc-ō-nī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and smiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. ²One basket *had* very good figs, like the figs *that are* first ripe. And the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. ³Then the LORD said to me, What do you see, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs — the good figs are very good, and the bad are very bad, so that they cannot be eaten, they are so bad.

⁴Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁵Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so I will acknowledge those who are carried away captive from Judah, whom I have sent out of

this place into the land of the Chāl-dē'-āns for *their* good. ⁶For I will set My eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again to this land. And I will build them and not pull *them* down; and I will plant them and not pluck *them* up. ⁷And I will give them a heart to know Me, that I am the LORD; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God. For they shall return to Me with their whole heart.

⁸And like the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad — surely thus says the LORD, So I will give to Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the king of Judah, and his princes, and the rest of Jerusalem who remain in this land, and those who dwell in the land of Egypt — ⁹and I will deliver them to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth for *their* hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a byword and a curse, in all places where I shall drive them. ¹⁰And I will send the sword, the famine, and the plague among them until they are destroyed from the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

CHAPTER 25

¹The word that came to Jeremias concerning all the people of Judah in the fourth year of Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm the son of Jō-sī'-āh king of Judah, that was the first year of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon — ²the *word* which Jeremias the prophet spoke to all the people of Judah and to all the people of Jerusalem, saying, ³From the thirteenth year of Jō-sī'-āh the son of Amon king of Judah, even to this day, that is the twenty-third year, the word of the LORD has come to me, and I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking. But you have not listened. ⁴And the LORD has sent to you all His servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*; but you have not listened nor bowed down your ear to hear. ⁵They said, Turn again now, every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that the LORD has given to you and to your fathers forever and ever. ⁶And do not go after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and do not provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands; and I will do you no harm. ⁷Yet you have not listened to Me, says the LORD, so that you might provoke Me to anger with the works of your hands to your own hurt.

⁸Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, Because you have not heard My words, ⁹behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, says the LORD, and Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king of Babylon, My servant — and will bring them against this land, and against its people, and against all these nations round about. And I will completely destroy them, and make them a waste, and a hissing, and everlasting ruins. ¹⁰Besides I will take from them the voice of rejoicing and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones and the light of the candle. ¹¹And this whole land shall be a ruin *and* a waste. And these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

¹²And, when seventy years are fulfilled I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, and the land of the Chāl-dē'-āns, says the LORD, for their iniquity, and I will make it an everlasting ruin. ¹³And I will bring upon that land all My words which I have spoken against it, *even* all that is written in this book which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations. ¹⁴For many nations and great kings shall lay service on them also. And I will repay them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

¹⁵For thus says the LORD God of Israel to me, Take the wine cup of this fury at My hand, and cause all the nations to whom I shall send you to drink it. ¹⁶And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. ¹⁷Then I took the cup at the LORD's hand, and made all the nations to whom the LORD had sent me, drink — ¹⁸Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings of them, and their princes, to make them a ruin *and* a waste, a hissing, and a curse, (as *it is* today), ¹⁹Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people, ²⁰and all the mixed people, and all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, and Āsh'-kē-lōn, and Azzah, and Ēk'-rōn, and the rest of Āsh'-dōd, ²¹Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon, ²²and all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Sī'-dōn, and the kings of the isles which are beyond the sea, ²³Dē'-dān, and Tē'-mā, and Buz, and all *that are* in the utmost corners, ²⁴and all the kings of Ā-rā'-bī-ā, and all the kings of the mixed people who dwell in the desert, ²⁵and all the kings of Zīm'-rī, and all the kings of Ē'-lām, and all the kings of the Medes, ²⁶and all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth — and the king of Shē'-shāch shall drink after them.

²⁷Therefore you shall say to them, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink and be drunk, and vomit, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you. ²⁸And if they refuse to take the cup at your hand to drink, then you shall say to them, Thus says the LORD of hosts, You shall certainly drink. ²⁹For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by My name; and should you be found entirely without guilt? You shall not be without guilt. For I will call for a sword upon all the people of the earth, says the LORD of hosts. ³⁰Therefore prophesy against them all these words, and say to them, The LORD shall roar from on high, and utter His voice from His holy dwelling place. He shall mightily roar over His dwelling place. He shall give a shout, like those who tread out *the grapes*, against all the people of the earth. ³¹A noise shall come to the ends of the earth; for the LORD has a case against the nations; He will enter into judgment with all flesh. He will give those *who are* wicked to the sword, says the LORD. ³²Thus says the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the

corners of the earth. ³³And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even to the *other* end of the earth; they shall not be mourned, or gathered, or buried. They shall be *as* dung upon the ground.

³⁴Howl, shepherds, and cry; and wallow yourselves *in ashes*, you choice *ones* of the flock. For the days of your slaughter and of your scatterings are fulfilled; and you shall fall like a desirable vessel. ³⁵And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the choice *ones* of the flock, to escape. ³⁶A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and a howling of the choice *ones* of the flock, *shall be heard*; for the LORD has spoiled their pasture. ³⁷And the peaceful pastures are cut down because of the fierce anger of the LORD. ³⁸Like the lion, He has left His den — for their land is wasted because of *His* pressing fury, and because of His fierce anger.

CHAPTER 26

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm the son of Jō-sī'-āh king of Judah, this word came from the LORD, saying, ²Thus says the LORD: Stand in the court of the LORD's house and speak to all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in the LORD's house, all the words that I command you to speak to them — do not keep back a word. ³It may be that they will listen, and each man turn from his evil way, that I may repent of the evil which I plan to do to them because of the evil of their doings. ⁴And you shall say to them, Thus says the LORD: If you will not listen to Me, to walk in My law which I have set before you, ⁵to listen to the words of My servants the prophets whom I am sending to you (both rising up early and sending *them*, but you have not listened) — ⁶then I will make this house like Shī'-lōh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth. ⁷So the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of the LORD.

⁸Now when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, the priests and the prophets and all the people took him, saying, You shall surely die! ⁹Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, This house shall be like Shī'-lōh, and this city shall be wasted, without anyone living in it? And all the people were gathered against Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the princes of Judah heard these things, then they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD, and sat down in the entrance of the new gate of the LORD's house. ¹¹And then the priests and the prophets spoke to the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy to die, for he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your ears.

¹²Then Jeremiah spoke to all the princes and to all the people, saying, The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that you have heard. ¹³Therefore, now make your ways and your doings good, and obey the voice of the LORD your God. And the LORD will repent of the evil that He has spoken against you. ¹⁴As for me, behold, I am in your hand. Do with me as seems good and right to you. ¹⁵But know for certain that if you put me to death you shall surely bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon its people. For truly the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears.

¹⁶Then the princes and all the people said to the priests and to the prophets, This man is not worthy to die; for he has spoken to us in the name of the LORD our God. ¹⁷Then some of the elders of the land rose up and spoke to all the assembly of the people, saying, ¹⁸Micah the Mō-rās'-thīte prophesied in the days of Hēz-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah, and spoke to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts: Zion shall be plowed *like* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house *shall become* like the high places of a forest. ¹⁹Did Hēz-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah and all Judah indeed put him to death? Did he not fear the LORD, and pray to the LORD, and the LORD repented of the evil which He had spoken against them? So we are doing great evil against our souls. ²⁰And there was also a man who prophesied in the name of the LORD, Ū-rī'-jäh the son of Shēm-aī'-āh of Kīr'-jāth-jē'-ā-rīm, who prophesied against this city and against this land according to all the words of Jeremiah. ²¹And when Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm the king, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king tried to put him to death. But when Ū-rī'-jäh heard it, he was afraid, and fled and went into Egypt. ²²And Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm the king sent men into Egypt — Ēl-nā'-thān the son of Āch'-bōr, and men with him into Egypt. ²³And they brought Ū-rī'-jäh out of Egypt and brought him to Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm the king, who killed him with the sword and threw his dead body into the graves of the common people. ²⁴Nevertheless the hand of Ā-hī'-kām the son of Shā'-phān was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

CHAPTER 27

¹In the beginning of the reign of Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm the son of Jō-sī'-āh king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ²Thus says the LORD to me, Make bonds and yokes for yourself, and put them upon your neck. ³And send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the Ammonites, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sī'-dōn, by the hand of the messengers who came to Jerusalem to Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah. ⁴And command them to say to their masters, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:

Thus you shall say to your masters, ⁵I have made the earth, the man and the beast that are upon the ground, by My great power and by My outstretched arm, and have given it unto whom it seemed right to Me. ⁶And now I have given all these lands into the hand of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king of Babylon, My servant. And I have also given him the beasts of the field to serve him. ⁷And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the time of his own land comes. And then many nations and great kings shall make him a slave to them. ⁸And the nation and kingdom which will not serve the same Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation I will punish, says the LORD, with the sword and with the famine, and with the plague, until I have destroyed them by his hand. ⁹Therefore do not listen to your prophets, nor to your fortune tellers, nor to your dreamers, nor to your chanters, nor to your magicians, who speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon. ¹⁰For they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land, and that I should drive you out and you should perish. ¹¹But the nations who bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, those I will let remain still in their own land, says the LORD. And they shall work it and dwell in it.

¹²I also spoke to Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah according to all these words, saying, Bring your necks under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, and live. ¹³Why will you die, you and your people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague, as the LORD has spoken against the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? ¹⁴Therefore do not listen to the words of the prophets who speak to you, saying, You shall not serve the king of Babylon. For they prophesy a lie to you. ¹⁵For I have not sent them, says the LORD; yet they prophesy a lie in My name, so that I might drive you out, and that you might perish, you and the prophets who prophesy to you.

¹⁶Also I spoke to the priests and to all the people, saying, Thus says the LORD, Do not listen to the words of your prophets who prophesy to you, saying, Behold, the vessels of the LORD's house shall now shortly be brought again from Babylon. For they prophesy a lie to you. ¹⁷Do not listen to them; serve the king of Babylon and live. For why should this city be laid waste? ¹⁸But if they are prophets, and if the word of the LORD is with them, let them now pray to the LORD of hosts that the vessels which are left in the house of the LORD, and *in* the house of the king of Judah, and at Jerusalem, may not go to Babylon.

¹⁹For thus says the LORD of hosts concerning the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning the bases, and concerning the rest of the vessels which remain in this city, ²⁰which Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon did not take when he carried Jēc-ō-nī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-kim king of Judah away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon, and all

the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem — ²¹yes, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the vessels that remain *in* the house of the LORD and *in* the house of the king of Judah and of Jerusalem: ²²They shall be carried to Babylon, and they shall be there until the day that I visit them, says the LORD. Then I will bring them up and give them back to this place.

CHAPTER 28

¹And the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, Hān-ā-nī'-āh the son of Ā'-zur the prophet, who was of Gibeon, spoke to me in the house of the LORD, in the presence of the priests and of all the people, saying, ²Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, I have broken the yoke of the king of Babylon. ³Within two full years I will again bring into this place all the vessels of the LORD's house, which Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon took away from this place and carried them to Babylon. ⁴And I will bring again to this place Jēc-ō-nī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm king of Judah, with all the captives of Judah who went into Babylon, says the LORD. For I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon.

⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah said to the prophet Hān-ā-nī'-āh in the presence of the priests, and in the presence of all the people who stood in the house of the LORD, ⁶even the prophet Jeremiah said, Amen. *May* the LORD do so. *May* the LORD confirm your words which you have prophesied, to bring again the vessels of the LORD's house, and all that is carried away captive, from Babylon into this place. ⁷Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in your ears and in the ears of all the people: ⁸The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and against great kingdoms, of war, and of evil, and of plague. ⁹As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet shall come to pass, *then* the prophet shall be known, that the LORD has truly sent him.

¹⁰Then Hān-ā-nī'-āh the prophet took the yoke from off the prophet Jeremiah's neck and broke it. ¹¹And Hān-ā-nī'-āh spoke in the presence of all the people, saying, Thus says the LORD, Even so I will break the yoke of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon from the neck of all nations within the time of two full years. And the prophet Jeremiah went his way.

¹²Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after Hān-ā-nī'-āh the prophet had broken the yoke from off the neck of the prophet Jeremiah, saying, ¹³Go and tell Hān-ā-nī'-āh, saying, Thus says the LORD: You have broken the yokes of wood, but you shall make for them yokes of iron. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of

Israel, I have put a yoke of iron upon the neck of all these nations, that they may serve Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon. And they shall serve him. And I have given him the beasts of the field also.

¹⁵Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hān-ā-nī'-āh the prophet, Hear now, Hān-ā-nī'-āh. The LORD has not sent you, but you make this people to trust in a lie. ¹⁶Therefore thus says the LORD, Behold, I will drive you from off the face of the earth. You shall die this year, because you have taught rebellion against the LORD. ¹⁷So Hān-ā-nī'-āh the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

CHAPTER 29

¹Now these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem to the rest of the elders who were carried away captives, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār had carried away captive from Jerusalem to Babylon. ²(*This was* after Jēc-ō-nī'-āh the king, and the queen, and the eunuchs [yoū'-nūcks], the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the smiths, had departed from Jerusalem.) ³*The letter came* by the hand of Ēl-ā'-sāh the son of Shā'-phān, and Gēm-ā-rī'-āh the son of Hīl-kī'-āh (whom Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the king of Judah sent to Babylon to Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon), saying, ⁴Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, to all who are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem to Babylon: ⁵Build houses and live *in them*; and plant gardens and eat the fruit of them. ⁶Take wives and father sons and daughters. And take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, so that they may bear sons and daughters, that you may be multiplied there and not become few. ⁷And seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray to the LORD for it. For in its peace you shall have peace.

⁸For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your fortune tellers who are in the midst of you deceive you, neither listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed. ⁹For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them, says the LORD.

¹⁰For thus says the LORD, After seventy years have been fulfilled at Babylon, I will visit and confirm My good word to you in causing you to return to this place. ¹¹For I know the thoughts which I think toward you, says the LORD; thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. ¹²Then you shall call upon Me, and you shall go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. ¹³And you shall seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. ¹⁴And I will be found by you, says the LORD; and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places where I

have driven you, says the LORD. And I will bring you again into the place from where I caused you to be carried away captive.

¹⁵Because you have said, The LORD has raised us up prophets in Babylon — ¹⁶thus says the LORD of the king who sits upon the throne of David, and of all the people who dwell in this city, *and* of your brothers who have not gone forth with you into captivity — ¹⁷thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will send upon them the sword, the famine, and the plague, and will make them like evil figs which cannot be eaten, they are so evil. ¹⁸And I will pursue them with the sword, with the famine, and with the plague, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and a waste, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations where I have driven them, ¹⁹because they have not listened to My words, says the LORD, which I sent to them by My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them* — but you would not hear, says the LORD.

²⁰Therefore hear the word of the LORD, all you of the captivity, whom I have sent from Jerusalem to Babylon — ²¹thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, about Ahab the son of Kō-laī'-āh and of Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the son of Mā-ā-seī'-āh, who prophesy a lie to you in My name: Behold, I will deliver them into the hand of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon, and he shall kill them before your eyes. ²²And a curse shall be taken up from them by all the captivity of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, *May* the LORD make you like Zēd-ē-kī'-āh and like Ahab, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire, ²³because they have committed evil in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken lying words in My name, which I have not commanded them — even I know, and *am* a witness, says the LORD.

²⁴You shall also speak to Shēm-aī'-āh the Nē-hēl'-ā-mīte, saying, ²⁵Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Because you have sent letters in your name to all the people who are at Jerusalem, and to Zēph-ā-nī'-āh the son of Mā-ā-seī'-āh the priest, and to all the priests, saying, ²⁶The LORD has made you priests instead of Jē-hoi'-ā-dā the priest, that you should be officers in the house of the LORD, to any man *who is* mad, and makes himself a prophet, that you should put him in prison and in the stocks. ²⁷Now therefore why have you not reproved Jeremiah of Ān'-ā-thōth, who makes himself a prophet to you? ²⁸For therefore he sent to us in Babylon, saying, This *captivity* is long. Build houses and live *in them*, and plant gardens and eat the fruit of them. ²⁹And Zēph-ā-nī'-āh the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet.

³⁰Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying, ³¹Send to all those of the captivity, saying, Thus says the LORD concerning Shēm-

-aī'-āh the Nē-hēl'-ā-mīte: Because Shēm-aī'-āh has prophesied to you, and I did not send him, and he caused you to trust in a lie, ³²therefore thus says the LORD, Behold, I will punish Shēm-aī'-āh the Nē-hēl'-ā-mīte and his seed. He shall not have a man to dwell among this people; neither shall he behold the good which I shall do for My people, says the LORD, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD.

CHAPTER 30

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ²Thus speaks the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write all the words that I have spoken to you in a book. ³For, lo, the days come, says the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of My people Israel and Judah, says the LORD. And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave their fathers, and they shall possess it.

⁴And these are the words that the LORD spoke concerning Israel and concerning Judah. ⁵For thus says the LORD, We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear and not of peace. ⁶Ask now, and see: does a man labor with child? Why do I see every man with his hands on his loins, like a woman in labor, and all faces are turned into paleness? ⁷Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it. ⁸For in that day, says the LORD of hosts, I will break his yoke from off your neck and will burst your bonds. And strangers shall no longer lay service on him, ⁹but they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

¹⁰Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob, says the LORD. Neither be afraid, O Israel; for lo, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. And Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make *him* afraid. ¹¹For I am with you, says the LORD, to save you. Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a full end of you; but I will correct you in measure, and will not find you entirely without guilt. ¹²For thus says the LORD, Your bruise cannot be cured, and your wound is grievous. ¹³*There is none to plead your cause, that you may be bound up; you have no healing medicines.* ¹⁴All your lovers have forgotten you; they do not seek you. For I have wounded you with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of your iniquity; *because* your sins were multiplied. ¹⁵Why do you cry for your affliction? Your sorrow cannot be cured because of the multitude of your iniquity; *because* your sins had multiplied, I have done these things to you. ¹⁶Therefore all those who devour you shall be devoured; and all your enemies, every one of them, shall go into captivity. And they who rob you shall be robbed, and all who strip you I will strip. ¹⁷For I will give health back to you, and will heal you

of your wounds, says the LORD; because they called you an outcast, *saying*, This is Zion, whom no man seeks after.

¹⁸Thus says the LORD: Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and will have mercy on his dwelling places. And the city shall be built upon her own hill, and the palace shall remain in its own place. ¹⁹And out of them shall come thanksgiving, and the voice of those who rejoice. And I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. ²⁰Also their children shall be as *they were* before, and their congregation shall be established before Me, and I will punish all who ill-treat them. ²¹And their princes shall be of themselves, and their governor shall come from among them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach Me. For who is this who pledged his heart to come near unto Me? says the LORD. ²²And you shall be My people, and I will be your God. ²³Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goes forth with fury, a never-ending whirlwind; it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. ²⁴The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return until He has done *it*, and until He has fulfilled the intentions of His heart. In the latter days you shall understand it.

CHAPTER 31

¹At the same time, says the LORD, I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people. ²Thus says the LORD, The people *who were* left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; *even* Israel, when I went before him to cause him to rest. ³The LORD has appeared to me from afar, *saying*, Yea, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness I have drawn you. ⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin of Israel. You shall again put on your tabrets, and shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice. ⁵You shall yet plant vines upon the mountains of Să-mâr'-î-ă; the planters shall plant, and shall eat *them* as common things. ⁶For there shall be a day *that* the watchmen upon Mount Ē'-phră-îm shall cry, Arise and let us go up to Zion unto the LORD our God! ⁷For thus says the LORD, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations. Cry out, give praise and say, O LORD, save Thy people, the remnant of Israel. ⁸Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the corners of the earth, *and* with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and she who is in labor with child, together; a great company shall return there. ⁹They shall come with weeping, and with prayers I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is My first-born.

¹⁰Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare *it* in the isles afar off. And say, He who scattered Israel will gather him and keep him, as a shepherd *keeps* his flock. ¹¹For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of *him who was* stronger than he. ¹²Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd. And their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. ¹³Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them and make them rejoice from their sorrow. ¹⁴And I will fill the soul of the priests with fatness, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, says the LORD.

¹⁵Thus says the LORD: A voice was heard in Rā'-māh, wailing *and* bitter weeping; Rachel, weeping for her children, and would not be comforted because they are not *there*. ¹⁶Thus says the LORD: Hold back your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears; for your work shall be rewarded, says the LORD. And they shall come again from the land of the enemy. ¹⁷And there is hope for your future, says the LORD, that your children shall come again to their own border.

¹⁸I have surely heard Ephraim mourning to himself, *saying*, Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bull not broken in; turn me, and I shall be turned. For Thou art the LORD my God. ¹⁹Surely after I was turned, I repented; and after I was taught, I struck upon *my* thigh. I was ashamed, yea, I even blushed, because I bore the disgrace of my youth. ²⁰Is Ephraim My dear son? *Is he* a delightful child? For as often as I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still. Therefore My bowels are troubled for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, says the LORD. ²¹Set up waymarks, make high heaps. Set your heart toward the highway, *even* the way *which* you went. Turn again, O virgin of Israel, turn again to these your cities. ²²How long will you go about, O backsliding daughter? For the LORD has created a new thing in the land — a woman shall enclose a man.

²³Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Again they shall use this speech in the land of Judah and in the cities of it, when I shall again bring their captivity; The LORD bless you, O home of justice *and* mountain of holiness. ²⁴And farmers, and those who go forth with flocks, shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities of it together. ²⁵For I have satisfied the weary soul, and I have filled every sorrowful soul. ²⁶Upon this I awoke and looked up; and my sleep was sweet to me.

²⁷Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man and with the seed of beasts. ²⁸And as I have watched over them to pluck up, and to break

down, and to throw down, and to destroy, and to afflict — so I will watch over them to build, and to plant, says the LORD. ²⁹In those days they shall not say any more, The fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. ³⁰But everyone shall die for his own iniquity. Every man who eats the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge.

³¹Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah, ³²not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt — which covenant of Mine they broke, although I was a husband to them, says the LORD — ³³but this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, says the LORD, I will put My law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ³⁴And they shall no more teach each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, Know the LORD — for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

³⁵Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for a light by day *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who divides the sea when the waves of it roar — the LORD of hosts is His name — ³⁶if those ordinances depart from Me, says the LORD, the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before Me forever. ³⁷Thus says the LORD, If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be searched out, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, says the LORD.

³⁸Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that the city shall be built to the LORD from the tower of Hān'-ā-nēel to the gate of the corner. ³⁹And the measuring line shall yet go forth straight across over the hill Gār'-ēb, and shall go around to Gō'-āth. ⁴⁰And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields to the brook of Kī'-drōn, to the corner of the Horse Gate toward the east, shall be holy unto the LORD. It shall not be plucked up nor thrown down any more forever.

CHAPTER 32

¹The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār. ²For then the king of Babylon's army besieged Jerusalem. And Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the king of Judah's house. ³For Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Why do you prophesy and say, Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it, ⁴and Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah shall not escape out

of the hand of the Chāl-dē'-āns, but shall surely be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon, and shall speak with him mouth to mouth, and his eyes shall behold his eyes, ⁵and he shall lead Zēd-ē-kī'-āh into Babylon, and there he shall be until I visit him, says the LORD — though you fight with the Chāl-dē'-āns, you shall not be blessed?

⁶And Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁷Behold, Hān'-ā-mēel the son of Shāl'-lūm your uncle shall come to you, saying, Buy my field which is in Ān'-ā-thōth; for the right to redeem it is yours, to buy *it*. ⁸So Hān'-ā-mēel my uncle's son came to me in the court of the prison according to the word of the LORD and said to me, I pray you, buy my field which is in Ān'-ā-thōth, which is in the country of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance is yours, and the right to redeem is yours. Buy it for yourself. Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD. ⁹And I bought the field of Hān'-ā-mēel my uncle's son, that was in Ān'-ā-thōth, and weighed him the money, seventeen shekels of silver. ¹⁰And I wrote it in a book, and sealed *it*, and took witnesses, and weighed the money in the scales. ¹¹So I took the book of the purchase, *both* that which was sealed *according* to the law and custom, and that which was open. ¹²And I gave the book of the purchase to Bār'-ūch the son of Nē-rī'-āh, the son of Mā-ā-seī'-āh, in the sight of Hān'-ā-mēel my uncle's son, and in the presence of the witnesses who wrote in the book of the purchase, before all the Jews who sat in the court of the prison.

¹³And I commanded Bār'-ūch before them, saying, ¹⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these books, this book of the purchase, both the one which is sealed and this book which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel so that they may last many days. ¹⁵For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall be owned again in this land.

¹⁶Now when I had delivered the book of the purchase unto Bār'-ūch the son of Nē-rī'-āh, I prayed to the LORD, saying, ¹⁷Ah, Lord GOD! Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power and stretched out arm. There is nothing too hard for Thee. ¹⁸Thou dost show loving-kindness to thousands, and dost repay the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them. The great, the mighty God, the LORD of hosts, is His name, ¹⁹great in wisdom and mighty in work; for Thy eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men, to give every one according to his ways and according to the fruit of his doings. ²⁰For *Thou* hast set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, *even* until this day, and in Israel, and among men; and hast made Thee a name, as at this day — ²¹and hast brought forth Thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with great terror. ²²And *Thou* hast given them this land, which Thou didst swear to their fathers to give them, a land flowing with milk and honey — ²³and they came in and possessed

it, but they did not obey Thy voice, neither did they walk in Thy law. They have done nothing of all that Thou didst command them to do; therefore Thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them. ²⁴Behold, the siege mounds have come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hands of the Chāl-dē'-āns who fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the plague. And what Thou hast spoken has come to pass; and, behold, Thou seest *it*. ²⁵And Thou hast said to me, O Lord GOD, Buy the field for money, and take witnesses; for the city is given into the hands of the Chāl-dē'-āns.

²⁶Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, ²⁷Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me? ²⁸Therefore thus says the LORD: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chāl-dē'-āns, and into the hand of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon, and he shall take it. ²⁹And the Chāl-dē'-āns who fight against this city shall come up and set fire upon this city, and burn it with the houses upon whose roofs they have offered incense to Bā'-āl, and poured out drink offerings to other gods, to provoke Me to anger. ³⁰For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have only done evil before Me from their youth. For the children of Israel have only provoked Me to anger with the work of their hands, says the LORD. ³¹For this city has been to Me *as* a cause of My anger and of My fury from the day that they built it even to this day; that I should remove it from before My face ³²because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have done to provoke Me to anger, they, their kings, their princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. ³³And they have turned the back to Me, and not the face; though I taught them, rising up early and teaching *them*, yet they have not listened to receive instruction. ³⁴But they set their abominations in the house which is called by My name, to defile it. ³⁵And they built the high places of Bā'-āl, which are in the valley of the son of Hīn'-nōm, to cause their sons and their daughters to pass through *the fire* to Mō'-lēch — which I did not command them, neither did it come into My mind that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

³⁶And now therefore, thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, It shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the plague: ³⁷Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, and in My fury, and in great wrath. And I will bring them again to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. ³⁸And they shall be My people, and I will be their God. ³⁹And I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for their good and *for the good* of their children after them. ⁴⁰And I will make an everlasting covenant with them that I will not turn away from them, to do them good. But I will put My fear in their hearts, that they shall not

depart from Me. ⁴¹Yea, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will plant them in this land, and I will truly plant them in this land with My whole heart and with My whole soul. ⁴²For thus says the LORD: As I have brought all this great evil upon this people, so I will bring upon them all the good that I have promised them. ⁴³And fields shall be bought in this land of which you say, *It is a desert without man or beast; it is given into the hand of the Chāl-dē'-āns.* ⁴⁴Men shall buy fields for money and write it in a book, and seal *it*, and take witnesses in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountains, and in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south. For I will cause their captivity to return, says the LORD.

CHAPTER 33

¹Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah the second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the prison, saying, ²Thus says the LORD the Maker of it, the LORD who formed it in order to establish it — the LORD is His name: ³Call unto Me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things which you do not know. ⁴For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by the *siege* mounds and by the sword: ⁵They come to fight with the Chāl-dē'-āns, but *it is* to fill them with the dead bodies of men whom I have slain in My anger and in My fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hidden My face from this city. ⁶Behold, I will bring it health and healing, and I will heal them and will show them the riches of peace and truth. ⁷And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. ⁸And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity by which they have sinned against Me; and I will pardon all their iniquities by which they have sinned, and by which they have transgressed against Me.

⁹And it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise and an honor before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them. And they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the riches that I bring to it. ¹⁰Thus says the LORD: In this place, which you say shall be a desert without man and without beast, *even* in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem that are wasted without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast — ¹¹*in this place* there shall be heard again the voice of joy and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride, the voice of those who shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts, for His mercy *endures* forever; *and the voice* of those who shall bring the sacrifice of praise into the house of the LORD. For I will cause the captivity of the land to return, as at the first, says the LORD.

¹²Thus says the LORD of hosts: Again in this place which is a desert without man and without beast, and in all the cities of it, *there* shall be a home of shepherds causing *their* flocks to lie down. ¹³In the cities of the mountains, in the cities of the valley, and in the cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in the places around Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, shall the flocks pass again under the hands of him who counts *them*, says the LORD. ¹⁴Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will do that good thing which I have promised to the house of Israel and to the house of Judah.

¹⁵In those days, and at that time, I will cause the Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David. And He shall do judgment and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah shall be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely. And this *is the name* with which she shall be called, The LORD our righteousness. ¹⁷For thus says the LORD, David shall never lack a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel, ¹⁸neither shall the priests the Levites lack a man before Me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meal offerings, and to do sacrifice forever.

¹⁹And the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, ²⁰Thus says the LORD: If you can break My covenant of the day and My covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season, ²¹*then* also may My covenant with David My servant be broken, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne, and *My covenant* with the Levites the priests, My ministers. ²²As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured, so I will multiply the seed of David My servant and the Levites who minister to Me. ²³Moreover the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, saying, ²⁴Do you not consider what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the LORD has chosen, He has even cast them off? So they have despised My people, that they should be no more a nation before them. ²⁵Thus says the LORD: If My covenant is not with day and night, *and if* I have not given the ordinances of Heaven and earth, ²⁶*then* I will cast away the seed of Jacob, and David My servant, so that I will not take *any* of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy upon them.

CHAPTER 34

¹The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD when Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth under his rule, and all the people, fought against Jerusalem and against all the cities of it — saying, ²Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Go and speak to Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah and tell him, Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire. ³And you shall not escape out

of his hand, but shall surely be taken and delivered into his hand. And your eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with you mouth to mouth, and you shall go to Babylon. ⁴Yet hear the word of the LORD, O Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah: Thus says the LORD of you, You shall not die by the sword. ⁵You shall die in peace; and with the burnings of your fathers, the former kings which were before you, so they shall burn *odors* for you. And they will mourn you, *saying*, Ah, lord! For I have spoken the word, says the LORD. ⁶Then Jeremiah the prophet spoke all these words to Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah in Jerusalem, ⁷when the king of Babylon's army fought against Jerusalem and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lā'-chish, and against Ā-zē'-kāh – for these walled cities remained of the cities of Judah.

⁸*This is* the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after king Zēd-ē-kī'-āh had made a covenant with all the people who were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty to them, ⁹that every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant *who was* a Hebrew or a Hebrewess go free, that none should cause them to be slaves to him, to a Jew, his brother. ¹⁰Now when all the princes, and all the people who had entered into the covenant, heard that each one should let his manservant, and each one his maidservant go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed and let *them* go. ¹¹But afterward they turned and caused the servants and handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return! And *they* brought them into service *again* for servants and for handmaids.

¹²Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ¹³Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, saying, ¹⁴At the end of seven years each man should let go his brother who is a Hebrew *and* who has been sold to him. And when he has served you six years, you shall let him go free from you. But your fathers did not listen to me, nor bow down their ears. ¹⁵And you had turned today, and had done right in My sight, in proclaiming liberty each man to his neighbor; and you had made a covenant before Me in the house which is called by My name. ¹⁶But you turned and defiled My name, and each man caused his servant, and each man *caused* his handmaid, whom you had set free to do as they pleased, to return. And *you* brought them into service to be servants and handmaids to you. ¹⁷Therefore thus says the LORD: You have not listened to Me in proclaiming liberty each one to his brother and each one to his neighbor! Behold, I proclaim a freedom for you, says the LORD, to the sword, to the plague, and to the famine. And I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth. ¹⁸And I will give the men who have sinned against My covenant, who have not done the words of the covenant which they have made before Me when they cut

the calf in two and passed between the parts of it — ¹⁹the princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eū'-nūchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land who passed between the parts of the calf — ²⁰I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those who seek their life. And their dead bodies shall be for food to the birds of the sky and to the beasts of the earth. ²¹And I will give Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah, and his princes, into the hand of their enemies and into the hand of those who seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, who have withdrawn from you. ²²Behold, I will command, says the LORD, and cause them to return to this city. And they shall fight against it and take it, and burn it with fire. And I will make the cities of Judah a desert without a soul to live in it.

CHAPTER 35

¹The word which came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the days of Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm the sons of Jō-sī'-āh king of Judah, saying, ²Go to the house of the Rē'-chāb-ītes and speak to them, and bring them into the house of the LORD, into one of the rooms. And give them wine to drink. ³Then I took Jā-āz-ā-nī'-āh the son of Jeremiah, the son of Hā-bāz-ī-nī'-āh, and his brothers, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rē'-chāb-ītes. ⁴And I brought them into the house of the LORD, into the room of the sons of Hā'-nān the son of Īg-dā-lī'-āh, a man of God who was beside the room of the princes, who was above the room of Mā-ā-seī'-āh the son of Shāl'-lūm, the keeper of the door. ⁵And I set pots full of wine, and cups, before the sons of the house of the Rē'-chāb-ītes. And I said to them, Drink wine! ⁶But they said, We will drink no wine, for Jon'-ā-dāb the son of Rē'-chāb our father commanded us, saying, You shall drink no wine, you nor your sons forever. ⁷Neither shall you build houses, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have *anything*; but all your days you shall live in tents, so that you may live many days in the land where you are strangers. ⁸So we have obeyed the voice of Jōn'-ā-dāb the son of Rē'-chāb our father in all that he has commanded us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, nor our daughters; ⁹nor to build houses for us to live in. Neither do we have vineyard, nor field, nor seed. ¹⁰But we have lived in tents, and have obeyed and done according to all that Jōn'-ā-dāb our father commanded us. ¹¹But when Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon came up into the land, we said, Come and let us go to Jerusalem for fear of the army of the Chāl-dē'-āns, and for fear of the army of the Syrians. So we are living at Jerusalem.

¹²Then came the word of the LORD to Jeremiah, saying, ¹³Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Go and tell the men of Judah and the people of Jerusalem, Will you not receive instruction to listen to My words? says the LORD. ¹⁴The words of Jōn'-ā-dāb the son of Rē'-chāb, which he commanded his sons not to drink wine, are done. For to this

day they drink none, but obey their father's commandment. But I have spoken to you, rising early and speaking, but you did not listen to Me. ¹⁵I have also sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising up early and sending *them*, saying, Return now each man from his evil way, and make your doings good, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and you shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers. But you have not bowed down your ear, nor listened to Me. ¹⁶Because the sons of Jōn'-ā-dāb the son of Rē'-chāb have done the commandment of their father, which He commanded them — but this people has not listened to Me — ¹⁷therefore thus says the LORD God of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the people of Jerusalem all the evil that I have spoken against them. Because I have spoken to them, but they have not heard; and I have called to them, but they have not answered.

¹⁸And Jeremiah said to the house of the Rē'-chāb-ites, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Because you have obeyed the commandment of Jōn'-ā-dāb your father, and have kept all his precepts, and have done according to all that he has commanded you — ¹⁹therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Jōn'-ā-dāb the son of Rē'-chāb shall not lack a man to stand before Me forever.

CHAPTER 36

¹And in the fourth year of Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm the son of Jō-sī'-āh king of Judah, this word came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, ²Take a roll of a book, and write in it all the words that I have spoken to you against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spoke to you, from the days of Jō-sī'-āh, even to this day. ³It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I plan to do to them, that they may each man return from his evil way, so that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. ⁴Then Jeremiah called Bār'-ūch the son of Nē-rī'-āh. And Bār'-ūch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the LORD, which He had spoken to him, upon a roll of a book. ⁵And Jeremiah commanded Bār'-ūch, saying, I am shut up. I cannot go into the house of the LORD. ⁶Therefore you go, and read in the roll which you have written from my mouth, the words of the LORD in the ears of the people upon the fasting day. And also you shall read them in the ears of all Judah who come out of their cities. ⁷It may be they will present their prayer before the LORD, and will return, each one from his evil way. For great is the anger and the fury that the LORD has spoken against this people. ⁸And Bār'-ūch the son of Nē-rī'-āh did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book of the words of the LORD in the LORD's house.

⁹And in the fifth year of Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm the son of Jō-sī'-āh king of Judah, in the ninth month, they called a fast before the LORD to all

the people in Jerusalem, and to all the people who came from the cities of Judah to Jerusalem. ¹⁰Then Bâr'-ûch read in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the LORD, in the room of Gēm-ă-rî'-ăh the son of Shă'-phăn the scribe, in the higher court, at the entrance to the new gate of the LORD's house, in the ears of all the people.

¹¹When Mî-chai'-ăh the son of Gēm-ă-rî'-ăh, the son of Shă'-phăn, had heard all the words of the LORD out of the book, ¹²then he went down into the king's house, into the scribe's room. And, lo, all the princes sat there, *even* Ē-lî'-shă-mă the scribe, and Dêl-ai'-ăh the son of Shēm-ai'-ăh, and Ēl-nă'-thăn the son of Āch-rî'-bôr, and Gēm-ă-rî'-ăh the son of Shă'-phăn, and Zêd-ê-kî'-ăh the son of Hăn-ă-nî'-ăh, and all the princes. ¹³Then Mî-chai'-ăh declared to them all the words that he had heard, when Bâr'-ûch read the book in the ears of the people. ¹⁴Therefore all the princes sent Jê-hû'-dî the son of Nêth-ă-nî'-ăh, the son of Shêl-ê-mî'-ăh, the son of Cû-shî, to Bâr'-ûch, saying, Take the roll in your hand, *the roll* in which you have read in the ears of the people, and come. So Bâr'-ûch the son of Nê-rî'-ăh took the roll in his hand and came to them. ¹⁵And they said to him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Bâr'-ûch read it in their ears. ¹⁶Now when they had heard all the words, they turned to one another in fear and said to Bâr'-ûch, We will surely tell the king of all these words. ¹⁷And they asked Bâr'-ûch, saying, Tell us now, How did you write all these words at his mouth? ¹⁸Then Bâr'-ûch answered them, He spoke all these words to me with his mouth, and I wrote *them* with ink on the roll. ¹⁹Then the princes said to Bâr'-ûch, Go hide yourselves, you and Jeremiah — and let no man know where you are.

²⁰And they went in to the king into the court. But they laid up the roll in the room of Ē-lî'-shă-mă the scribe, and told all the words in the ears of the king. ²¹So the king sent Jê-hû'-dî to bring the roll. And he took it out of the room of Ē-lî'-shă-mă the scribe. And Jê-hû'-dî read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes who stood beside the king. ²²Now the king sat in the winter house in the ninth month. And *a fire was* burning on the hearth before him. ²³And when Jê-hû'-dî had read three or four leaves, he cut it with the penknife and threw *it* into the fire that was on the hearth, until all the roll was hurned up in the fire that was on the hearth. ²⁴Yet they were not afraid, nor *did they* tear their garments — *neither* the king nor any of his servants who heard all these words. ²⁵But Ēl-nă'-thăn and Dêl-ai'-ăh and Gēm-ă-rî'-ăh had pleaded with the king that he should not burn the roll, but he would not hear them. ²⁶But the king commanded Jê-răh'-mêel the son of Hăm'-mê-lêch, and Sê-raî'-ăh the son of Āz'-ri-êl, and Shêl-ê-mî'-ăh the son of Āb'-dêel, to take Bâr'-ûch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet. But the LORD hid them.

²⁷Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, after the king had burned the roll and the words which Bâr'-ûch wrote at the mouth of

Jeremiah, saying, ²⁸Take another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm the king of Judah has burned. ²⁹And you shall say to Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm king of Judah, Thus says the LORD: You have burned this roll, saying, Why have you written in it, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause man and beast to cease from there? ³⁰Therefore thus says the LORD of Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm king of Judah: He shall have no one to sit upon the throne of David. And his dead body shall be cast out in the day to the heat, and in the night to the frost. ³¹And I will punish him and his seed and his servants for their iniquity. And I will bring upon them, and upon the people of Jerusalem, and upon the men of Judah, all the evils that I have spoken against them; but they did not listen.

³²Then Jeremiah took another roll and gave it to Bār'-ūch the scribe, the son of Nē-rī'-āh, who wrote in it from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm king of Judah had burned in the fire. And many words like them were added to them.

CHAPTER 37

¹And king Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the son of Jō-sī'-āh reigned instead of Cō-nī'-āh the son of Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm, whom Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah. ²But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, listened to the words of the LORD which He spoke by the prophet Jeremiah. ³And Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the king sent Jē-hū'-cāl the son of Shēl-ē-mī'-āh and Zēph-ā-nī'-āh the son of Mā-ā-seī'-āh the priest to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now to the LORD our God for us. ⁴Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people, for they had not put him into prison. ⁵Then Pharaoh's army had come forth out of Egypt. And when the Chāl-dē'-āns who besieged Jerusalem heard news of them, they departed from Jerusalem.

⁶Then the word of the LORD came to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, ⁷Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: You shall say this to the king of Judah, who sent you to Me to inquire of Me: Behold, Pharaoh's army, which has come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land. ⁸And the Chāl-dē'-āns shall come again and fight against this city, and take it, and burn it with fire. ⁹Thus says the LORD: Do not deceive yourselves, saying, The Chāl-dē'-āns shall surely depart from us. For they shall not depart. ¹⁰For though you had stricken the whole army of the Chāl-dē'-āns who fight against you, and there remained *only* wounded men among them, *yet* they would rise up, each man in his tent, and burn this city with fire.

¹¹And when the army of Chāl-dē'-āns was made to go up from Jerusalem because of fear of Pharaoh's army, ¹²then Jeremiah went forth

out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, in order to separate himself from there in the midst of the people. ¹³And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the guard was there, whose name was Ī-rī'-jäh, the son of Shēl-ē-mī'-äh, the son of Hān-ā-nī'-äh. And he took Jeremiah the prophet, saying, You are falling away to the Chāl-dē'-āns. ¹⁴Then Jeremiah said, *It is* not true. I am not falling away to the Chāl-dē'-āns. But he did not listen to him; so Ī-rī'-jäh took Jeremiah and brought him to the princes. ¹⁵Therefore the princes were angry with Jeremiah, and struck him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe. For they had made that the prison.

¹⁶When Jeremiah had entered into the dungeon, and into the cells, and *when* Jeremiah had remained there many days, ¹⁷then Zēd-ē-kī'-äh the king sent and took him out. And the king asked him secretly in his bouse, and said, Is there *any* word from the LORD? And Jeremiah said, There is. For, He said, you shall be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon. ¹⁸Moreover Jeremiah said to king Zēd-ē-kī'-äh, What have I offended against you, or against your servants, or against this people, that you have put me in prison? ¹⁹Where now are your prophets who prophesied to you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you nor against this land? ²⁰Therefore hear now, I pray you, O my lord the king; I pray you, let my cry be pleasing to you, so that you cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there. ²¹Then Zēd-ē-kī'-äh the king commanded that they should put Jeremiah into the court of the prison, and that they should give him a piece of bread out of the bakers' street daily, until all the bread in the city was gone. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

CHAPTER 38

¹Then Shēph-ā-tī'-äh the son of Māt'-tān, and Gēd-ā-lī'-äh the son of Pāsh'-ūr, and Jū'-cāl the son of Shēl-ē-mī'-äh, and Pāsh'-ūr the son of Māl-chī'-äh, heard the words that Jeremiah had spoken to all the people, saying, ²Thus says the LORD, He who remains in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague. But he who goes forth to the Chāl-dē'-āns shall live; for he shall have his life as a prize, and shall live. ³Thus says the LORD: This city shall surely be given into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which shall take it. ⁴Therefore the princes said to the king, We pray you, let this man be put to death. For in this way he weakens the hands of the men of war who remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words to them. For this man does not seek the good of this people, but the hurt. ⁵Then Zēd-ē-kī'-äh the king said, Behold, he is in your hand. For the king cannot do anything against you. ⁶Then they took Jeremiah and threw him into the dungeon of Māl-chī'-äh the son of Hām'-mē-lēch, which was in the court of the prison. And they let Jeremiah down

with ropes. And *there was* no water in the dungeon, but mud. So Jeremiah sank in the mud.

⁷Now when Ē'-bēd-mēl'-ēch the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ān, one of the eū'-nūchs which was in the king's house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon (the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin), ⁸Ē'-bēd-mēl'-ēch went forth out of the king's house and spoke to the king, saying, ⁹My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they have done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have thrown into the dungeon. And he is likely to die of hunger in the place where he is, for *there is* no more bread in the city. ¹⁰Then the king commanded Ē'-bēd-mēl'-ēch the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ān, saying, Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet up out of the dungeon before he dies. ¹¹So Ē'-bēd-mēl'-ēch took the men with him and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took old torn clothes and old rotten rags from there, and let them down by ropes into the dungeon to Jeremiah. ¹²And Ē'-bēd-mēl'-ēch, the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ān said to Jeremiah, Now put *these* old torn clothes and rotten rags under your armholes under the ropes. And Jeremiah did so. ¹³So they drew up Jeremiah with ropes and took him up out of the dungeon. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison.

¹⁴Then Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the king sent and took Jeremiah the prophet to him into the third gate that is in the house of the LORD. And the king said to Jeremiah, I will ask you a thing. Do not hide anything from me. ¹⁵Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, If I declare *it* to you, will you not surely put me to death? And if I give you advice, you will not listen to me. ¹⁶Zēd-ē-kī' āh the king swore secretly to Jeremiah, saying, As the LORD lives, who made us this soul, I will not put you to death, neither will I give you into the hand of these men who seek your life. ¹⁷Then Jeremiah said to Zēd-ē-kī'-āh, Thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: If you will surely go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then your soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire. And you shall live, and your house. ¹⁸But if you will not go forth to the king of Babylon's princes, then this city shall be given into the hands of the Chāl-dē'-āns, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape out of their hand. ¹⁹And Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the king said to Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews who have fallen to the Chāl-dē'-āns, lest they deliver me into their hand, and lest they hurt me. ²⁰But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver *you*. I beseech you, obey the voice of the LORD which I speak to you; so it shall be well to you, and your soul shall live. ²¹But if you refuse to go forth, this is the word that the LORD has shown to me: ²²And, behold, all the women who are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those *women* shall say, Your friends have urged you on, and have prevailed against you. Your feet have sunk in the mire, *and* they have turned away. ²³So they shall bring out all your wives and your children

to the Chāl-dē'-āns. And you shall not escape out of their hand, but shall be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon. And you shall cause this city to be burned with fire.

²⁴Then Zēd-ē-kī'-āh said to Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and you shall not die. ²⁵But if the princes hear that I have talked with you, and they come to you and say to you, Declare to us now what you have said to the king; do not hide it from us, and we will not put you to death; also what the king said to you — ²⁶then you shall say to them, I presented my cry before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan's house, to die there. ²⁷Then all the princes came to Jeremiah and asked him. And he told them according to all these words that the king had commanded. So they quit speaking with him; for the matter was not known. ²⁸So Jeremiah stayed in the court of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken. And he was *there* when Jerusalem was taken.

CHAPTER 39

¹In the ninth year of Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah, in the tenth month, Nēb-ū-chād-nēz-zār king of Babylon, and all his army, came against Jerusalem. And they besieged it. ²In the eleventh year of Zēd-ē-kī'-āh, in the fourth month, the ninth of the month, the city was broken up. ³And all the princes of the king of Babylon came in and sat in the middle gate: Nēr'-gāl-shā-rē'-zēr, Sām'-gār-nē'-bō, Sār'-sē-chīm, Rāb'-sā-rīs, Nēr'-gāl-shā-rē'-zēr, Rāb'-māg, with all the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon.

⁴And when Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the king and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king's garden, by the gate between the two walls. And he went out the way of the plain. ⁵But the Chāl-dē'-āns' army pursued after them and overtook Zēd-ē-kī'-āh in the plains of Jericho. And when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nēb-ū-chād-nēz-zār king of Babylon, to Rib'-lāh in the land of Hā'-māth, where he gave judgment upon him. ⁶Then the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zēd-ē-kī'-āh before his eyes in Rib'-lāh. Also the king of Babylon killed all the nobles of Judah. ⁷Besides he put out Zēd-ē-kī'-āh's eyes and bound him with chains, to carry him to Babylon.

⁸And the Chāl-dē'-āns burned the king's houses and the houses of the people, with fire, and broke down the walls of Jerusalem. ⁹Then Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān the captain of the guard carried away captive to Babylon the rest of the people who remained in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to him with the rest of the people that remained. ¹⁰But Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān the captain of the guard left *some* of the poor people, who had nothing, in the land of Judah, and gave them vineyards and fields at the same time.

¹¹Now Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon gave commandment concerning Jeremiah to Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān the captain of the guard, saying, ¹²Take him and look well to him, and do him no harm. But do to him even as he shall say to you. ¹³So Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān the captain of the guard sent, and Nēb-ū-shās'-bān, Rāb'-sā-ris, and Nēr'-gāl-shā-rē'-zēr, Rāb'-māg, and all the king of Babylon's princes, ¹⁴even they sent and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, and entrusted him to Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām the son of Shā'-phān, that he should carry him home. So he lived among the people.

¹⁵Now the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying, ¹⁶Go and speak to Ē'-hēd-mēl'-ēch the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ān, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will bring My words upon this city for evil and not for good. And they shall be *done* in that day before you. ¹⁷But I will deliver you in that day, says the LORD. And you shall not be given into the hand of the men of whom you are afraid. ¹⁸For I will surely deliver you, and you shall not fall by the sword, but your life shall be as a prize to you, because you have put your trust in Me, says the LORD.

CHAPTER 40

¹*This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, after Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān the captain of the guard had let him go from Rā'-māh, when he had taken him, being bound in chains, among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah, who were being carried away captive to Babylon.* ²And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah and said to him, The LORD your God has spoken evil against this place. ³Now the LORD has brought *it*, and has done according as He has said, Because you have sinned against the LORD and have not obeyed His voice, therefore this thing has come upon you. ⁴And now, behold, I set you free today from the chains which were upon your hand. If it seems good to you to come with me into Babylon, come. And I will keep my eye on you. But if it seems evil to you to come with me into Babylon, stay. Behold, all the land is before you. Wherever it seems good and pleasing for you to go, go there. ⁵Now while he had not yet gone back, *he said*, Go back also to Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām the son of Shā'-phān, whom the king of Babylon has made governor over the cities of Judah, and live with him among the people. Or go wherever it seems right to you to go. So the captain of the guard gave him food and a reward, and let him go. ⁶Then Jeremiah went to Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām at Mīzpah. And *he* lived with him among the people who were left in the land.

⁷Now when all the captains of the forces who were in the fields, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gēd-ā-lī'-āh

the son of Ā-hī'-kām governor in the land, and had entrusted to him men, and women, and children, and *many* of the poor of the land, of those who were not carried away captive to Babylon — ⁸then they came to Gēd-ā-lī'-āh to Mizpah, even Ish'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh, and Jō-hā'-nān and Jonathan the sons of Kā-rē'-āh, and Sē-raī'-āh the son of Tān-hū'-mēth, and the sons of Ē'-phaī of Nē-tōph'-ā, and Jēz-ā-nī'-āh the son of a Mā'-āch'-ā-thīte, they and their men. ⁹And Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām the son of Shā'-phān swore to them and to their men, saying, Do not fear to serve the Chāl-dē'-āns. Live in the land and serve the king of Babylon, and it shall be well with you. ¹⁰As for me, behold, I will live at Mizpah to serve the Chāl-dē'-āns, who have come to us. But you go gather wine, and summer fruits, and oil, and put *them* in your vessels, and live in your cities that you have taken. ¹¹Likewise when all the Jews that were in Moab, and among the Ammonites, and in Edom, and who were in all the countries, heard that the king of Babylon had left a remnant of Judah, and that he had set over them Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Shā'-phān — ¹²even all the Jews returned out of all places where they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gēd-ā-lī'-āh, to Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits in abundance.

¹³Moreover Jō-hā'-nān the son of Kā-rē'-āh, and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gēd-ā-lī'-āh to Mizpah. ¹⁴And *they* said to him, You certainly know that Bā'-ā-lis the king of the Ammonites has sent Ish'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh to kill you. But Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām did not believe them. ¹⁵Then Jō-hā'-nān the son of Kā-rē'-āh spoke to Gēd-ā-lī'-āh in Mizpah secretly, saying, I pray you, let me go. And I will kill Ish'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh, and nō mān shall know *it*. Why should he kill you so that all the Jews who are gathered to you should be scattered, and the remnant in Judah perish? ¹⁶But Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām said to Jō-hā'-nān the son of Kā-rē'-āh, You shall not do this thing. For you speak falsely of Ish'-mā-ēl.

CHAPTER 41

¹Now in the seventh month Ish'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh and the son of Ē-lī'-shā-mā, of the royal seed, and the princes of the king, and ten men with him, came to Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām to Mizpah. And there they ate bread together in Mizpah. ²Then Ish'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh arose, and the ten men who were with him, and struck Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām the son of Shā'-phān with the sword, and killed him whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land. ³Ish'-mā-ēl also killed all the Jews who were with him, *even* with Gēd-ā-lī'-āh, at Mizpah, and the Chāl-dē'-āns who were found there, *and* the men of war. ⁴And the second day after he had killed Gēd-ā-lī'-āh (and no one knew *it*), ⁵some *men* from Shē'-chēm came from Shī'-lōh, and from Sā-mâr'-ī-ā, *even* eighty men, with their

beards shaved, and their clothes torn, and having cut themselves, with offerings and incense in their hand, to bring *them* to the house of the LORD. ⁶And Ish'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping as he went along. And as he met them, he said to them, Come to Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām. ⁷And when they came into the middle of the city, Īsh'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh killed them, he and the men who were with him, *and they threw them* into the middle of the pit. ⁸But ten men were found among them who said to Īsh'-mā-ēl, Do not kill us, for we have treasures in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he held back and did not kill them among their brothers. ⁹Now the pit in which Īsh'-mā-ēl had thrown all the dead bodies of the men, whom he had killed because of Gēd-ā-lī'-āh, was *the one* which Asa the king had made for fear of Bā-āsh'-ā king of Israel. *And* Īsh'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh filled it with those who were killed. ¹⁰Then Īsh'-mā-ēl carried away captive all the rest of the people who were in Mizpah, *even* the king's daughters and all the people who remained in Mizpah, whom Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān the captain of the guard had entrusted to Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām. And Ish'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh carried them away captive and left to go over to the Ammonites.

¹¹But when Jō-hā'-nān the son of Kā-rē'-āh, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, heard of all the evil that Īsh'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh had done, ¹²then they took all the men and went to fight with Īsh'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh. *And they* found him by the great waters that are in Gibeon. ¹³Now when all the people who were with Īsh'-mā-ēl saw Jō-hā'-nān the son of Kā-rē'-āh, and all the captains of the forces who were with him, then they were glad. ¹⁴So all the people that Ish-mā-ēl had carried away captive from Mizpah turned around and came back, and went to Jō-hā'-nān the son of Kā-rē'-āh. ¹⁵But Ish-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh escaped from Jō-hā'-nān with eight men, and went to the Ammonites. ¹⁶Then Jō-hā'-nān the son of Kā-rē'-āh and all the captains of the forces that were with him took all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Īsh'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh, from Mizpah, after he had killed Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām. *They took* mighty men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eū'-nūchs, whom he had brought again from Gibeon. ¹⁷And they departed and lived in the inn of Chīm'-hām, which is by Bethlehem, to go to enter into Egypt ¹⁸because of the Chāl-dē'-ans. For they were afraid of them, because Īsh'-mā-ēl the son of Nēth-ā-nī'-āh had slain Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām, whom the king of Babylon made governor in the land.

CHAPTER 42

¹Then all the captains of the forces, and Jō-hā'-nān the son of Kā-rē'-āh, and Jēz-ā-nī'-āh the son of Hō-shaī'-āh, and all the people from the

least even to the greatest, came near. ²And *they* said to Jeremiah the prophet, We pray you, let our cry be pleasing to you, and pray for us unto the LORD your God, *even* for all this remnant, (for we are left *but* a few of many, as your eyes behold us,) ³that the LORD your God may show us the way in which we may walk, and the thing that we may do. ⁴Then Jeremiah the prophet said to them, I have heard you. Behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words. And whatever thing the LORD shall answer, I will declare *it* to you. I will keep nothing back from you. ⁵Then they said to Jeremiah, *Let* the LORD be a true and faithful witness between us if we do not do even according to all things for which the LORD your God shall send you to us. ⁶Whether *it is* good, or whether *it is* evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD your God, to whom we send you; so that it may be well with us when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.

⁷And after ten days the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah. ⁸Then he called Jō-hā'-nān the son of Kā-rē'-āh, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest. ⁹And *he* said to them, Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, unto whom you sent me to present your cry before Him: ¹⁰If you will still remain in this land, then I will build you and will not pull *you* down. And I will plant you and will not pluck *you* up. For I repent of the evil that I have done to you. ¹¹Do not be afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom you are afraid. Do not be afraid of him, says the LORD. For I am with you to save you and to deliver you from his hand. ¹²And I will show mercies to you, so that he may have mercy upon you and cause you to return to your own land.

¹³But if you say, We will not dwell in this land, neither obey the voice of the LORD your God, ¹⁴saying, No, but we will go into the land of Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger for bread; and there we will dwell — ¹⁵then now hear the word of the LORD, you remnant of Judah. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: If you wholly set your faces to go into Egypt, and go to live there, ¹⁶then the sword which you feared shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt. And the famine of which you were afraid shall follow close after you there in Egypt; and you shall die there. ¹⁷So it shall be with all the men who set their faces to go into Egypt to live there. They shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague. And none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them. ¹⁸For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: As My anger and My fury has been poured forth upon the people of Jerusalem, so shall My fury be poured forth upon you when you shall enter into Egypt. And you shall be a curse, and a wonder, and a shame, and a reproach; and you shall see this place no more.

¹⁹The LORD has said concerning you, O remnant of Judah, Do not go into Egypt. Know certainly that I have warned you this day. ²⁰For

you used deceit against your souls when you sent me to the LORD your God, saying, Pray for us to the LORD our God; and according to all that the LORD our God shall say, so declare to us, and we will do *it*. ²¹And *now* I have declared *it* to you this day; but you have not obeyed the voice of the LORD your God, nor anything for which He has sent me to you. ²²Now therefore know certainly that you shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague, in the place where you desire to go to live.

CHAPTER 43

¹And when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking to all the people all the words of the LORD their God, for which the LORD their God had sent him to them, *even* all these words, ²Āz-ā-rī-āh the son of Hō-shai'-āh, and Jō-hā'-nān the son of Kā-rē'-āh, and all the proud men, spoke then, saying to Jeremiah, You speak falsely! The LORD our God has not sent you to say, Do not go to Egypt to live there. ³But Bār'-ūch the son of Nē-rī'-āh sets you against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chāl-dē'-āns, that they might put us to death and carry us away captives to Babylon. ⁴So Jō-hā'-nān the son of Kā-rē'-āh, and all the captains of the forces, and all the people, did not obey the voice of the LORD to live in the land of Judah. ⁵But Jō-hā'-nān the son of Kā-rē'-āh, and all the captains of the forces, took all the remnant of Judah who had returned from all the nations (where they had been driven) to dwell in the land of Judah — ⁶men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, and every person that Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān the captain of the guard had left with Gēd-ā-lī'-āh the son of Ā-hī'-kām the son of Shā'-phān, and Jeremiah the prophet, and Bār'-ūch the son of Nē-rī'-āh. ⁷So they came into the land of Egypt, for they did not obey the voice of the LORD. So they came to Tāh'-pān-hēs.

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah in Tāh'-pān-hēs, saying, ⁹Take great stones to your hand, and hide them in the clay in the brick-kiln which is at the entrance to Pharaoh's house in Tāh'-pān-hēs, in the sight of the men of Judah. ¹⁰And say to them, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will send and take Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king of Babylon, My servant, and will set his throne upon these stones that I have hidden. And he shall spread his royal pavilion over them. ¹¹And when he comes, he shall strike the land of Egypt. And whoever is for death *shall go* to death, and whoever is for captivity *shall go* into captivity, and whoever is for the sword *shall go* to the sword. ¹²And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt. And he shall burn them and carry them away captives. And he shall adorn himself with the land of Egypt, like a shepherd puts on his robe; and he shall go forth from there in peace. ¹³He shall also break the images of Bēth-shē'-mēsh which is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians he shall burn with fire.

CHAPTER 44

¹The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews who live in the land of Mīg'-dōl, and at Tāh'-pān-hēs, and at Nōph, and in the country of Pāth'-rōs, saying, ²Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: You have seen all the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, and upon all the cities of Judah. And, behold, this day they are a ruin, and no man lives there ³because of their wickedness which they have committed to provoke Me to anger, in that they went to burn incense, to serve other gods whom they knew not, *neither* they, you, nor your fathers. ⁴However, I sent to you all My servants the prophets, rising early and sending *them*, saying, Oh, do not do this abominable thing which I hate! ⁵But they did not listen, nor bow down their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense to other gods. ⁶Therefore My fury and My anger was poured out, and was kindled in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. And they are wasted and deserted, as at this day. ⁷Therefore now thus says the LORD, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Why do you commit *this* great evil against your souls, to cut off from you man and woman, child and babe, out of Judah, to leave you none to remain — ⁸in that you provoke Me to wrath with the works of your hands, burning incense to other gods in the land of Egypt where you have gone to live, that you might cut yourselves off and that you might be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth? ⁹Have you forgotten the punishments of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, which they have committed in the land of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem? ¹⁰They are not humbled *even* to this day, neither have they feared nor walked in My law, nor in My statutes which I have set before you and before your fathers.

¹¹Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will set My face against you for evil, and to cut off all Judah. ¹²And I will take the remnant of Judah, who have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to live there; and they shall all be destroyed *and* fall in the land of Egypt. They shall be destroyed by the sword *and* by the famine. They shall die, from the least even to the greatest, by the sword and by the famine; and they shall be a curse, a wonder, and a shame, and a reproach. ¹³For I will punish those who dwell in the land of Egypt, as I have punished Jerusalem, by the sword, by the famine, and by the plague, ¹⁴so that none of the remnant of Judah, which has gone into the land of Egypt to live there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah to which they have a desire to return to live there. For none shall return except those who escape.

¹⁵Then all the men who knew that their wives had burned incense to other gods, and all the women who stood by, a great multitude, even all the people who lived in the land of Egypt, in Pāth'-rōs, answered Jeremiah. *And they said,* ¹⁶*As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD, we will not listen to you.* ¹⁷*But we will certainly do whatever thing goes forth out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem. For then we had plenty of food, and were well, and saw no evil.* ¹⁸*But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked all things, and have been devoured by the sword and by the famine.* ¹⁹*And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven, and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make our cakes to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her without our men?*

²⁰Then Jeremiah said to all the people — to the men and to the women, and to all the people who had given him *that* answer — ²¹*The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, you, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the people of the land — did not the LORD remember them, and did it not come into His mind?* ²²*Yea,* so that the LORD could no longer hold back because of the evil of your doings, because of the abominations which you have committed! Therefore your land is a waste, and a wonder, and a curse, without anyone in it, as it is today. ²³*Because you have burned incense, and because you have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, nor walked in His law, nor in His statutes, nor in His testimonies, therefore this evil has happened to you, as at this day.*

²⁴Moreover Jeremiah said to all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that is in the land of Egypt. ²⁵Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, saying: You and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and fulfilled with your hands, saying, We will surely fulfil our vows that we have vowed, to burn incense to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink offerings to her. You will surely fulfil your vows and surely carry out your vows. ²⁶Therefore hear the word of the LORD, all Judah that lives in the land of Egypt. ²⁷Behold, I have sworn by My great name, says the LORD, that My name will no more be named in the mouth of any man of Judah in all the land of Egypt, saying, The Lord GOD lives. Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for good. And all the men of Judah who are in the land of Egypt shall be destroyed by the sword and by the famine, until there is an end of them. ²⁸Yet the small number that escapes the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah; and all the remnant of Judah (who have gone into the land of Egypt to live there) shall know whose word shall stand, Mine or theirs.

²⁹And this shall be a sign to you, says the LORD, that I will punish you in this place so that you may know that My words shall surely stand against you for evil. ³⁰Thus says the LORD, Behold, I will give Phâr'-âôh-hôph'-râ king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of those who seek his life, as I gave Zêd-ê-kî'-âh king of Judah into the hand of Nêb-û-châd-nêz'-zâr king of Babylon, his enemy and *he* who sought his life.

CHAPTER 45

¹The word that Jeremiah the prophet spoke to Bâr'-ûch the son of Nê-rî'-âh, when he had written these words in a book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jê-hoi'-â-kim the son of Jô-sî'-âh king of Judah, saying, ²Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Bâr'-ûch: ³You said, Woe is me now, for the LORD has added grief to my sorrow. I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest. ⁴So you shall say to him, The LORD says this: Behold, *that* which I have built I will break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land. ⁵And do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek *them*; for behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, says the LORD. But I will give your life to you as a prize, in all places where you go.

CHAPTER 46

¹The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles — ²against Egypt, against the army of Phâr'-âôh-nê'-chô king of Egypt which was by the river Eû-phrâ'-tês in Câr-che'-mish, which Nêb-û-châd-nêz'-zâr king of Babylon struck, in the fourth year of Jê-hoi'-â-kim the son of Jô-sî'-âh king of Judah. ³Order the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. ⁴Harness the horses, and get up, you horsemen, and stand forth with *your* helmets. Polish your spears and put on the coats of armor. ⁵Why have I seen them afraid *and* turned back? And their mighty ones are beaten down and have fled, and do not look back. Fear was all around, says the LORD. ⁶Do not let the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape. They shall stumble and fall toward the north of the river Eû-phrâ'-tês.

⁷Who is this *that* comes up like a flood, whose waters are moved like the rivers? ⁸Egypt rises up like a flood, and *his* waters are moved like the rivers. And he says, I will go up *and* will cover the earth; I will destroy the city and its people. ⁹Come up, horses; and rage, chariots! And let the mighty men come forth — the Ê-thî-ô'-pî-âns and the Lîb'-y-âns who handle the shield, and the Lyd'-î-âns who handle and bend the bow. ¹⁰For this is the day of the Lord GOD of hosts, a day of vengeance, that He may avenge Himself of His foes. And the sword

shall devour, and it shall be filled and made drunk with their blood, for the Lord GOD of hosts has a sacrifice in the north country by the river Eû-phrâ'-tês. ¹¹Go up into Gilead and take ba'm, O virgin, the daughter of Egypt. In vain shall you use many medicines, for you shall not be cured. ¹²The nations have heard of your shame, and your cry has filled the land. For the mighty man has stumbled against the mighty, and they have both fallen together.

¹³The word that the LORD spoke to Jeremiah the prophet, how Nêb-û-châd-nêz'-zâr king of Babylon should come and strike the land of Egypt. ¹⁴Declare it in Egypt, and cry it in Mig'-döl, and make it known in Nöph and in Tâh'-pân-hês. Say, Stand fast and get ready, the sword shall devour all around you. ¹⁵Why are your mighty men swept away? They did not stand, because the LORD drove them. ¹⁶He made many fall; yea, one fell upon another. And they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people and to the land of our birth, away from the pressing sword. ¹⁷They cried there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is only a noise; he has passed the chosen time. ¹⁸As I live, says the King whose name is the LORD of hosts, Surely as Tâ'-bôr is among the mountains, and as Carmel is by the sea, so he shall come. ¹⁹O daughter dwelling in Egypt, get ready to go into captivity. For Nöph shall be waste and a desert without anyone in it. ²⁰Egypt is like a very fair heifer, but ruin comes; it comes out of the north. ²¹Also her hired ones are in the midst of her like calves of the stall; for they also have turned back and have run away together. They did not stand, because the day of their calamity had come upon them, the time of their visitation. ²²The voice of it shall go up like a serpent, for they shall march with an army and come against her with axes like woodcutters. ²³They shall cut down her forest, says the LORD, though it cannot be searched — because they are more than the grasshoppers and cannot be counted. ²⁴The daughter of Egypt shall be ashamed. She shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north. ²⁵The LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, says: Behold, I will punish the multitude of No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with their gods and their kings — even Pharaoh and all those who trust in him — ²⁶and I will deliver them into the hand of those who seek their lives, and into the hand of Nêb-û-châd-nêz'-zâr king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants. And afterward it shall have people, as in the days of old, says the LORD.

²⁷But do not fear, O My servant Jacob, and be not afraid, O Israel. For, behold, I will save you from afar off, and your seed from the land of their captivity. And Jacob shall return and be in rest and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. ²⁸Do not fear, O Jacob My servant, says the LORD, for I am with you. For I will make a full end of all the nations where I have driven you. But I will not make a full end of you, but correct you in measure; yet I will not leave you wholly unpunished.

CHAPTER 47

¹The word of the LORD that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before Pharaoh struck Gā'-zā. ²Thus says the LORD: Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall be an overflowing flood, and shall overflow the land and all that is in it — the city and those who dwell in it. Then the men shall cry, and all the people of the land shall howl. ³At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong horses, at the rushing of his chariots *and at* the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers shall not look back to *their* children because of feebleness of hands; ⁴because of the day that comes to plunder all the Philistines *and* to cut off from Tyre and Si'-dōn every helper who remains. For the LORD will plunder the Philistines, the rest of the country of Cāph'-tōr. ⁵Baldness has come upon Gā'-zā. Āsh'-kē-lon is cut off *with* the rest of their valley. How long will you cut yourself? ⁶O sword of the LORD, how long will it be before you are quiet? Put yourself into your scabbard; rest and be still. ⁷How can it be quiet, since the LORD has given it a command? Against Āsh'-kē-lon and against the seashore, there He has set it.

CHAPTER 48

¹Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, against Moab: Woe unto Nē'-bō, for it is spoiled. Kīr-ī-ā-thā'-īm is ashamed and taken. Mīs'-gāb is ashamed and afraid. ²*There shall be* no more praise of Moab. In Hēsh'-bōn they have plotted evil against it, *saying*, Come and let us cut it off from *being* a nation. Also you shall be cut down, O madmen; the sword shall pursue you. ³A voice of crying *shall be heard* from Hōr-ō-nā'-īm, plundering and great ruin. ⁴Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. ⁵For in the going up of Lū'-hīth continual weeping shall go up; for in the going down of Hōr-ō-nā'-īm the enemies have heard a cry of ruin. ⁶Flee, save your lives, and be like a naked thing in the wilderness. ⁷For because you have trusted in your works and in your treasures, you shall also be taken. And Chē'-mōsh shall go forth into captivity *with* his priests and his princes together. ⁸And the robber shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape. Also the valley shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed, as the LORD has spoken. ⁹Give wings to Moab so that it may flee and get away; for the cities of it shall be a desert, without any to live in them. ¹⁰Cursed is he who does the work of the LORD deceitfully, and cursed is he who keeps back his sword from blood.

¹¹Moab has been at ease from his youth, and he has settled on his lees and has not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither has he gone into captivity. Therefore his taste remained in him, and his scent is not changed. ¹²Therefore behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I

will send wanderers to him, who shall cause him to wander and shall empty his vessels and break their jars. ¹³And Moab shall be ashamed of Chē'-mōsh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Bēth'-ēl their hope.

¹⁴How do you say, We are mighty and strong men for the war? ¹⁵Moab is plundered and has come up *out of* her cities. And his chosen young men have gone down to the slaughter, says the King whose name is the LORD of hosts. ¹⁶The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hurries fast. ¹⁷All you who are around him, mourn him. And all you who know his name, say, How is the strong staff broken, *and* the beautiful rod! ¹⁸O dweller, daughter of Dī'-bōn, come down from your glory and sit in thirst. For the robber of Moab shall come upon you; he shall destroy your strongholds. ¹⁹O dweller of Ā-rō'-ēr, stand by the way and watch. Ask him who flees and her who escapes; say, What is happening? ²⁰Moab is put to shame, for it is broken down. Howl and cry! Tell it in Arnon that Moab is stripped. ²¹And judgment has come upon the plain country — upon Hō'-lōn, and upon Jā-hā'-zāh, and upon Mēph'-ā-āth, ²²and upon Dī'-bōn, and upon Nē'-bō, and upon Bēth-dīb-lā-thā'-īm, ²³and upon Kīr-ī-ā-thā'-īm, and upon Bēth-gām'-ūl, and upon Bēth-mē' ōn, ²⁴and upon Kēr'-ī-ōth, and upon Bōz'-rāh, and upon all the cities of the land of Moab, far or near. ²⁵The horn of Moab is cut off, and his arm is broken, says the LORD.

²⁶Make him drunk, for he magnified *himself* against the LORD. Moab also shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be scorned. ²⁷For was not Israel scorned by you? Was he found among thieves? For ever since you spoke of him, you skipped for joy. ²⁸O you who dwell in Moab, leave the cities and live in the rock, and be like the dove who makes her nest in the sides of the hole's mouth. ²⁹We have heard the pride of Moab (he is exceeding proud), his loftiness, and his forwardness, and his pride, and his scornful heart. ³⁰I know his boasting, says the LORD. But it shall not be so; his lies shall not bring it about. ³¹Therefore I will howl for Moab, and I will cry out for all Moab *and* shall mourn for the men of Kīr-hē'-rēs. ³²O vine of Sīb'-māh, I will weep for you with the weeping of Jā'-zēr. Your plants have gone over the sea; they reach to the sea of Jā'-zēr. The spoiler has fallen upon your summer fruits and upon your grape crop. ³³And joy and gladness is taken from the plentiful field, and from the land of Moab. And I have caused wine to fail from the winepresses; none shall tread *the grapes* with shouting; *their* shouting shall be no shouting. ³⁴From the cry of Hēsh'-hōn to Ēl-ē-ā'-lēh, *and* to Jā'-hāz, they have uttered their voice, from Zō'-ār to Hōr-ō-nā'-īm, *like* a heifer three years old. For the waters of Nimrim also shall be deserted.

³⁵Moreover, I will cause him who offers in the high places to cease in Moab, says the LORD, and him who burns incense to his gods. ³⁶Therefore my heart shall sound for Moab like pipes, and my heart shall sound for the men of Kīr-hē'-rēs, because the riches that he has gotten have perished. ³⁷For every head shall be bald, and every beard clipped. Upon

all the hands shall be cuttings, and upon the loins sackcloth. ³⁸Upon all the housetops of Moab, and in its streets, there is weeping for all. For I have broken Moab like a vessel in which is no pleasure, says the LORD. ³⁹They shall howl, *saying*, How is it broken down! How has Moab turned the back with shame! So Moab shall be a cause of scorn, and he shall be a terror to all those around him. ⁴⁰For thus says the LORD: Behold, he shall fly like an eagle and shall spread his wings over Moab. ⁴¹Kēr'-ī-ōth is taken, and the strongholds are surprised; and the mighty men's hearts in Moab shall be at that day like the heart of a woman in her pangs. ⁴²And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people, because he has magnified *himself* against the LORD. ⁴³Fear, and the pit, and the snare, shall be upon you, O Mō'-āb-ite, says the LORD. ⁴⁴He who flees from the terror shall fall into the pit; and he who gets up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare. For I will bring upon it, *even* upon Moab, the year of their judgment, says the LORD. ⁴⁵Those who fled stood powerless under the shadow of Hēsh'-bōn, for a fire shall come forth out of Hēsh'-bōn, and a flame out of the midst of Sī'-hōn, and shall devour the corner of Moab and the crown of the head of the sons of desolation. ⁴⁶Woe to you, O Moab! The people of Chē'-mōsh perish; for your sons are taken captives, and your daughters captives.

⁴⁷Yet I will bring again the captivity of Moab in the latter days, says the LORD. So much for the judgment of Moab.

CHAPTER 49

¹Thus says the LORD concerning the Ammonites: Has Israel no sons? Has he no heir? Why *then* does their king inherit Gad, and his people dwell in his cities? ²Therefore, behold, the days come, says the LORD, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rāb'-bāh of the Ammonites. And it shall be a heap of ruins, and her daughters shall be burned with fire. Then shall Israel be heir to those who were his heirs, says the LORD. ³Howl, O Hēsh'-bōn, for Ā'-ī is spoiled! Cry, daughters of Rāb'-bāh; clothe yourselves with sackcloth, mourn, and run to and fro by the hedges! For their king shall go into captivity, *and* his priests and his princes together. ⁴Why do you glory in your valley, your flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? *She* trusted in her treasures, *saying*, Who shall come to me? ⁵Behold, I will bring a fear upon you, says the Lord GOD of hosts, from all those who are around you. And you shall be driven out, each man straight forward; and there shall be none to gather up the runaways. ⁶And afterward I will bring again the captivity of the children of Ammon, says the LORD.

⁷Thus says the LORD of hosts concerning Ē'-dom: Is wisdom no more in Tē'-mān? Has counsel perished from the prudent? Has their wisdom vanished? ⁸Flee, turn back, dwell deep, O people of Dē'-dān. For I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him *in* the time *that* I will visit him.

⁹If the gatherers of grapes come to you, would they not leave *some* gleaning grapes? If thieves *come* by night, they will destroy until they have enough. ¹⁰But I have made Esau bare; I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself. His seed is spoiled, and his brothers, and his neighbors, and he is gone. ¹¹Leave your fatherless children; I will keep *them* alive; and let your widows trust in Me. ¹²For thus says the LORD: Behold, those whose judgment was not to drink of the cup have surely drunk. And are you *the one* to go altogether unpunished? You shall not go unpunished, but you shall surely drink. ¹³For I have sworn by Myself, says the LORD, that Boz'-räh shall become a ruin, a reproach, a waste, and a curse. And all the cities of it shall be wastes forever. ¹⁴I have heard a message from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent to the heathen, *saying*, Gather together and come against her, and rise up to the battle. ¹⁵For lo, I will make you small among the heathen *and* despised among men. ¹⁶Your fearfulness has deceived you, *and* the pride of your heart, O you who dwell in the clefts of the rock, who hold the height of the hill. Though you should make your nest as high as the eagle, I will bring you down from there, says the LORD. ¹⁷Also Ē'-dom shall be a ruin. Everyone who goes by it shall be amazed and shall hiss at all the plagues of it. ¹⁸As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gō-mōr'-räh and its neighbor, says the LORD, no man shall remain there, neither shall a son of man live in it. ¹⁹Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan against the home of the strong. But I will suddenly make him run away from her. And who is a chosen *man* whom I may set over her? For who is like Me? And who will appoint Me the time? And who is that shepherd who will stand before Me? ²⁰Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD which He has taken against Ē'-dom, and His purposes which He has purposed against the people of Tē'-mān: Surely the least of the flock shall drag them away. Surely He shall make their homes a ruin over them. ²¹The earth is moved at the noise of their fall; when *they* cried, the noise of it was heard in the Red Sea. ²²Behold, he shall come up and fly like the eagle, and spread his wings over Bōz'-räh. And at that day the heart of the mighty men of Ē'-dom shall be like the heart of a woman in her pangs.

²³Concerning Damascus: Hā'-māth and Arpad are put to shame, for they have heard bad news. They are faint-hearted. *There is* sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet. ²⁴Damascus has become feeble *and* turns herself to flee, and fear has seized upon *her*. Anguish and sorrows have taken her like a woman in labor. ²⁵How is the city of praise not left, the city of my joy! ²⁶Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be cut off in that day, says the LORD of hosts. ²⁷And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall burn up the palaces of Bēn-hā'-dād.

²⁸Thus says the LORD concerning Kē'-dār, and concerning the kingdoms of Hā'-zōr, which Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon shall

strike: Arise, go up to Kē'-dār, and strip the men of the east. ²⁹They shall take away their tents and their flocks. They shall take their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels unto themselves. And they shall cry to them, Fear is on every side. ³⁰Flee, go far away, go deep to dwell; O people of Hā'-zôr, says the LORD — for Nēb-û-chād-nēz'-zâr king of Babylon has taken counsel against you, and has plotted a plan against you. ³¹Arise, go up to the wealthy nation that is at ease, says the LORD, which has neither gates nor bars, *which* dwells alone. ³²And their camels shall be a prize, and the multitude of their cattle a spoil. And I will scatter those who are in the utmost corners into all winds. And I will bring their calamity from all sides of it, says the LORD. ³³And Hā'-zôr shall be a dwelling for jackals *and* a ruin forever. No man shall live there, nor *any* son of man dwell in it.

³⁴The word of the LORD that came to Jeremias the prophet against Ē'-lām in the beginning of the reign of Zēd-ē-kī'-āh king of Judah, saying, ³⁵Thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will break the bow of Ē'-lām, the chief of their might. ³⁶And I will bring the four winds from the four quarters of heaven upon Ē'-lām, and will scatter them toward all those winds. And there shall be no nation where the outcasts of Ē'-lām shall not come. ³⁷For I will cause Ē'-lām to be afraid before their enemies and before those who seek their life. And I will bring evil upon them, *even* My fierce anger, says the LORD. And I will send the sword after them until I have destroyed them; ³⁸and I will set My throne in Ē'-lām, and will destroy the king and the princes from there, says the LORD.

³⁹But in the latter days I will bring again the captivity of Ē'-lām, says the LORD.

CHAPTER 50

¹The word that the LORD spoke against Babylon *and* against the land of the Chāl-dē'-āns by Jeremiah the prophet. ²Declare among the nations, and cause them to hear, and lift up a banner. Cause them to hear, do not hide it; say, Babylon is taken, Bel is ashamed, Mēr'-ō-dāch is broken in pieces; her idols are put to shame, her images are broken in pieces. ³For out of the north there comes up a nation against her, which shall make her land a waste, and none shall dwell in it. They shall move, they shall depart, both man and beast.

⁴In those days, and in that time, says the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they are the children of Judah together, going and weeping. They shall go and seek the LORD their God. ⁵They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces toward it, *saying*, Come and let us join ourselves to the LORD in an everlasting covenant *that* shall not be forgotten. ⁶My people have been lost sheep; their shepherds have caused them to go astray; they have turned them away *on* the mountains. They

have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting place. ⁷All who have found them have devoured them. And their enemies said, We do not offend, because they have sinned against the LORD, the dwelling place of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers. ⁸Move out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chāl-dé'-āns, and be as the he-goats before the flocks.

⁹For, lo, I will raise a gathering of nations and cause *them* to come up against Babylon. And they shall set themselves in order against her. She shall be taken from there. Their arrows shall be as *those* of a skillful, mighty man; none shall return in vain. ¹⁰And Chāl-dē'-ā shall be a prize; all who plunder her shall be satisfied, says the LORD. ¹¹Because you were glad, because you rejoiced, O destroyers of My inheritance — because you have grown fat like the heifer at grass and bellow like bulls — ¹²your mother shall be deeply ashamed; she who bore you shall turn pale. Behold, the last of the nations shall be a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. ¹³Because of the wrath of the LORD it shall not have anyone in it, but it shall be wholly a waste. Everyone who goes by Babylon shall be amazed and hiss at all her plagues. ¹⁴Put yourselves in order against Babylon all around; all you who bend the bow, shoot at her. Hold back no arrows, for she has sinned against the LORD. ¹⁵Shout against her all around. She has given her hand; her foundations have fallen, her walls have been thrown down; for it is the vengeance of the LORD. Take vengeance on her. As she has done, do to her. ¹⁶Cut off the sower from Babylon, and the one who handles the sickle in the time of harvest. For fear of the pressing sword they shall turn, each one to his people; and they shall flee, each one to his own land.

¹⁷Israel is a scattered sheep. The lions have driven him away. First the king of Assyria devoured him, and last this Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon has broken his bones. ¹⁸Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will punish the king of Babylon and his land, as I have punished the king of Assyria. ¹⁹And I will again bring Israel to his home, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bā'-shān, and his soul shall be satisfied upon Mount Ephraim and Gilead. ²⁰In those days, and in that time, says the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for and it shall not be *found*; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found — for I will pardon those whom I keep.

²¹Go up against the land of Mēr-ā-thā'-īm, *even* against it and against the people of Pē'-kōd. Waste and destroy after them, says the LORD, and do according to all that I have commanded you. ²²A sound of battle is in the land, and of great ruin. ²³How the hammer of the whole earth is cut in two and broken! How Babylon has become a ruin among the nations! ²⁴I have laid a trap for you, and you are also taken, O Babylon, and you did not know. You were found and also caught, because you have fought against the LORD. ²⁵The LORD has opened His armory, and has brought forth the weapons of His fury. For this is the work of

the Lord GOD of hosts in the land of the Chāl-dē'-āns. ²⁶Come against her from the utmost border; open her storehouses; cast her up as heaps, and destroy her completely. Let nothing of her be left. ²⁷Kill all her bulls; let them go down to the slaughter. Woe to them! For their day has come, the time of their judgment. ²⁸The voice of those who flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of the LORD our God, the vengeance of His temple.

²⁹Call the archers together against Babylon. All you who bend the bow, camp against it all around; let none of them escape. Repay her according to her work; according to all that she has done, do to her. For she has been proud against the LORD, against the Holy One of Israel. ³⁰Therefore her young men shall fall in the streets, and all her men of war shall be cut off in that day, says the LORD. ³¹Behold, I am against you, O proud ones, says the Lord GOD of hosts; for your day has come, the time *that* I will judge you. ³²And the most proud shall stumble and fall, and none shall raise him up. And I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it shall burn up everything all around him.

³³Thus says the LORD of hosts: The children of Israel and the children of Judah were oppressed together. And all who took them captives held them fast; they refused to let them go. ³⁴Their Redeemer is strong; the LORD of hosts is His name. He shall thoroughly plead their cause, so that he may give rest to the land, and give trouble to the people of Babylon.

³⁵A sword is upon the Chāl-dē'-āns, says the LORD, and upon the people of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men. ³⁶A sword is upon the liars, and they shall become fools. A sword is upon her mighty men, and they shall be afraid. ³⁷A sword is upon their horses, and upon their chariots, and upon all the mixed people who are in the midst of her; and they shall become as women. A sword is upon her treasures, and they shall be robbed. ³⁸A drought is upon her waters; and they shall be dried up. For it is the land of graven images, and they are mad *because of* idols. ³⁹Therefore the wild beasts shall dwell *there* with the wild beasts of the islands, and the ostriches shall dwell there. And it shall never have anyone in it forever, neither shall it be lived in from generation to generation. ⁴⁰As God overthrew Sodom and Gō-mōr'-rāh and their neighbors, says the LORD, *so* no man shall live there; neither shall any son of man live in it. ⁴¹Behold, a people shall come from the North, and a great nation, and many kings shall be raised up from the corners of the earth. ⁴²They shall hold the bow and the spear; they are cruel and will not show mercy. Their voice shall roar like the sea, and they shall ride upon horses dressed like a man for the battle against you, O daughter of Babylon. ⁴³The king of Babylon has heard the report of them, and his hands became feeble. Anguish took hold of him, *and* pangs like *those* of a woman in labor.

⁴⁴Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the swelling of Jordan to the home of the strong. But I will make them suddenly run away from her, and who is a chosen *man that* I may set over her? For who is like Me? And who will set me the time? And who is that shepherd who will stand before Me? ⁴⁵Therefore hear the counsel of the LORD that He has taken against Babylon; and His purposes which He has purposed against the land of the Chāl-dē'-āns. Surely the least of the flock shall drag them away; surely He shall make *their* pasture a desert with them. ⁴⁶At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth is moved, and the cry is heard among the nations.

CHAPTER 51

¹Thus says the LORD: Behold, I will raise up a destroying wind against Babylon, and against those who dwell in the midst of those who rise up against Me. ²And I will send fanners to Babylon, who shall fan her and shall empty her land. For in the day of trouble they shall be against her all around. ³Against *him who* bends, let the archer bend his bow; and against *him who* lifts himself up in his armor. And do not spare her young men; utterly destroy all her army. ⁴Thus the dead shall fall in the land of the Chāl-dē'-āns, and *they who are* thrust through in her streets. ⁵For neither Israel nor Judah has been forsaken by his God, by the LORD of hosts, though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel. ⁶Flee out of the middle of Babylon, and *let* every man deliver his soul. Be not cut off in her iniquity, for this is the time of the LORD's vengeance; He will give to her a just reward.

⁷Babylon has been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, which made all the earth drunk. The nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are insane. ⁸Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed. Howl for her; take balm for her pain, if perhaps she may be healed. ⁹We would have healed Babylon, but she is not healed. Forsake her and let us go, each one into his own country; for her judgment reaches to Heaven and is lifted up to the skies. ¹⁰The LORD has brought forth our righteousness; come and let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God. ¹¹Sharpen the arrows; gather the shields; the LORD has raised up the spirit of the kings of the Medes. For His plan is against Babylon, to destroy *it*; because it is the vengeance of the LORD, the vengeance of His temple. ¹²Set up the banner upon the walls of Babylon; make the watch strong; set up the watchmen; prepare the ambushes. For the LORD has both planned and done that which He spoke against the people of Babylon. ¹³O you who live upon many waters, rich in treasures, your end has come, *and* the measure of your unjust gain. ¹⁴The LORD of hosts has sworn by Himself, *saying*, Surely I will fill you with men as with caterpillars; and they shall lift up a shout against you.

¹⁵He has made the earth by His power; He has established the world by His wisdom and has stretched out the heavens by His understanding. ¹⁶When He utters *His* voice, *there is* a multitude of waters in the heavens; and He causes the mists to ascend from the ends of the earth. He makes lightnings with rain and brings forth the wind out of His treasures. ¹⁷Every man has been like an animal in knowledge; every image-molder is put to shame by the graven image. For his molded image is a lie, and *there is* no breath in them. ¹⁸They are vanity, the work of errors; in the time of their judgment they shall perish. ¹⁹The Portion of Jacob is not like them; for He is the Maker of all things, and *Israel is* the rod of His inheritance. The LORD of hosts is His name. ²⁰You are My battle axe and weapons of war; for with you I will break the nations in pieces, and with you I will destroy kingdoms. ²¹And with you I will break the horse and his rider in pieces; and with you I will break in pieces the chariot and his rider. ²²Also with you I will break man and woman in pieces; and with you I will break in pieces old and young; and with you I will break in pieces the young man and the maid. ²³I will also break the shepherd and his flock in pieces with you; and with you I will break in pieces the farmer and his yoke of oxen; and with you I will break in pieces captains and rulers. ²⁴And I will give unto Babylon and to all the people of Chāl-dē'-ā all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, says the LORD.

²⁵Behold, I am against you, O destroying mountain, says the LORD, *you* who destroy all the earth. And I will stretch out My hand upon you and roll you down from the rocks, and will make you a burned mountain. ²⁶And they shall not take a stone from you for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but you shall be a waste forever, says the LORD. ²⁷Set up a banner in the land; blow a trumpet among the nations; prepare the nations against her. Call the kingdoms of Ār'-ā-rāt, Mīn'-nī, and Āsh-kē'-nāz together against her; set a captain against her. Cause the horses to come up as the rough locusts. ²⁸Prepare against her the nations with the kings of the Medes, their captains, and all their rulers, and all the land of his kingdom. ²⁹And the land shall tremble and sorrow. For every purpose of the LORD shall be done against Babylon, to make the land of Babylon a desert without anyone in it. ³⁰The mighty men of Babylon have stopped fighting; they have remained in strongholds; their might has failed. They became like women; they have burned her houses; her bars are broken. ³¹One runner shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to show the king of Babylon that his city is taken at *one* end, ³²and that the fords are stopped. And they have burned the reeds with fire, and the men of war are frightened.

³³For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing floor; *it is* time to thresh her. Yet a little while, and the time of her harvest shall come. ³⁴Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king of Babylon has devoured me; he has crushed me; he has made me an

empty vessel. He has swallowed me up like a jackal; he has filled his belly with my good things; he has thrown me out; ³⁵the violence done to me and to my flesh shall be upon Babylon — the dweller in Zion shall say. And, My blood shall be upon the people of Chāl-dē'-ā, Jerusalem shall say. ³⁶Therefore thus says the LORD: Behold, I will plead your cause and take vengeance for you; and I will dry up her sea and make her springs dry. ³⁷And Babylon shall become heaps, a home for jackals, a wonder and a hissing, without anyone in it.

³⁸They shall roar together like lions; they shall yell like lions' cubs. ³⁹In their heat I will make their feasts, and I will make them drunk so that they may rejoice and sleep a never-ending sleep, and never awaken, says the LORD. ⁴⁰I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats. ⁴¹How Shē'-shāch is taken! And how the praise of the whole earth is surprised! How Babylon has become a wonder among the nations! ⁴²The sea has come up over Babylon; she is covered with the multitude of its waves. ⁴³Her cities are a desert, a dry land and a wilderness, a land in which no man dwells, neither does *anu* son of man pass by it. ⁴⁴And I will punish Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he has swallowed up. And the nations shall not flow together any more to him; yea, the wall of Babylon shall fall. ⁴⁵My people, go out of the midst of her; and *let* each man deliver his soul from the fierce anger of the LORD. ⁴⁶And let not your heart faint, *nor* fear the rumor that shall be heard in the land. A rumor shall come *one* year, and after that a rumor shall come in *another* year; and violence shall be in the land, ruler against ruler.

⁴⁷Therefore, behold, the days come that I will do judgment upon the graven images of Babylon. And her whole land shall be put to shame, and all her dead shall fall in the midst of her. ⁴⁸Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is in them, shall sing for Babylon; for the spoilers shall come to her from the North, says the LORD. ⁴⁹As Babylon *has caused* the dead of Israel to fall, so at Babylon the dead of all the earth shall fall. ⁵⁰You who have escaped the sword, go away; do not stand still. Remember the LORD afar off, and let Jerusalem come into your mind. ⁵¹We have turned pale because we have heard reproach; shame has covered our faces, for foreigners have come into the holy places of the LORD's house.

⁵²Therefore, behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, that I will do judgment upon her graven images; and through all her land the wounded shall groan. ⁵³Though Babylon should mount up to Heaven, and though she should fortify the height of her strength, *yet* spoilers shall come to her from Me, says the LORD. ⁵⁴A sound of a cry *comes* from Babylon, and great ruin from the land of the Chāl-dē'-āns, ⁵⁵because the LORD has stripped Babylon and destroyed the great voice out of her. When her waves roar like great waters, a noise of their voice is uttered ⁵⁶because the ravager has come upon her, *even* upon Babylon,

and her mighty men are taken. Every one of their bows is broken, for the LORD God of vengeance shall surely repay. ⁵⁷And I will make her princes drunk, and her wise *men*, her captains, and her rulers, and her mighty men *drunk*. And they shall sleep a never-ending sleep and not awaken, says the King whose name is the LORD of hosts. ⁵⁸Thus says the LORD of hosts: The broad walls of Babylon shall be completely broken, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the people shall labor in vain, and the people shall be in the fire, and they shall be weary.

⁵⁹The word which Jeremiah the prophet commanded Sē-raī'-āh the son of Nē-rī'-āh, the son of Mā-ā-seī'-āh, when he went with Zēd-ē-kī'-āh the king of Judah into Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. And Sē-raī'-āh was a quiet prince. ⁶⁰So Jeremiah wrote in a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, *even* all these words that are written against Babylon. ⁶¹And Jeremiah said to Sē-raī'-āh, When you come to Babylon, and shall see and shall read all these words, ⁶²then you shall say, O LORD, Thou hast spoken against this place to cut it off, so that none shall remain in it, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be a ruin forever. ⁶³And when you have made an end of reading this book, you shall tie a stone to it and throw it into the middle of Eū-phrā'-tēs. ⁶⁴And you shall say, In this way shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise from the evil that I will bring upon her. And they shall be weary. Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

CHAPTER 52

¹Zēd-ē-kī'-āh was twenty-one years old when he began to reign, and he reigned eleven years in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Hāmū'-tāl the daughter of Jeremiah of Līb'-nāh. ²And he did evil in the eyes of the LORD, according to all that Jē-hoi'-ā-kīm had done. ³For it was because of the anger of the LORD in Jerusalem and Judah (until He had cast them out from His presence) that Zēd-ē-kī'-āh rebelled against the king of Babylon.

⁴And in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and pitched against it and built forts against it all around. ⁵So the city was under attack until the eleventh year of king Zēd-ē-kī'-āh. ⁶And in the fourth month, in the ninth *day* of the month, the famine was very grievous in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. ⁷Then the city was broken up, and all the men of war fled and went forth out of the city by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden. (Now the Chāl-dē'-āns were beside the city all around.) And they went by the way of the plain. ⁸But the army of the Chāl-dē'-āns pursued after

the king and overtook Zēd-ē-kī'-āh in the plains of Jericho. And all his army was scattered from him.

⁹Then they took the king and carried him up to the king of Babylon, to Rīb'-lāh in the land of Hā'-māth, where he gave judgment against him. ¹⁰And the king of Babylon killed the sons of Zēd-ē-kī'-āh before his eyes. He also killed all the princes of Judah in Rīb'-lāh. ¹¹Then he put out the eyes of Zēd-ē-kī'-āh. And the king of Babylon bound him in chains, and carried him to Babylon, and put him in prison till the day of his death.

¹²Now in the fifth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, which was the nineteenth year of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon, Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān, captain of the guard *who* served the king of Babylon, came into Jerusalem. ¹³And *he* burned the house of the LORD, and the king's house. And he burned with fire all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses of the great *men*. ¹⁴And all the army of the Chāl-dē'-āns who were with the captain of the guard broke down all the walls of Jerusalem all around. ¹⁵Then Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān the captain of the guard carried away captive *some* of the poor of the people, and the rest of the people who remained in the city, and those who fell away, who fell to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude. ¹⁶But Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān the captain of the guard left *some* of the poor of the land for vine-dressers and for farmers. ¹⁷Also the Chāl-dē'-āns broke the pillars of brass that were in the house of the LORD, and the bases, and the brass sea that was in the house of the LORD, and carried all the brass of them to Babylon. ¹⁸They also took away the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass with which they served. ¹⁹And the captain of the guard took away the basins, and the firepans, and the bowls, and the pots, and the lampstands, and the spoons, and the cups — *that* which was of gold *in* gold, and *that* which was of silver *in* silver. ²⁰The two pillars, one sea, and twelve brass bulls that were under the bases, which king Solomon had made in the house of the LORD — the brass of all these vessels was without weight. ²¹And *concerning* the pillars, the height of one pillar was eighteen cubits. And a line of twelve cubits went around it, and the thickness of it was four fingers. *It was* hollow. ²²And a capital of brass was upon it. And the height of one capital was five cubits, with network and pōme'-grān-ātes upon the capitals all around, all of brass. The second pillar also, and the pomegranates, were like these. ²³And there were ninety-six pomegranates on a side; all the pomegranates upon the network were a hundred all around.

²⁴And the captain of the guard took Sē-raī'-āh the chief priest, and Zēph-ā-nī'-āh the second priest, and the three doorkeepers. ²⁵He also took out of the city a eū'-nūch who was in charge of the men of war; and seven men from those who were near the king's person, who were

found in the city; and the chief scribe of the army, who mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, who were found in the middle of the city. ²⁶So Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān the captain of the guard took them and brought them to the king of Babylon to Rib'-lāh. ²⁷And the king of Babylon struck them and put them to death in Rib'-lāh in the land of Hā'-māth. So Judah was carried away captive out of his own land. ²⁸This is the people whom Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār carried away captive: in the seventh year, three thousand and twenty-three Jews; ²⁹in the eighteenth year of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred and thirty-two persons; ³⁰in the twenty-third year of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār, Nēb-ū'-zār-ād'-ān the captain of the guard carried away captive seven hundred and forty-five persons of the Jews. All the persons were four thousand and six hundred. ³¹And in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity of Jē-hoi'-ā-chin king of Judah, in the twelfth month, in the twenty-fifth *day* of the month, Ē'-vīl-mēr'-ō-dāch king of Babylon in the *first* year of his reign lifted up the head of Jē-hoi'-ā-chin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison, ³²and spoke kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings who were with him in Babylon. ³³And *he* changed his prison garments, and he always ate bread before him all the days of his life. ³⁴And *for* his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him from the king of Babylon, every day a portion, until the day of his death, all the days of his life.

The Lamentations of JEREMIAH

CHAPTER 1

- ¹How lonely sits the city
that was full of people!
How like a widow she has become!
She *who was* great among the na-
tions,
and princess among the provinces,
has become a servant.
- ²She weeps sore in the night,
and her tears are on her cheeks;
among all her lovers,
she has none to comfort *her*.
All her friends have dealt deceitfully
with her;
they have become her enemies.
- ³Judah has gone into captivity because
of affliction
and because of great slavery.
She dwells among the heathen;
she finds no rest;
all her pursuers have overtaken her
between the narrows.
- ⁴The paths of Zion mourn
because none come to the solemn
feasts.
All her gates are deserted;
her priests sigh;
her virgins are afflicted,
and she is in bitterness.
- ⁵Her enemies have become chief;
her enemies are blessed;
for the LORD has afflicted her
for the multitude of her sins.
Her children have gone into captivity
before the enemy.
- ⁶And from the daughter of Zion
all her beauty has departed;
her princes have become like harts
who find no pasture,
and they have gone without strength
before the pursuer.
- ⁷Jerusalem remembered all her pleas-
ant things
that she had in the days of old—
in the days of her affliction
and of her mournings,
- when her people fell into the hand of
the enemy
and none helped her;
the adversaries saw her
and mocked at her sabbaths.
- ⁸Jerusalem has grievously sinned,
therefore she is removed.
All who honored her despise her
because they have seen her naked-
ness;
yea, she sighs
and turns backward.
- ⁹Her uncleanness is in her skirts;
she does not remember her last end;
therefore she came down wonder-
fully; she had no comfort.
O LORD, behold my affliction,
for the enemy has magnified *himself*.
- ¹⁰The enemy has spread out his hand
upon all her pleasant things;
for she has seen
that the heathen entered into her
holy place,
whom Thou didst command
that they should not enter into Thy
congregation.
- ¹¹All her people sigh;
they seek bread.
They have given their pleasant things
for food to relieve the soul.
See, O LORD, and look upon *me*,
for I have become vile.
- ¹²*Is it* nothing to you, all you who pass
by?
Behold and see
if there is any sorrow like my sorrow
which is done to me,
with which the LORD has afflicted *me*
in the day of His fierce anger.
- ¹³From above He has sent fire into my
bones,
and it has laid them low.
He has spread a net for my feet;
He has turned me back;
He has made me amazed
and faint all the day.

- ¹⁴The yoke of my transgressions is bound by His hand; they are woven together *and* have come upon my neck. He has made my strength to fall; the LORD has delivered me into *their* hands, *from whom* I am not able to rise up.
- ¹⁵The LORD has trampled all my mighty *men* in the midst of me; He has called a gathering against me to crush my young men. The LORD has trampled the virgin, the daughter of Judah, *as* in a winepress.
- ¹⁶For these *things* I weep; my eye, my eye runs down with water, because the comforter who could refresh my soul is far from me. My children are deserted because the enemy overcame.
- ¹⁷Zion spreads forth her hands, *and there is* none to comfort her; the LORD has commanded concerning Jacob that his enemies *should be* all around him; Jerusalem is among them as a woman who is bleeding in her monthly season.
- ¹⁸The LORD is righteous, for I have rebelled against His commandment. I pray you, all people, hear and behold my sorrow. My virgins and my young men have gone into captivity.
- ¹⁹I called for my lovers, *but* they deceived me; my priests and my elders gave up the spirit in the city while they sought food to bring back their life.
- ²⁰Behold, O LORD, for I am in trouble; my inward parts are upset; my heart is turned within me, for I have grievously rebelled. The sword takes away abroad, *and at home it is* as death.
- ²¹They have heard that I sigh; *there is* none to comfort me. All my enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that Thou hast done it. Thou wilt bring the day *that* Thou hast called, and they shall be like me.
- ²²Let all their wickedness come before Thee; and do to them as Thou hast done to me for all my transgressions. For my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

CHAPTER 2

- ¹How the Lord has covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in His anger, *and* cast the beauty of Israel down from Heaven to the earth, and remembered not His footstool in the day of His anger!
- ²The Lord has swallowed up all the homes of Jacob and has not pitied. In His wrath He has thrown down the strongholds of the daughter of Judah; He has brought *them* down to the ground; He has defiled the kingdom and the princes of it.
- ³He has cut off all the horn of Israel in *His* fierce anger; He has drawn back His right hand from before the enemy, and He burned against Jacob like a flaming fire *which* devours all around.
- ⁴He has bent His bow like an enemy; He stood with His right hand like an adversary,

- and killed all *who were* pleasant to the eye
in the tabernacle of the daughter of Zion;
He poured out His fury like fire.
- ⁵The LORD was like an enemy;
He has swallowed up Israel;
He has swallowed up all her palaces.
He has destroyed His strongholds,
and has increased mourning and weeping
in the daughter of Judah.
- ⁶And He has violently taken His tabernacle away, *as if it were of a garden*;
He has destroyed His meeting places.
The LORD has caused the solemn feasts and sabbaths
to be forgotten in Zion,
and has despised the king and the priest
in the fury of His anger.
- ⁷The LORD has cast off His altar;
He has despised His sanctuary;
He has given up the walls of her palaces into the hand of the enemy.
They have made a noise in the house of the LORD,
as in the day of a solemn feast.
- ⁸The LORD has purposed to destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion;
He has stretched out a line;
He has not withdrawn His hand from destroying,
therefore He made the rampart and the wall to lament;
they drooped together.
- ⁹Her gates have sunk into the ground;
He has destroyed and broken her bars.
Her king and her princes are among the Gentiles.
The law is no *more*;
her prophets also find no vision from the LORD.
- ¹⁰The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground *and keep* silence;
they have cast up dust on their heads;
they have clothed themselves with sackcloth.
- The virgins of Jerusalem hang their heads down to the ground.
- ¹¹My eyes fail with tears;
my inward parts are troubled;
my liver is poured upon the earth for the ruin of the daughter of my people,
because the children and the babes faint
in the streets of the city.
- ¹²They say to their mothers,
Where are bread and wine?
when they fainted as the wounded in the streets of the city,
when their soul was poured out into their mothers' bosom.
- ¹³What thing shall I take to witness for you?
What thing shall I compare to you, O daughter of Jerusalem?
What shall I equal to you, so that I may comfort you,
O virgin daughter of Zion?
For your break is great like the sea;
who can heal you?
- ¹⁴Your prophets have seen false and foolish things for you,
and they have not uncovered your iniquity,
to turn away your captivity;
but *they* have seen false oracles
and causes of banishment for you.
- ¹⁵All who pass by
clap *their* hands at you;
they hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, *saying*,
Is this the city that men call the perfection of beauty,
the joy of the whole earth?
- ¹⁶All your enemies
have opened their mouth against you;
they hiss and gnash the teeth;
they say, We have swallowed *her* up.
Certainly this is the day that we looked for;
we have found, we have seen.
- ¹⁷The LORD has done that which He has purposed;

- He has fulfilled His word which He
commanded in the days of old.
He has thrown down
and has not pitied;
and He has caused *your* enemy to
rejoice over you;
He has set up the horn of your foes.
- ¹⁸Their heart cried to the LORD.
O wall of the daughter of Zion,
let tears run down like a river
day and night;
give yourself no rest.
Let not the apple of your eye cease.
- ¹⁹Arise, cry out in the night.
In the beginning of the watches,
pour out your heart like water
before the face of the LORD.
Lift up your hands toward Him
for the eyes of your young children,
who faint for hunger
in the head of every street.
- ²⁰Behold, O LORD, and consider
to whom Thou hast done this.
Shall the women eat their fruit,
children they have swaddled with
their hands?
Shall the priest and the prophet
be killed in the holy place of the
Lord?
- ²¹The young and the old
lie in the streets;
my virgins and my young men
have fallen by the sword.
Thou hast killed *them* in the day of
Thy anger;
Thou hast killed *and* not pitied.
- ²²Thou hast called as in a solemn day
my terrors all around,
so that in the day of the LORD's
anger none escaped nor remained.
Those whom I have swaddled and
brought up,
my enemy has destroyed.
- CHAPTER 3**
- ¹I am the man who has seen affliction
by the rod of His wrath.
- ²He has led me and brought *me into*
darkness,
but not *into* light.
- ³Surely He has turned against me;
He turns His hand *against me* all the
day.
- ⁴He has made my flesh and my skin
old;
He has broken my bones.
- ⁵He has built against me
and has circled *me* with gall and
pain.
- ⁶He has set me in dark places,
like the dead in days of old.
- ⁷He has set a fence around me, so that
I cannot get out;
He has made my chain heavy.
- ⁸Also when I cry and shout,
He shuts out my prayer.
- ⁹He has hemmed in my ways with cut
stone;
He has made my paths crooked.
- ¹⁰He was to me *like* a bear lying in wait
and like a lion in secret places.
- ¹¹He has turned my ways aside and
pulled me in pieces.
He has made me lonely.
- ¹²He has bent His bow
and set me as a mark for the arrow.
- ¹³He has caused the arrows of His
quiver
to enter into my heart.
- ¹⁴I was a mockery to all my people,
and their song all the day.
- ¹⁵He has filled me with bitterness;
He has made me drunk with worm-
wood.
- ¹⁶He has also broken my teeth with
gravel stones;
He has covered me with ashes.
- ¹⁷And Thou hast removed my soul far
off from peace;
I forgot blessedness.
- ¹⁸And I said, My strength and my hope
from the LORD is gone,
¹⁹remembering my affliction and my
misery,
the wormwood and the gall.
- ²⁰My soul still remembers *them*
and is humbled in me.
- ²¹I recall this to my mind;
therefore I have hope.

- ²²*It is of the LORD's mercies that we are not destroyed, because His mercies never fail.*
- ²³*They are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness.*
- ²⁴*The LORD is my portion, says my soul; therefore I will hope in Him.*
- ²⁵*The LORD is good to those who wait for Him, and to the soul who seeks Him.*
- ²⁶*It is good that a man should both hope and wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.*
- ²⁷*It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.*
- ²⁸*He sits alone and keeps silence because He has laid it upon him.*
- ²⁹*He puts his mouth in the dust, if perhaps there may be hope.*
- ³⁰*He gives his cheek to Him who strikes him; he is filled with reproach.*
- ³¹*For the LORD will not cast off forever;*
- ³²*but though He cause grief, yet He will have pity according to the multitude of His mercies.*
- ³³*For He does not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.*
- ³⁴*To crush all the prisoners of the earth under his feet —*
- ³⁵*to turn aside the right of a man before the face of the Most High —*
- ³⁶*to wrong a man in his cause — this the LORD approves not.*
- ³⁷*Who is he who speaks, and it comes to pass, when the LORD does not command it?*
- ³⁸*Do not evil and good come out of the mouth of the Most High?*
- ³⁹*Why does a living man complain, a man, for the punishment of his sins?*
- ⁴⁰*Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to the LORD.*
- ⁴¹*Let us lift up our heart with our hands to God in the heavens.*
- ⁴²*We have sinned and have rebelled; Thou hast not forgiven.*
- ⁴³*Thou hast covered us with anger and persecuted us; Thou hast slain; Thou hast not pitied.*
- ⁴⁴*Thou hast covered Thyself with a cloud, so that our prayer should not pass through.*
- ⁴⁵*Thou hast made us as the offscouring and garbage in the midst of the people.*
- ⁴⁶*All our enemies have opened their mouths against us.*
- ⁴⁷*Fear and a snare has come upon us, shame and ruin.*
- ⁴⁸*My eye runs down with rivers of water for the ruin of the daughter of my people.*
- ⁴⁹*My eye trickles down and does not cease, without any relief,*
- ⁵⁰*until the LORD look down and behold from heaven.*
- ⁵¹*My eye pains my heart because of all the daughters of my city.*
- ⁵²*My enemies have hunted me, like a bird, without cause.*
- ⁵³*They have cut off my life in the pit, and have cast a stone upon me.*
- ⁵⁴*Waters flowed over my head; then I said, I am cut off.*
- ⁵⁵*I called upon Thy name, O LORD, out of the deep pit.*
- ⁵⁶*Thou hast heard my voice; do not hide Thy ear at my breathing, at my cry.*
- ⁵⁷*Thou didst draw near in the day that I called upon Thee; Thou didst say, Fear not.*
- ⁵⁸*O LORD, Thou hast spoken for the causes of my soul; Thou hast redeemed my life.*
- ⁵⁹*O LORD, Thou hast seen my wrong; judge my cause.*

⁶⁰Thou hast seen all their vengeance
and all their plots against me.

⁶¹Thou hast heard their reproach, O
LORD,

and all their plots against me —

⁶²the lips of those who rose up against
me,
and their mutterings against me all
the day.

⁶³Behold their sitting down and their
rising up;
I am their song.

⁶⁴Give to them a reward, O LORD,
according to the work of their hands.

⁶⁵Give them sorrow of heart,
Thy curse upon them.

⁶⁶Pursue and destroy them in anger
from under the heavens of the LORD.

CHAPTER 4

¹How the gold has become dim!
How the pure gold has changed!
The stones of the sanctuary
are poured out in the top of every
street.

²The precious sons of Zion,
to be compared to fine gold,
how they are counted as earthen
pitchers,
the work of the hands of the potter!

³Even the wild dogs draw out the
breast;
they suckle their young ones.
The daughter of my people has
become cruel,
like the ostriches in the wilderness.

⁴The tongue of the suckling child
clings to the roof of his mouth be-
cause of thirst;
the young children ask bread,
and no man breaks it to them.

⁵Those who ate dainties
are deserted in the streets;
those who were brought up in scarlet
embrace dunghills.

⁶For the punishment of the iniquity of
the daughter of my people is
greater
than the punishment of the sin of
Sodom,

which was overthrown as in a mo-
ment,
and no hands were laid upon her.

⁷Her Nāz'-ā-rites were purer than snow;
they were whiter than milk;
they were more ruddy in body than
rubies;
their form was of sapphire.

⁸Their face is blacker than a coal;
they are not known in the streets;
their skin clings to their bones;
it is dried up; it has become like a
stick.

⁹Those who are killed with the sword
are better
than those who are slain with hunger;
for these pine away, stricken through
for *lack* of the fruits of the field.

¹⁰The hands of the pitiful women
have boiled their own children;
they were their food
in the ruin of the daughter of my
people.

¹¹The LORD has fulfilled His fury;
He has poured out His fierce anger,
and has kindled a fire in Zion,
and it has devoured the founda-
tions of it.

¹²The kings of the earth,
and all the people of the world,
would not have believed
that the foe and the enemy should
have entered
into the gates of Jerusalem.

¹³For the sins of her prophets
and the iniquities of her priests,
who have shed the blood of the just
in the midst of her,

¹⁴they have wandered *like blind men*
in the streets;
they have defiled themselves with
blood,
so that men could not touch
their clothes.

¹⁵They cried to them, Depart! Un-
clean!
Depart, depart! Touch not!

- When they fled away and wandered,
they said among the nations,
They shall never live *there* any more.
- ¹⁶The anger of the LORD has divided
them;
He will no longer look upon them;
they did not respect the persons of
the priests;
they did not favor the elders.
- ¹⁷As for us, as yet our eyes fail
for our vain help;
in our watching we have watched
for a nation *that* could not save *us*.
- ¹⁸They hunt our steps,
so that we cannot go in our streets;
our end is near, our days are fulfilled,
for our end has come.
- ¹⁹Our pursuers are swifter
than the eagles of the heavens;
they pursued us upon the mountains,
they laid wait for us in the wilder-
ness.
- ²⁰The breath of our nostrils, the anointed
of the LORD,
was taken in their pits;
of whom we said, Under his shadow
we shall live among the nations.
- ²¹Rejoice and be glad, O daughter of
Edom,
who lives in the land of Uz.
The cup also shall pass through unto
you;
you shall be drunk and shall make
yourself naked.
- ²²The punishment of your iniquity is
fulfilled, O daughter of Zion;
He will no more carry you away into
captivity;
He will visit your iniquity, O daugh-
ter of Edom;
He will uncover your sins.
- CHAPTER 5
- Remember, O LORD, what has come
upon us;
look down and see our shame.
- ²Our inheritance has been turned to
strangers,
our houses to foreigners.
- ³We are orphans and fatherless;
our mothers are as widows.
- ⁴We have drunk our water for money;
our wood is sold to us.
- ⁵Our necks are under persecution;
we labor *and* have no rest.
- ⁶We have given the hand to the
Egyptians,
and to the Assyrians, to be satisfied
with bread.
- ⁷Our fathers have sinned *and are* gone;
and we have carried their iniquities.
- ⁸Servants have ruled over us;
there is none who delivers *us* out of
their hand.
- ⁹We have gotten our bread with *the*
peril of our lives
because of the sword of the wilder-
ness.
- ¹⁰Our skin was black like an oven be-
cause of the terrible famine.
- ¹¹They ravished the women in Zion
and the maids in the cities of Judah.
- ¹²Princes were hanged up by their hand;
the faces of elders were not honored.
- ¹³They took the young men to grind,
and the children fell under the wood.
- ¹⁴The elders have ceased from the gate,
the young men from their music.
- ¹⁵The joy of our heart has ceased;
our dance has turned into mourning.
- ¹⁶The crown has fallen from our head;
woe unto us, that we have sinned!
- ¹⁷Our heart is faint for this;
our eyes are dim for these things.
- ¹⁸Because of the mountain of Zion,
which is laid waste,
the foxes walk upon it.
- ¹⁹Thou, O LORD, dost remain forever
and Thy throne from generation to
generation.
- ²⁰Why dost Thou forget us forever,
and forsake us for so long a time?
- ²¹Turn us to Thee, O LORD, and we
shall be turned;
renew our days as of old.
- ²²But Thou hast utterly rejected us;
Thou art very angry against us.

The Book of EZEKIEL

CHAPTER 1

¹Now in the thirtieth year, in the fourth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Ché'-bär, the heavens were opened, and I saw visions of God. ²In the fifth *day* of the month, which was the fifth year of king Jě-hoi'-ä-chin's captivity, ³the word of the LORD surely came to Ē-zěk'-iël the priest, the son of Bū'-zī, in the land of the Chäl-dé'-äns by the river Ché'-bär. And the hand of the LORD was upon him there.

⁴And I looked, and behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire unfolding itself, and a brightness around it, and out of the middle of it, (like the color of brass, out of the middle of the fire). ⁵Also out of the middle of it *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And this was how they looked; they had the likeness of a man. ⁶And each one had four faces, and each one had four wings. ⁷And their feet were straight feet; and the sole of their feet was like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like the color of polished brass. ⁸And *they had* the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and the four of them had their faces and their wings. ⁹Their wings were joined to one another; they did not turn when they went; they went, each one, straight forward. ¹⁰As for the likeness of their faces, the four of them had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side; and the four of them had the face of an ox on the left side; the four of them also had the face of an eagle. ¹¹So their faces were. And their wings were stretched upward; two *wings* of each one were joined to one another, and two covered their bodies. ¹²And each one of them went straight forward. Where the spirit was to go, they went; *and* they did not turn when they went. ¹³As for the likeness of the living creatures, they looked like burning coals of fire *and* like lamps. It went up and down among the living creatures. And the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. ¹⁴And the living creatures kept running and returning, like a flash of lightning.

¹⁵Now as I looked at the living creatures, behold, one wheel was upon the earth by the living creatures, with its four faces. ¹⁶The wheels and their work looked like the color of a beryl, and the four of them had one likeness. And they and their work looked like a wheel in the middle of a wheel. ¹⁷When they went, they went upon their four sides; and they did not turn when they went. ¹⁸As for their rings, they were so high that they were fearful; and their rings were full of eyes all around the four of them. ¹⁹And when the living creatures moved, the wheels moved beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. ²⁰Wherever the spirit was to go, they went; there *their* spirit would go; and the wheels were lifted up along

with them. For the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. ²¹When those went, *these* went; and when those stood still, *these* stood still. And when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up along with them. For the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. ²²And there was a likeness over the heads of the living creature — an expanse, like the color of the awesome crystal, stretched forth over their heads above. ²³And under the expanse their wings were straight, the one toward the other. Each one had two *wings* which covered *their bodies* on this side, and each one had two *wings* which covered on that side of their bodies. ²⁴And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings, like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech like the noise of an army. When they stood still they let down their wings. ²⁵And when they stood still *and* had let down their wings, there was a voice from the expanse that was over their heads.

²⁶And above the expanse that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, looking like a sapphire [sāf'-fire] stone. And upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness, which looked like a man above upon it. ²⁷And I saw *him*, like the color of brass, looking like fire all around within it. From the likeness of his loins even upward, and from the likeness of his loins even downward, I saw *him*, looking like fire, and it had brightness all around. ²⁸As the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain looks, so the brightness all around looked. This was how the likeness of the glory of the LORD looked. And when I saw *it*, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of One who spoke.

CHAPTER 2

¹And He said to me, Son of man, stand upon your feet, and I will speak to you. ²And the Spirit entered into me when He spoke to me, and set me upon my feet, so that I heard Him who spoke to me. ³And He said to me, Son of man, I send you to the children of Israel, to a nation of rebels, who have rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have sinned against Me, to this very day. ⁴For *they are* children with brass foreheads and hard hearts. I send you to them; and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD. ⁵And they, whether they will hear or whether they will stop *hearing* (for they are a rebellious house,) shall yet know that there has been a prophet among them.

⁶And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with you and you dwell among scorpions. Do not be afraid of their words, nor frightened by their looks, though they are a rebellious house. ⁷And you shall speak My words to them, whether they will hear or whether they stop *hearing*. For they are most rebellious. ⁸But you, son of man, hear what I say to

you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.

⁹And when I looked, behold, a hand was sent to me; and lo, a roll of a book was in it. ¹⁰And He spread it before me; and it was written inside and out. And *there were* written in it weepings, and mourning, and woe.

CHAPTER 3

¹Besides He said to me, Son of man, eat what you find. Eat this roll, and go speak to the house of Israel. ²So I opened my mouth, and He caused me to eat that roll. ³And He said to me, Son of man, cause your belly to eat, and fill your bowels with this roll that I give you. Then I ate it; and in my mouth it was like honey for sweetness.

⁴And He said to me, Son of man, go! Go up to the house of Israel and speak to them with My words. ⁵For you are not sent to a people of a strange speech and of a hard language, *but* to the house of Israel — ⁶not to many people of a strange speech and of a hard language, whose words you cannot understand. Surely, if I had sent you to them, they would have listened to you. ⁷But the house of Israel will not listen to you, for they will not listen to Me — for all the house of Israel have brass foreheads and hard hearts. ⁸Behold, I have made your face strong against their faces and your forehead strong against their foreheads. ⁹I have made your forehead as an adamant harder than flint; do not fear them, neither be frightened by their looks, though they are a rebellious house. ¹⁰Moreover He said to me, Son of man, receive all My words which I shall speak to you in your heart, and hear with your ears. ¹¹And go! Go to those of the captivity, to the children of your people, and speak to them, and tell them, Thus says the Lord GOD — whether they will hear or whether they will stop *hearing*. ¹²Then the Spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a voice of a great rushing, *saying*, Blessed be the glory of the LORD from His place. ¹³I also *heard* the noise of the wings of the living creatures that touched one another, and the noise of the wheels along with them, and a noise of a great rushing. ¹⁴So the Spirit lifted me up and took me away, and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit — but the hand of the LORD was strong upon me.

¹⁵Then I came to those of the captivity at Tēl-ā'-bīb, who lived by the river Chē'-bār. And I sat where they sat and remained there stricken dumb among them seven days. ¹⁶And at the end of seven days the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹⁷Son of man, I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel. Therefore hear the word of My mouth, and give them warning from Me. ¹⁸When I say to the wicked, You shall surely die — and you do not give him warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life — the same wicked

man shall die in his iniquity; but I will require his blood at your hand. ¹⁹Yet if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity — but you have delivered your soul. ²⁰Again, when a righteous *man* turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and *when* I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die. Because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand. ²¹Nevertheless if you warn the righteous *man*, so that the righteous does not sin, and *if* he does not sin, he shall surely live because he is warned — also you have delivered your soul.

²²And the hand of the LORD was upon me there. And He said to me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will talk with you there. ²³Then I arose and went forth into the plain; and, behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory which I saw by the river Chē'-bār. And I fell upon my face. ²⁴Then the Spirit entered into me and set me upon my feet; and spoke with me, and said to me, Go, shut yourself inside your house! ²⁵But you, O son of man, behold, they shall put hands upon you and shall bind you with them, and you shall not go out among them. ²⁶And I will make your tongue cling to the roof of your mouth, so that you shall be dumb and shall not be one who warns them. For they are a rebellious house. ²⁷But when I speak with you, I will open your mouth, and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: He who hears, let him hear; and he who stops *his ears*, let him stop — for they are a rebellious house.

CHAPTER 4

¹You also, son of man, take a tile to yourself, and lay it before you, and portray upon it the city Jerusalem. ²And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mound against it. Also set the camp against it, and set *battering* rams against it all around. ³Besides take an iron pan to yourself, and set it *for* a wall of iron between you and the city. And set your face against it, and it shall be under attack. And you shall set a battle against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel. ⁴Also lie upon your left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it; *according* to the number of days that you shall lie upon it, you shall bear their iniquity. ⁵For I have laid upon you the years of their iniquity, according to the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days. So you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. ⁶And when you have fulfilled them, lie again on your right side, and you shall bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days — a day for a year — a day for a year, I have set for you. ⁷Therefore you shall set your face toward the siege of Jerusalem, and your arm shall be uncovered, and you shall prophesy against it. ⁸And, behold, I will lay bands upon you,

and you shall not turn yourself from one side to another until you have ended the days of your siege.

⁹Take also to yourself wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make bread of them for yourself. *According* to the number of the days that you shall lie upon your side, three hundred and ninety days, you shall eat of it. ¹⁰And your food which you shall eat shall be by weight twenty shekels a day; from time to time you shall eat it. ¹¹You shall also drink water by measure, the sixth part of a hin. From time to time you shall drink. ¹²And you shall eat it *as* barley cakes, and you shall bake it with dung that comes out of man, in their sight. ¹³And the LORD said, Even so shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, where I will drive them. ¹⁴Then I said, Ah Lord GOD! Behold, my soul has not been defiled. For from my youth up, even till now, I have not eaten of that which dies of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither did there come *any* unclean flesh into my mouth. ¹⁵Then He said to me, Lo, I have given you cow's dung for man's dung, and you shall prepare your bread with it. ¹⁶Moreover He said to me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem. And they shall eat bread by weight, and with care. And they shall drink water by measure, and in silence, ¹⁷so that they may lack bread and water, and be stricken dumb with one another, and waste away for their iniquity.

CHAPTER 5

¹And you, son of man, take a sharp knife to yourself, take a barber's razor *also*, and cause it to pass upon your head and upon your beard. Then take scales to weigh, and divide the *hair*. ²You shall burn a third part with fire in the middle of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled — and you shall take a third part *and* beat around it with a knife — and you shall scatter a third part in the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them. ³Also you shall take a few of them in number, and tie them up in your skirts. ⁴Then take of them again, and throw them into the middle of the fire, and burn them in the fire; *for* a fire shall come forth from them into all the house of Israel.

⁵Thus says the Lord GOD: This is Jerusalem. I have set it in the middle of the nations and countries *that are* all around her. ⁶And she has changed My judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and My laws more than the countries that are all around her — for they have refused My judgments and My laws; they have not walked in them. ⁷Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you multiplied more than the nations that are all around you, *and* have not walked in My laws, neither have kept My judgments, nor have done according to the judgments of the nations that are all around you; ⁸therefore thus says the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, am against you, and will carry out judg-

ments in the midst of you in the sight of the nations. ⁹And I will do in you that which I have not done, and the like of which I will never do again, because of all your abominations. ¹⁰Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in your midst, and the sons shall eat their fathers. And I will execute judgments in you, and I will scatter the whole remnant of you into all the winds. ¹¹Therefore, *as I live*, says the Lord GOD, surely, because you have defiled My sanctuary with all your detestable things, and with all your abominations, therefore I will also cut *you off* — neither shall My eye spare *you*, neither will I have any pity. ¹²A third part of you shall die with the plague and with famine they shall be destroyed in the midst of you; and a third part shall fall by the sword all around you; and I will scatter a third part into all the winds, and I will draw out a sword after them. ¹³So My anger shall be fulfilled, and I will cause My fury to rest upon them, and I will be comforted. And they shall know that I the LORD have spoken *it* in My zeal, when I have fulfilled My fury in them. ¹⁴Moreover I will make you a waste and a curse among the nations that are all around you, in the sight of all who pass by. ¹⁵So it shall be a curse and a mocking, a teaching and a wonder to the nations which are all around you, when I shall execute judgments in you in anger and in fury and in angry rebukes. I the LORD have spoken it. ¹⁶When I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, which shall be for *their* ruin, which I will send to destroy you; and *when* I increase the famine upon you, and break your staff of bread; ¹⁷and *when* I send upon you famine and evil beasts, and when they have taken away your *loved ones*; and when pestilence and blood shall pass through you; and when I bring the sword upon you — *you shall know that I the LORD have spoken.*

CHAPTER 6

¹And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, set your face toward the mountains of Israel and prophesy against them. ³And say, Mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD. Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys: Behold, I, *even I*, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. ⁴And your altars shall be wasted, and your images shall be broken. And I will cast down your dead before your idols. ⁵And I will lay the dead bodies of the children of Israel before their idols; and I will scatter your bones around your altars. ⁶In *all* the places where you live, cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be deserted — so that your altars may be laid waste and ruined, and your idols may be broken and cease, and your images may be cut down, and your works may be wiped out. ⁷And the slain shall fall in the midst of you, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

⁸Yet I will leave a remnant so that you may have *some* who shall escape the sword among the nations, when you shall be scattered

through the countries. ⁹And those of you who escape shall remember Me among the nations where they shall be carried captives, because I was broken with their idol-worshipping heart which has departed from Me, and with their eyes which go lusting after their idols. And they shall despise themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. ¹⁰And they shall know that I am the LORD *and that* I have not said in vain that I would do this evil to them.

¹¹Thus says the Lord GOD: Strike with your hand and stamp with your foot, and say, Alas for all the evil abominations of the house of Israel! For they shall fall by the sword, and by the famine, and by the plague. ¹²He who is afar off shall die of the plague; and he who is near shall fall by the sword; and he who remains and is under siege shall die by the famine. So I will fulfil My fury upon them. ¹³Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when their dead shall be among their idols all around their altars, upon every high hill, in all the tops of the mountains, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the place where they offered sweet perfume to all their idols. ¹⁴So I will stretch out My hand upon them and make the land a waste, yes, more wasted than the wilderness toward Dib'-lāth, in all the places where they live; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 7

¹Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Also, son of man, thus says the Lord GOD to the land of Israel: An end! The end has come upon the four corners of the land. ³Now the end has come upon you, and I will send My anger upon you and will judge you according to your ways, and will lay upon you all your abominations. ⁴And My eye shall not spare you, neither will I have pity. But I will repay your ways upon you, and your abominations shall be in the midst of you; and you shall know that I am the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD: An evil: Behold, an only evil has come! ⁶An end has come, the end has come. It awakes against you; behold, it has come. ⁷The morning has come to you, O you who dwell in the land. The time has come, the day of trouble is near, and not the echo of the mountains. ⁸Now I will soon pour out My fury upon you, and fulfil My anger upon you. And I will judge you according to your ways, and will repay you for all your abominations. ⁹And My eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; I will repay you according to your ways and your abominations that are in the midst of you. And you shall know that I am the LORD who strikes. ¹⁰Behold the day! Behold, it has come; the morning has gone forth; the rod has blossomed; pride has budded. ¹¹Violence has risen up into a rod of wickedness. None of them *shall remain*, nor of their multitude, nor of any of theirs — neither *shall there be* wailing for them. ¹²The time has come; the day draws near. Let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn;

for wrath is upon all the multitude of it. ¹³The seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they were still alive; for the vision is about the whole multitude of it, *which* shall not return. Neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life. ¹⁴They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goes to the battle, for My wrath is upon all the multitude of it. ¹⁵The sword is outside, and the plague and the famine inside. He who is in the field shall die with the sword; and he who is in the city shall be devoured by famine and plague.

¹⁶But those who escape from them shall escape, and shall be like doves of the valleys on the mountains, all of them mourning, each one for his iniquity. ¹⁷All hands shall be feeble, and all knees shall be weak as water. ¹⁸They shall also clothe *themselves* with sackcloth, and horror shall cover them; and shame shall be upon all faces, and baldness upon all their heads. ¹⁹They shall throw their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed. Their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the LORD. They shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels; because it is the stumbling-block of their iniquity.

²⁰As for the beauty of His ornament, He set it in majesty. But they made the images of their abominations *and* of their hateful things in it; therefore I have set it far from them. ²¹And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prize, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall defile it. ²²I will also turn My face from them, and they shall defile My secret *place*; for the robbers shall enter into it and defile it.

²³Make a chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. ²⁴Therefore I will bring the worst of the heathen, and they shall possess their houses. I will also make the pomp of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be defiled. ²⁵Ruin comes; and they shall seek peace, and *there shall be* none. ²⁶Evil shall come upon evil, and rumor shall be upon rumor. Then they shall seek a vision from the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and wisdom from the elders. ²⁷The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with misery, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled. I will do to them according to their way, and according to their deserts. I will judge them; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 8

¹And in the sixth year, in the sixth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, as I sat in my house and the elders of Judah sat before me, the hand of the Lord GOD fell upon me there. ²Then I looked, and behold, there was a likeness which looked like *a man* — from his loins and downward *he* looked like fire; and from his loins and upward *he* had a look

of brightness, like the color of brass. ³And he put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my head. And the Spirit lifted me up between the earth and the heavens, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looks toward the north. *There was* the seat of the image of jealousy, which provokes to jealousy. ⁴And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the vision that I saw in the plain.

⁵Then He said to me, Son of man, lift up your eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up my eyes the way toward the north, and behold, northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy was in the entrance. ⁶Then He said to me, Son of man, do you see what they do? *even* the great abominations which the house of Israel is doing here, that I should go far off from My sanctuary? But turn yet again, *and* you shall see greater abominations.

⁷And He brought me to the door of the court; and when I looked, behold a hole in the wall. ⁸Then He said to me, Son of man, dig in the wall now. And when I had dug in the wall, behold a door. ⁹And he said to me. Go in and see the wicked abominations that they do here. ¹⁰So I went in and saw. And behold, every kind of creeping thing, and hateful beast, and all the idols of the house of Israel, were portrayed upon the wall all around. ¹¹And there stood before them seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and in the midst of them stood Jā-āz-ā-nī'-āh the son of Shā'-phān, with each man having a censor in his hand. And a thick cloud of incense went up. ¹²Then He said to me, Son of man, have you seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, each man in his image room? For they say, The LORD does not see us; the LORD has forsaken the earth.

¹³He also said to me, Turn yet again, *and* you shall see greater evils which they do. ¹⁴Then He brought me to the door of the gate of the LORD's house, which was toward the north. And behold, there sat women weeping for Tām'-mūz. ¹⁵Then he said to me, Have you seen this, O son of man? Turn yet again, *and* you shall see greater evils than these.

¹⁶And He brought me into the inner court of the LORD's house, and behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men with their backs toward the temple of the LORD and their faces toward the east – and they worshipped the sun toward the east.

¹⁷Then He said to me, Have you seen *this*, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they do the hateful things which they do here? For they have filled the land with violence and have turned to provoke Me to anger. And lo, they put the branch to their nose. ¹⁸There-

fore I will also deal in fury; My eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity. And though they cry in My ears with a loud voice, I will not hear them.

CHAPTER 9

¹He also cried in my ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause those who have charge over the city to draw near, even every man *with* his destroying weapon in his hand. ²And behold, six men came from the way of the upper gate which lies toward the north, and every man *had* a weapon of slaughter in his hand. And one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side. And they went in and stood beside the brass altar. ³And the glory of the God of Israel had gone up from the cherub upon which he was, to the doorstep of the house. And He called to the man clothed in linen, who *had* the writer's inkhorn by his side. ⁴And the LORD said to him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and who cry because of all the abominations that are done in the midst of it.

⁵And to the others He said in my hearing, Go after him through the city and strike. Let not your eye spare, neither have pity. ⁶Fully destroy old men, young men and virgins, and little children and women. But do not come near any man upon whom is the mark. And begin at My sanctuary. And they began at the old men who were before the house. ⁷And He said to them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the dead. Go forth! And they went forth and killed in the city.

⁸And while they were slaying them, and I was left, I fell upon my face and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! Wilt Thou destroy all the rest of Israel in Thy pouring out of Thy fury upon Jerusalem? ⁹Then He said to me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city is full of perverseness. For they say, The LORD has forsaken the earth, and the LORD sees not. ¹⁰And as for Me also, My eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, *but* I will put their way upon their head. ¹¹And behold, the man clothed with linen, who *had* the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as Thou hast commanded me.

CHAPTER 10

¹Then I looked, and behold, in the expanse that was over the head of the chēr'-ū-bîms, something looking like a sapphire stone came over them, *and* it was in the form of a throne. ²And He spoke to the man clothed with linen, and said, Go in between the wheels, under the cherub, and fill your hands with coals of fire from between the chēr'-ū-bîms, and scatter *them* over the city. And he went in as I looked.

³Now the chěr'-ū-bīms stood on the right side of the house when the man went in; and the cloud filled the inner court. ⁴Then the glory of the LORD went up from the cherub *and stood* over the doorstep of the house. And the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the LORD's glory. ⁵And the sound of the chěr'-ū-bīms' wings was heard to the outer court, as the voice of the Almighty God when He speaks. ⁶And when He had commanded the man clothed with linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the chěr'-ū-bīms, he went in then, and stood beside the wheels. ⁷And *one* cherub stretched forth his hand from between the chěr'-ū-bīms unto the fire that was between the chěr'-ū-bīms, and took *of it* and put *it* into the hands of *him who was* clothed with linen. *He* took *it* and went out.

⁸And there appeared in the chěr'-ū-bīms the form of a man's hand under their wings. ⁹And when I looked, behold, the four wheels by the chěr'-ū-bīms, one wheel was by one cherub, and another wheel by another cherub; and the wheels looked like the color of a beryl stone. ¹⁰As to how they looked, the four of them had one likeness, as if a wheel had been in the midst of a wheel. ¹¹When they went, they went upon their four sides. They did not turn as they went, but they went to the place where the head looked. They did not turn as they went. ¹²And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels were full of eyes all around, *even* the wheels that the four of them had. ¹³As for the wheels, it was cried to them in my hearing, O wheel! ¹⁴And each one had four faces. The first face was the face of a cherub, and the second face was the face of a man, and the third the face of a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. ¹⁵And the chěr'-ū-bīms were lifted up. This is the living creature that I saw by the river of Chē'-bār. ¹⁶And when the chěr'-ū-bīms went, the wheels went beside them; and when the chěr'-ū-bīms lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the same wheels also did not turn from beside them. ¹⁷When they stood still, *these* stood still, and when they were lifted up, *these* lifted themselves also. For the spirit of the living creature was in them. ¹⁸Then the glory of the LORD moved from the threshold of the house, and stood over the chěr'-ū-bīms. ¹⁹And the chěr'-ū-bīms lifted up their wings and mounted up from the earth in my sight. When they went out, the wheels also were beside them, and *each one* stood at the door of the east gate of the LORD's house. And the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. ²¹This is the living creature that I saw under the God of Israel by the river Chē'-bār, and I knew that they were the chěr'-ū-bīms. ²¹Every one had four faces each, and every one four wings. And the likeness of the hands of a man was under their wings. ²²And the likeness of their faces was the same *as the* faces which I saw by the river Chē'-bār, their appearances and themselves. They went, each one, straight forward.

¹Moreover the Spirit lifted me up and brought me to the east gate of the LORD's house, which looks eastward. And behold, twenty-five men were at the door of the gate — among whom I saw Jā-āz-ā-nī'-āh the son of Ā'-zur, and Pēl-ā-tī'-āh the son of Bē-naī'-āh, princes of the people. ²Then He said to me, Son of man, these are the men who plot evil and give wicked advice in this city — ³who say, *It is not near*; let us build houses; this city is the pot, and we are the flesh.

⁴Therefore prophesy against them. Prophesy, O son of man! ⁵And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said to me, Speak: Thus says the LORD: Thus you have said, O house of Israel. For I know the things that come into your mind, *every one of them*. ⁶You have multiplied your dead in this city, and you have filled the streets of it with the dead. ⁷Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Your slain whom you have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this *city* is the pot. But I will bring you forth out of the midst of it. ⁸You have feared the sword, and I will bring a sword upon you, says the Lord GOD. ⁹And I will bring you out of the midst of it, and deliver you into the hands of strangers, and will execute judgments upon you. ¹⁰You shall fall by the sword. I will judge you in the border of Israel, and you shall know that I am the LORD. ¹¹This *city* shall not be your pot, neither shall you be the flesh in the midst of it. *But* I will judge you in the border of Israel, ¹²and you shall know that I am the LORD. For you have not walked in My statutes, nor have *you* done My judgments, but have done after the customs of the nations who are all around you.

¹³And when I prophesied, Pēl-ā-tī'-āh the son of Bē-naī'-āh died. Then I fell down upon my face and cried with a loud voice, and said, Ah Lord GOD! Wilt Thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel? ¹⁴Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹⁵Son of man, your brothers, *even* your brothers, the men of your family and all the house of Israel as a whole, are those unto whom the people of Jerusalem have said, Go far away from the LORD. Unto us is this land given in possession. ¹⁶Therefore say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Although I have cast them far off among the heathen, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I will be to them as a little sanctuary in the countries where they shall come. ¹⁷Therefore say, Thus says the Lord GOD: I will even gather you from the people and assemble you out of the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. ¹⁸And they shall come there, and they shall take away all its hateful things and all its abominations from it. ¹⁹And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰so that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances, and do them.

And they shall be My people, and I will be their God. ²¹But *as for* those whose heart walks after the heart of their hateful things and their abominations, I will put their way upon their own heads, says the Lord GOD.

²²Then the chēr'-ū-bīms lifted up their wings, and the wheels beside them. And the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. ²³And the glory of the LORD went up from the midst of the city and stood upon the mountain which is on the east side of the city. ²⁴Afterwards the Spirit took me up and brought me in a vision by the Spirit of God into Chāl-dē'-ā, to those of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me. ²⁵Then I spoke to those of the captivity all the things that the LORD had shown me.

CHAPTER 12

¹The word of the LORD also came to me, saying, ²Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see and see not. They have ears to hear and hear not, for they are a rebellious house. ³Therefore, son of man, prepare stuff for moving, and move by day in their sight. And you shall move from your place to another place in their sight. It may be they will consider, though they are a rebellious house. ⁴Then you shall bring forth your stuff by day in their sight, like stuff for moving. And you shall go forth at evening in their sight, as those who go forth into captivity. ⁵Dig through the wall in their sight, and carry out through it. ⁶In their sight you shall carry *it* upon *your* shoulders, *and* carry *it* out in the twilight. You shall cover your face so that you do not see the ground, for I have set you *as* a sign to the house of Israel.

⁷And I did as I was commanded. I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for captivity, and in the evening I dug through the wall with my hand. I brought *it* forth in the twilight, *and* I carried *it* upon *my* shoulder in their sight.

⁸And in the morning the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁹Son of man, has not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said to you, What are you doing? ¹⁰Say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: This burden *concerns* the king in Jerusalem and all the house of Israel who are among them. ¹¹Say, I am your sign: As I have done, so it shall be done to them. They shall move *and* go into captivity. ¹²And the king who is among them shall carry *burdens* upon *his* shoulder in the twilight, and shall go forth. They shall dig through the wall to carry out by it. He shall hide his face so that he does not see the ground with *his* eyes. ¹³I will also spread My net upon him, and He shall be taken in My snare. And I will bring him to Babylon, the land of the Chāl-dē'-āns. Yet he shall not see it, though he shall die there. ¹⁴And I will scatter to every wind all who are around him to help him, and all his bands; and

I will draw out the sword after them. ¹⁵And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall scatter them among the nations and scatter them in the countries. ¹⁶But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the plague, so that they may declare all their abominations among the heathen where they come. And they shall know that I am the LORD.

¹⁷Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹⁸Son of man, eat your bread with quaking and drink your water with trembling and with carefulness. ¹⁹And say to the people of the land: Thus says the Lord GOD of the people of Jerusalem *and* of the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with carefulness and drink their water in dumb silence, so that her land may be deserted of her fullness, because of the violence of all those who dwell in it. ²⁰And the cities that have people shall be laid waste, and the land shall be deserted. And you shall know that I am the LORD.

²¹And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²²Son of man, what is that proverb that you have in the land of Israel, saying, The days will go on and every vision shall fail? ²³Therefore tell them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel. But say to them, The days are at hand, and the fulfilment of every vision. ²⁴For there shall never again be any vain vision nor flattering fortunetelling within the house of Israel. ²⁵I am the LORD. I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall come to pass. It shall no more be delayed; for in your days, O rebellious house, I will say the word and will do it, says the Lord GOD.

²⁶Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²⁷Son of man, behold, the house of Israel says, The vision that he sees is for many days *to come*, and he prophesies of the times *that are* far off. ²⁸Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: There shall none of my words be delayed any more, but the word which I have spoken shall be done, says the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 13

¹And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy. And say to those who prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear the word of the Lord: ³Thus says the Lord GOD, Woe to the foolish prophets who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! ⁴O Israel, your prophets are like the foxes in the deserts. ⁵You have not gone up into the breaks, nor built the wall for the house of Israel, that *it* might stand in the battle in the day of the LORD. ⁶They have seen vanity and lying fortunetelling, saying, The LORD says. And the LORD has not sent them; and they have made *others* to hope that they would confirm the word. ⁷Have you not seen a vision, and have you not spoken a lying prophesy, yet you say, The

LORD says *it*; although I have not spoken? ⁸Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have spoken vanity and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, says the Lord GOD. ⁹And My hand shall be upon the prophets who see vanity and who prophesy lies. They shall not be in the meeting of My people, neither shall they be written in the writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

¹⁰Because, even because they have led My people astray, saying, Peace — and there was no peace — and one built up a wall, and lo, others daubed it with chalk; ¹¹say to those who daub *it* with chalk that it shall fall. There shall be an overflowing rain, and you, O great hailstones, shall fall, and a stormy wind shall tear *it*. ¹²Lo, when the wall has fallen, shall it not be said to you, Where is the daubing with which you have daubed *it*? ¹³Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: I will even tear *it* with a stormy wind in My fury. And there shall be an overflowing rain in My anger, and great hailstones in *My* fury to destroy it. ¹⁴So I will break down the wall that you have daubed with chalk, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation of it shall be uncovered. And it shall fall, and you shall be destroyed in the midst of it; and you shall know that I am the LORD. ¹⁵So I will fulfil My wrath upon the wall and upon those who have daubed it with chalk, and will say to you, The wall is no *more*, neither those who daubed it — ¹⁶*that is*, the prophets of Israel who prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see visions of peace for her, and *there is* no peace, says the LORD.

¹⁷Likewise, son of man, set your face against the daughters of your people, who prophesy out of their own heart. And prophesy against them, ¹⁸and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Woe to the *women* who sew pillows to armholes, and make handkerchiefs of every size to put upon the head in order to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and will you save alive the souls *that come* to you? ¹⁹You will defile Me among My people for handfuls of barley and for pieces of bread, to kill the souls that should not die, and to save alive the souls that should not live, by your lying to My people who hear *your* lies. ²⁰Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against your pillows with which you hunt the souls there, to make *them* flee. And I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, *even* the souls that you hunt in order to make *them* flee. ²¹Also I will tear your handkerchiefs and deliver My people out of your hand, and they shall no more be in your hand to be hunted. And you shall know that I am the LORD. ²²Because with lies you have saddened the heart of the righteous, whom I have not made sad; and have made the hands of the wicked strong, so that he should not turn from his wicked way, by promising him life. ²³Therefore you shall never see vanity any more, nor tell fortunes. For I will deliver My people out of your hands; and you shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 14

¹Then some of the elders of Israel came to me and sat before me. ²And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ³Son of man, these men have set up their idols in the heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face. Should I at all be inquired of by them? ⁴Therefore speak to them, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Every man of the house of Israel who sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and comes to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him who comes according to the multitude of his idols; ⁵so that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all cut off from Me through their idols.

⁶Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: Repent and turn from your idols, and turn away your faces from all your abominations. ⁷For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger who lives in Israel, who separates himself from Me and sets up his idols in his heart, and puts the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and comes to a prophet to ask of him concerning Me — I the LORD will answer him by Myself. ⁸And I will set My face against that man, and will make him a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of My people; and you shall know that I am the LORD. ⁹And if the prophet is deceived when he has spoken a thing, I the LORD have deceived that prophet, and I will stretch out My hand upon him and will destroy him in the midst of My people Israel. ¹⁰And they shall bear the punishment of their iniquity; the punishment of the prophet shall be just like the punishment of him who seeks *to him* — ¹¹so that the house of Israel may never again go astray from Me, neither be at all defiled with all their transgressions, but that they may be My people, and I may be their God, says the Lord GOD.

¹²The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, ¹³Son of man, when the land sins against Me by trespassing grievously, then I will stretch out My hand upon it, and will break the staff of its bread, and will send famine upon it, and will cut off man and beast from it. ¹⁴Though these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver *only* their own souls by their righteousness, says the Lord GOD.

¹⁵If I cause destroying beasts to come through the land, and they spoil it so that it is deserted, so that no man may pass through because of the beasts, ¹⁶*though* these three men were in it, *as* I live, says the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters. They only shall be delivered, but the land shall be deserted.

¹⁷Or *if* I bring a sword upon that land, and say, Sword, go through the land — so that I cut off man and beast from it — ¹⁸*though* these three

men were in it, *as I live*, says the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only shall be delivered themselves.

¹⁹Or *if I send a plague into that land, and pour out My fury upon it in blood, to cut off man and beast from it;* ²⁰though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, *as I live*, says the Lord GOD, they shall deliver neither son nor daughter. They shall *only* deliver their own souls by their righteousness. ²¹For thus says the Lord GOD: How much more when I send My four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the destroying beast, and the plague, to cut off man and beast from it.

²²Yet, behold, there shall be left a remnant in it that shall be brought forth, sons and daughters. Behold, they shall come forth to you, and you shall see their way and their doings. And you shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, concerning all that I have brought upon it. ²³And they shall comfort you when you see their ways and their doings. And you shall know that I have not done without cause all that I have done in it, says the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 15

¹And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, What is the vine tree more than any tree, *or than* a branch which is among the trees of the forest? ³Shall wood be taken from it to do any work? Or will *men* take a pin from it to hang any vessel on it? ⁴Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel. The fire devours both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned. Is it fit for *any* work? ⁵Behold, when it was whole, it was fit for no work. How much less shall it be fit for any work when the fire has devoured it, and it is burned? ⁶Therefore thus says the Lord GOD, As the vine tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, so I will give the people of Jerusalem. ⁷And I will set My face against them; they shall go out from *one* fire, and *another* fire shall devour them. And you shall know that I am the LORD when I set My face against them. ⁸And I will make the land a ruin, because they have committed a trespass, says the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 16

¹Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations. ³And say, Thus says the Lord GOD to Jerusalem, Your origin and your birth is of the land of Canaan. Your father was an Amorite, and your mother a Hittite. ⁴And *as for* your birth, in the day you were born your navel was not cut, neither were you washed with water to cleanse *you*; you were not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. ⁵No eye pitied you, to do any of these to you, to have compassion upon you. But you were thrown out into the open field, because your life was despised in the day that you were born.

⁶And when I passed by you and saw you in your own blood ready to be trampled, I said to you in your blood, Live! Yes, I said to you in your blood, Live! ⁷I have caused you to multiply like the bud of the field, and you have multiplied and become great, and you have come to excellent ornaments. *Your* breasts are formed, and your hair is grown, yet you were naked and bare. ⁸Now when I passed by you and looked upon you, behold, your time was the time of love. And I spread my skirt over you and covered your nakedness. Yes, I swore to you and entered into a covenant with you, says the Lord GOD, and you became Mine. ⁹And I washed you with water; yea, I thoroughly washed away your blood from you, and I anointed you with oil. ¹⁰I also clothed you with embroidered work, and made shoes for you of badgers' skin, and I dressed you with fine linen, and I covered you with silk. ¹¹I also adorned you with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon your hands and a chain on your neck. ¹²And I put a jewel on your forehead, and earrings in your ears, and a beautiful crown upon your head. ¹³So you were adorned with gold and silver; and your clothing was of fine linen and silk and embroidered work. You ate fine flour and honey and oil; and you were exceedingly beautiful, and you went on to a kingdom. ¹⁴And your fame went forth among the heathen, because of your beauty; for it was perfect in My beauty, which I had put upon you, says the Lord GOD.

¹⁵But you trusted in your own beauty, and played the harlot because of your fame, and poured out your *fôr-nî-câ'-tions* on everyone who passed by — it was his. ¹⁶And you took from your clothes and adorned your high places with different colors, and played the harlot upon them. The like things have not come, nor ever shall be. ¹⁷You have also taken your beautiful jewels of My gold and of My silver, which I had given you, and made images of men to yourself, and committed adultery with them. ¹⁸And *you* took your embroidered dresses and covered them, and you have set My oil and My incense before them. ¹⁹Also My food which I gave you, fine flour and oil and honey *with which* I fed you, you have even set it before them for a sweet smell. And *so* it was, says the Lord GOD. ²⁰Moreover you have taken your sons and your daughters, whom you have borne unto Me, and you have sacrificed these to them for food. Is it a little thing that because of your *fôr-nî-câ'-tions* ²¹you have killed My children and delivered them to cause them to pass through *the fire* for them? ²²And in all your hateful deeds and your *fôr-nî-câ'-tions* you have not remembered the days of your youth, when you were naked and bare, and were ready to be trampled in your blood.

²³And after all your wickedness — woe, woe unto you, says the Lord GOD! — ²⁴you have also built to you a high place. Yes, *you* have made you a high place in every street. ²⁵You have built your high place at every head of the way, and have made your beauty to be despised, and have opened your feet to everyone who passed by, and have multiplied your *fôr-nî-câ'-tions*. ²⁶*Y*ou have also committed *fôr-nî-câ'-tion* with the

Egyptians, your lustful neighbors; and *you* have multiplied your fôr-nî-câ'-tions to provoke Me to anger. ²⁷Behold, therefore I have stretched out My hand over you, and have withdrawn your share of *food*, and have delivered you to the will of those who hate you, the daughters of the Philistines, who are ashamed of your wicked way. ²⁸You have also played the harlot with the Assyrians, because you could never be satisfied. Yes, you have played the harlot with them, and yet *you* could not be satisfied. ²⁹Moreover you have multiplied your fôr-nî-câ'-tion in the land of Canaan unto Châl-dé'-â, and yet you were not satisfied with it. ³⁰How weak is your heart, says the Lord GOD, since you do all these *things*, the work of an overbearing, lustful woman — ³¹in that you build your high place in the head of every way, and make your high place in the head of every street — and you have not been as a harlot, in that you scorn hire; ³²*but you have been* like a wife who commits adultery, *who* takes strangers instead of her husband! ³³They give gifts to all harlots, but you give your gifts to all your lovers, and hire them so that they may come to you from every side for your fôr-nî-câ'-tion. ³⁴And you were just the opposite from *other* women in your adulteries, in that no one goes after you to commit adulteries. And in that you give a gift, and no gift is given to you, therefore you are different.

³⁵Therefore, O harlot, hear the word of the LORD. ³⁶Thus says the Lord GOD: Because your filthiness was poured out and your nakedness was discovered, through your fôr-nî-câ'-tions with your lovers and with all the idols of your abominations, and by the blood of your children whom you gave to them — ³⁷behold, therefore I will gather all your lovers, with whom you have taken pleasure, and all *those* whom you have loved, with all *those* whom you have hated — I will even gather them all around against you, and will uncover your nakedness to them so that they may see all your nakedness. ³⁸And I will judge you as women who break wedlock and shed blood are judged. And I will give you blood and fury and jealousy. ³⁹And I will also give you into their hand, and they shall throw down your high place. Yes, *they* shall break down your high places. They shall also strip you of your clothes, and shall take your beautiful jewels, and leave you naked and bare. ⁴⁰They shall also bring up a company against you, and they shall stone you with stones and thrust you through with their swords. ⁴¹And they shall burn your houses with fire, and execute judgments upon you in the sight of many women. And I will cause you to cease from playing the harlot, and you shall also give no hire any more. ⁴²So I will make My fury toward you to rest, and My jealousy shall depart from you, and I will be quiet and will be angry no more. ⁴³Because you have not remembered the days of your youth, but have troubled Me in all these *things*; behold, therefore I will also repay your way upon *your* head, says the Lord GOD. And you shall not commit this fôr-nî-câ'-tion above all your *other* abominations.

⁴⁴Behold, everyone who uses proverbs shall use *this* proverb against you, saying, As the mother is, so is her daughter. ⁴⁵You are your mother's daughter, who despises her husband and her children. And you are the sister of your sisters, who despised their husbands and their children. Your mother was a Hittite, and your father was an Amorite. ⁴⁶And your older sister is Sā-mâr'-î-ā, she and her daughters who dwell at your left hand. And your younger sister, who dwells at your right hand, is Sodom and her daughters. ⁴⁷Yet you have not walked according to their ways, nor done according to their hateful deeds; but, as *if that were* a very little *thing*, you were corrupted more than they were in all your ways. ⁴⁸As I live, says the Lord GOD, Sodom your sister, she nor her daughters, has not done as you have done, you and your daughters. ⁴⁹Behold, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom — pride. Fullness of bread and plenty of idleness was in her and in her daughters. Neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy. ⁵⁰And they were proud and did hateful things before Me. Therefore I took them away as I saw *good*. ⁵¹Neither has Sā-mâr'-î-ā committed half of your sins; but you have multiplied your abominations more than they *have*, and have justified your sisters in all your abominations which you have done. ⁵²You also, who have judged your sisters, bear your own shame for your sins which you have committed more abominable than they *have*. They are more righteous than you! Yes, blush and bear your shame, since you have justified your sisters. ⁵³When I shall bring again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Sā-mâr'-î-ā and her daughters, then *I will bring again* the captivity of your captives in the midst of them — ⁵⁴so that you may bear your own shame, and may blush in all that you have done, in that you are a comfort to them. ⁵⁵When your sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former state, and *when* Sā-mâr'-î-ā and her daughters shall return to their former state, then you and your daughters shall return to your former state. ⁵⁶For your sister Sodom was not mentioned by your mouth in the day of your pride, ⁵⁷before your wickedness was uncovered, as at the time of *your* shaming of the daughters of Syria, and of all her neighbors, the daughters of the Philistines (who despise you on every side). ⁵⁸You must bear your fôr-nî-cā'-tion and your abominations, says the LORD. ⁵⁹For thus says the Lord GOD: I will even deal with you as you have done, *you* who have despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

⁶⁰Nevertheless I will remember My covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish to you an everlasting covenant. ⁶¹Then you shall remember your ways and be ashamed, when you shall receive your sisters, your older and your younger. And I will give them to you for daughters, but not by your covenant. ⁶²And I will establish My covenant with you; and you shall know that I am the LORD; ⁶³so that you may remember and be ashamed — and never open your mouth any

more because of your shame — in that I have received an atonement for all that you have done, says the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 17

¹And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, put forth a riddle and speak a parable to the house of Israel. ³And say, Thus says the Lord GOD: A great eagle with great wings, longwinged, full of feathers, who had different colors, came to Lěb'-ā-non and took the highest branch of the cedar. ⁴He plucked off the top of its young twigs and carried it into a land of traders. He set it in a city of merchants. ⁵He also took of the seed of the land and planted it in a fruitful field. He placed it by great waters *and* set it *as* a willow tree. ⁶And it grew and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him. And its roots were under him. So it became a vine and brought forth branches and shot forth sprigs. ⁷There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers. And behold, this vine bent its roots toward him and shot forth its branches toward him, that he might water it, away from the beds of its planting. ⁸It was planted in a good soil by great waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine. ⁹Say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Shall it prosper? Shall he not pull up the roots of it and cut off the fruit of it, so that it shall wither? It shall wither in all the leaves of its spring, even without great power of many people to pluck it up by its roots. ¹⁰Yes, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? Shall it not utterly wither when the east wind touches it? It shall wither in the beds where it grew.

¹¹Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹²Say now to the rebellious house: Do you not know what these *things mean*? Tell *them*, Behold, the king of Babylon has come to Jerusalem and has taken its king and its princes, and brings them to himself to Babylon. ¹³And *he* has taken of the king's seed and has made a covenant with him, and has taken an oath from him. He has also taken the mighty of the land, ¹⁴so that the kingdom might be low, that it might not lift itself up, *but* that by keeping his covenant it might stand. ¹⁵But he rebelled against him in sending his ambassadors into Egypt, that they might give him horses and many people. Shall he be blessed? Shall he who does such *things* escape? Or shall he break the covenant and he delivered? ¹⁶As I live, says the Lord GOD, surely in the place *where* the king *lives* who made him king, whose oath he despised and whose covenant he broke, *even* with him in the midst of Babylon he shall die. ¹⁷Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company work for him in the war, by casting up *siege* mounds and building forts, to cut off many persons. ¹⁸Since he despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when lo, he had given his hand, and has done all these *things*, he shall not

escape. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: As I live, surely My oath that he has despised, and My covenant that he has broken, I will even repay it upon his own head. ²⁰And I will spread My net upon him, and he shall be taken in My snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and I will judge him there with his sin which he has sinned against Me. ²¹And all his fugitives with all his bands shall fall by the sword, and those who remain shall be scattered toward all winds. And you shall know that I the LORD have spoken *it*.

²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I will also take of the highest branch of the highest cedar and will set *it*; I will crop off from the top of its young twigs a tender one, and will plant *it* upon a high and lofty mountain. ²³In a mountain, in a high place of Israel I will plant it. And it shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar. And under it shall dwell all birds of every wing; in the shadow of its branches they shall dwell. ²⁴And all the trees of the field shall know that I the LORD have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish. I the LORD have spoken and have done *it*.

CHAPTER 18

¹The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, ²What do you mean that you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge? ³As I live, says the Lord GOD, you shall not have occasion to use this proverb any more in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are Mine. As the soul of the father, also the soul of the son is Mine. The soul that sins, it shall die.

⁵But if a man is just and does that which is lawful and right, ⁶and has not eaten upon the mountains, neither has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither has defiled his neighbor's wife, neither has come near a menstruating woman, ⁷and has not ill-treated *any*, but has given the debtor's pledge back to him, has robbed none by violence, has given his bread to the hungry and has covered the naked with a garment — ⁸he *who* has not given forth upon usury, neither has taken any increase, *he who* has withdrawn his hand from iniquity, has done judgment between man and man, ⁹has walked in My statutes, and has kept My judgments to deal truly — he shall surely live, says the Lord GOD.

¹⁰If he fathers a son that is a robber, one who sheds blood, and one *who does any* of these *things*, ¹¹and who does not any of those *duties* — but has even eaten upon the mountains, and has defiled his neighbor's wife, ¹²has ill-treated the poor and needy, has spoiled by violence, has not given back the pledge, and has lifted up his eyes to the idols,

has committed abomination, ¹³has given forth upon usury and has taken increase — shall he then live? He shall not live! He has done all these hateful things; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.

¹⁴Now, lo, *if* he fathers a son who sees all his father's sins which he has done, and fears, and does not do like him — ¹⁵*who* has not eaten upon the mountains, neither has lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, has not defiled his neighbor's wife, ¹⁶neither has ill-treated any, has not withheld the pledge, neither has spoiled by violence *but* has given his bread to the hungry and has covered the naked with a garment, ¹⁷*who* has taken his hand from the poor, *who* has not received usury nor increase, has done My judgments, has walked in My statutes — he shall not die for the iniquity of his father; he shall surely live. ¹⁸*As for* his father, because he was cruel and robbed his brother by violence, *and did that* which is not good among his people — lo, even he shall die in his iniquity.

¹⁹Yet you say, Why? Does not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son has done that which is lawful and right, has kept all My statutes, and has done them, he shall surely live. ²⁰The soul that sins, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him. ²¹But if the wicked will turn from all his sins which he has committed, and keep all My statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²²All his transgressions that he has committed, they shall not be mentioned to him — in his righteousness that he has done he shall live. ²³Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? says the Lord GOD; and not that he should return from his ways and live?

²⁴But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, *and* does according to all the hateful things that the wicked *man* does, shall he live? All his righteousness that he has done shall not be remembered; in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them he shall die.

²⁵Yet you say, The way of the LORD is not equal. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is not My way equal? Are your ways not unequal [ûn-é'-kwäl]? ²⁶When a righteous *man* turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity and dies in them — for his iniquity that he has done, he shall die. ²⁷Again, when the wicked *man* turns away from his wickedness that he has committed and does that which is lawful and righteous, he shall save his soul alive. ²⁸Because he looks carefully, and turns away from all his sins that he has committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet says the house of Israel: The way of the LORD is not equal. O house of Israel, are not My ways equal? Are not your ways unequal? ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, each one of you accord-

ing to his ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn *yourselves* from all your sins; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

³¹Cast away from you all your sins by which you have sinned; and make you a new heart and a new spirit; for why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of him who dies, says the Lord GOD. Therefore turn and live.

CHAPTER 19

¹Moreover take up a weeping for the princes of Israel, ²and say: What is your mother? A lioness. She lay down among lions; she nursed her cubs among young lions. ³And she brought up one of her cubs; it became a strong lion and learned to catch the prey. It ate men. ⁴The nations also heard of him. He was taken in their pit, and they brought him with chains to the land of Egypt. ⁵Now when she saw that she had waited *and that* her hope was lost, she took another of her cubs and made him a strong lion. ⁶And he went up and down among the lions; he became a young lion and learned to catch the prey, *and* ate men. ⁷And he knew their deserted palaces, and he laid their cities waste, and the land and its fullness was wasted away, because of the noise of his roaring. ⁸Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces, and spread their net over him. He was taken in their pit. ⁹And they put him under guard in chains, and brought him to the king of Babylon. They brought him into strongholds, so that his voice should never again be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

¹⁰Your mother is like a vine in your blood, planted by the waters; she was fruitful and full of branches because of many waters. ¹¹And she had strong rods for the scepters of those who bore rule, and her stature was exalted among the thick branches; and she appeared in her height with the multitude of her branches. ¹²But she was plucked up in fury; she was thrown down to the ground, and the east wind dried up her fruit. Her strong rods were broken and withered; the fire burned them up. ¹³And now she is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty ground. ¹⁴And fire has gone out from a rod of her branches, *which* has licked up her fruit so that there is no strong rod in her to be a scepter to rule. This is a mourning and shall be for a mourning.

CHAPTER 20

¹And in the seventh year, in the fifth *month*, the tenth of the month, some of the elders of Israel came to ask of the LORD, and sat before me. ²Then came the word of the LORD to me, saying, ³Son of man, speak to the elders of Israel and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Have you come to ask of Me? As I live, says the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you. ⁴Will you judge them, son of man, will you judge *them*? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers.

⁵And say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: In the day that I chose Israel, and lifted up my hand to the seed of the house of Jacob, and made Myself known to them in the land of Egypt; when I lifted up My hand to them, saying, I am the LORD your God; ⁶in the day *that* I lifted up My hand to them, to bring them forth from the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands — ⁷then I said to them, *Let* each man throw away the hateful idols of his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the idols of Egypt. I am the LORD your God. ⁸But they rebelled against Me and would not listen to Me. They did not every one throw away the hateful idols of their eyes, neither did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I said, I will pour out My fury against them to fulfil My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. ⁹But I worked for My name's sake, that it should not be defiled before the heathen among whom they were, in whose sight I made Myself known to them in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

¹⁰Therefore I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. ¹¹And I gave them My laws and showed them My judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. ¹²Moreover also I gave them My sabbaths to be a sign between Me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD who sets them apart. ¹³But the house of Israel rebelled against Me in the wilderness; they did not walk in My laws, and they despised My judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them. And they greatly defiled My sabbaths. Then I said, I will pour out My fury on them in the wilderness to destroy them. ¹⁴But I worked for My name's sake, so that it should not be defiled before the heathen in whose sight I brought them out. ¹⁵Yet also I lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given *them*, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands — ¹⁶because they despised My judgments and walked not in My sabbaths — for their heart went after their idols. ¹⁷Nevertheless My eye spared them from destroying them, neither did I make an end of them in the wilderness. ¹⁸But I said to their children in the wilderness, Do not walk in the laws of your fathers, neither observe their judgments, neither defile yourselves with their idols. ¹⁹I am the LORD your God. Walk in My statutes, and keep My judgments, and do them, ²⁰and keep My sabbaths holy; and they shall be a sign between Me and you, that you may know that I am the LORD your God. ²¹Nevertheless the children rebelled against Me. They did not walk in My laws, neither kept My judgments to do them — *the judgments* which, if a man do, he shall even live in them. Then I said I would pour out My fury upon them, to fulfil My anger against them in the wilderness.

²²Nevertheless I withdrew My hand and worked for My name's sake, that it should not be defiled in the sight of the heathen in whose sight

I brought them forth. ²³I also lifted up My hand to them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the heathen and scatter them through the countries, ²⁴because they had not done My judgments, but had despised My sabbaths and had defiled My sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers' idols. ²⁵Therefore I gave them also laws *that were* not good, and judgments by which they should not live. ²⁶And I defiled them in their own gifts, in that they caused all that open the womb to pass through *the fire*, that I might make them a waste, to the end that they might know that I am the LORD.

²⁷Therefore, son of man, speak to the house of Israel and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Yet in this your fathers have blasphemed Me, in that they have committed a sin against Me. ²⁸When I had brought them into the land *for* which I lifted up My hand to give it to them, then they saw every high hill, and all the thick trees, and they offered their sacrifices there. And there they offered their provoking gifts. There also they made their sweet perfume, and poured out their drink offerings there. ²⁹Then I said to them, What is the high place to which you go? And the name of it is called Bâ'-mâh to this day. ³⁰Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: Are you defiled in the same way as your fathers? And do you commit *fôr-nî-câ'tion* after their abominations? ³¹For when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons to pass through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your idols, even to this day. And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, says the Lord GOD, I will not be inquired of by you. ³²And that which comes into your mind shall not happen at all, that you say, We will be like the nations, like the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

³³As I live, says the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, I will reign over you. ³⁴And I will bring you out from the people, and I will gather you out of the countries in which you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with a stretched out arm and with fury poured out. ³⁵And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. ³⁶Just as I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, says the Lord GOD. ³⁷And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. ³⁸And I will purge out from among you the rebels and those who sin against Me. I will bring them forth out of the country where they live, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD.

³⁹As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord GOD: Everyone go and serve his idols, and *do so* from now on if you will not listen to Me. But never again defile My holy name with your gifts and with your idols. ⁴⁰For in My holy mountain, in the mountain height of Israel, says

the Lord GOD, there all the house of Israel, all of those in the land, shall serve Me. There will I receive them, and there will I ask for your offerings and the first fruits of your oblations, with all your holy things. ⁴¹I will receive you with your sweet perfume when I bring you out from the people and gather you out of the countries into which you have been scattered. And I will be sanctified in you in the eyes of the nations. ⁴²And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country *for* which I lifted up My hand, to give it to your fathers. ⁴³And there you shall remember your ways and all your doings in which you have been defiled. And you shall despise yourselves in your own sight for all your evils which you have committed. ⁴⁴And you shall know that I am the LORD when I have worked with you for My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel, says the Lord GOD.

⁴⁵Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁴⁶Son of man, set your face toward the south, and drop *your word* toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the south field. ⁴⁷And say to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will kindle a fire in you, and it shall burn up every green tree in you, and every dry tree. The flaming flame shall not be put out, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burned in it. ⁴⁸And all flesh shall see that I the LORD have kindled it. It shall not be put out. ⁴⁹Then I said, Ah Lord GOD! They say of me, Does he not speak parables?

CHAPTER 21

¹And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, set your face toward Jerusalem, and drop *your word* toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel. ³And say to the land of Israel, Thus says the LORD: Behold, I am against you, and will draw forth My sword out of its sheath and will cut off from you the righteous and the wicked. ⁴Since then I will cut off the righteous and the wicked from you, therefore My sword shall go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north, ⁵so that all flesh may know that I the LORD have drawn forth My sword out of its sheath. It shall not return any more. ⁶Therefore sigh, son of man, with the breaking of *your* loins; and sigh with bitterness before their eyes. ⁷And when they say to you, Why do you sigh? You shall answer, Because of the news. Because it is coming; and every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be feeble, and every spirit shall faint, and all knees shall be weak *as* water. Behold, it comes, and shall be brought to pass, says the Lord GOD.

⁸Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁹Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus says the LORD. Say, A sword, a sword is sharpened and also polished. ¹⁰It is sharpened to make a grievous slaughter; it is polished so that it may flash like lightning. Should we then rejoice?

It despises the rod of My son, along with every tree. ¹¹And He has given it to be polished so that it may be handled. This sword is sharpened, and it is polished, to give it into the hand of the slayer. ¹²Cry and howl, son of man; for it shall be upon My people; it shall be upon all the princes of Israel. Because of the sword, terrors shall be upon My people. Therefore strike upon *your* thigh. ¹³Because it is a trial, and what if *the sword* even despise; the rod? *The rod* shall be no more, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁴Therefore, son of man, prophesy and strike *your* hands together; and let the sword be doubled the third time, the sword of the slain. It is the sword of the great men who are slain, which enters into their secret rooms. ¹⁵I have set the point of the sword against all their gates, that *their* heart may faint and *that their* ruins may be multiplied. Ah, *it* is ready to flash like the lightning; *it* is wrapped up for the slaughter. ¹⁶Go one way or the other, either on the right hand or on the left, wherever your face is set. ¹⁷I will also strike My hands together, and I will cause My fury to rest. I the LORD have said *it*.

¹⁸The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, ¹⁹Also, son of man, choose yourself two ways that the sword of the king of Babylon may come. Both of them shall come forth out of one land. And choose a place, choose *it* at the head of the *highway* to the city. ²⁰Choose a way that the sword may enter into Rāb'-bāh of the Ammonites and into Judah, into fortified Jerusalem. ²¹For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two highways, to ask of images. He made *his* arrows bright; he asked of images; he looked in the liver. ²²At his right hand was the divining for Jerusalem, to choose captains, to open the mouth in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to choose *battering* rams against the gates, to cast a *siege* mound, and to build a fort. ²³And it shall be unto them as a false divining in their sight, to those who have sworn oaths. But He will call iniquity to memory, that they may be taken. ²⁴Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered so that your sins are revealed in all your doings; because you have come to memory, you shall be taken with the hand.

²⁵And you, ungodly, wicked king of Israel, whose day has come when iniquity shall have an end, ²⁶Thus says the Lord GOD: Remove the diadem, and take off the crown. This shall not be as it was. Lift up the low one, and put down the high one. ²⁷I will overturn, overturn, overturn it. And this shall never again be until the coming of Him whose is the right. And I will give it *to Him*.

²⁸And, son of man, prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord GOD concerning the Ammonites and concerning their shame. Even say: The sword, the sword is drawn, polished to flash like lightning and to destroy — ²⁹while they see false visions for you, while they divine a lie to you, to bring you upon the necks of *those who are* slain, of the wicked whose

day has come when iniquity shall have an end. ³⁰Shall I cause it to return into its sheath? I will judge you in the place where you were created, in the land of your birth. ³¹And I will pour out My fury upon you; I will blow the fire of My wrath against you, and deliver you into the hands of beastly men, able to destroy. ³²You shall be as fuel for the fire. Your blood shall be in the midst of the land. You shall be remembered no more; for I the LORD have spoken it.

CHAPTER 22

¹Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Now, son of man, will you judge, will you judge the bloody city? Yes, you shall make her know all her abominations. ³Then say, Thus says the Lord GOD: The city sheds blood in the midst of it that her time may come, and makes idols against herself to defile herself. ⁴You have become guilty in your blood that you have shed; and *you* have defiled yourself in your idols which you have made. And you have caused your days to draw near, and have come *even* to your years. Therefore I have made you a reproach to the heathen, and a mocking to all countries. ⁵Those who are near and those who are far from you shall mock against you, O defiled of name and troubled one. ⁶Behold, the princes of Israel, every one according to his might, has been in you to shed blood. ⁷In you they have despised father and mother. In the midst of you they have dealt with the stranger by cruelty. In you they have troubled the fatherless and the widow. ⁸You have despised My holy things, and have profaned My sabbaths. ⁹In you are men who carry tales to shed blood; and in you they eat upon the mountains; in the midst of you they commit fôr-nî-câ'-tion. ¹⁰In you they have discovered their fathers' nakedness; in you they have humbled her who was set apart because of uncleanness. ¹¹And one has committed abomination with his neighbor's wife; and another had wickedly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in you has humbled his sister, his father's daughter. ¹²In you they have taken gifts to shed blood. You have taken usury and increase, and you have greedily gained of your neighbors by cruelty, and have forgotten Me, says the Lord GOD.

¹³Behold, therefore I have beaten My hand *on My thigh* at your unjust gain which you have made, and at your blood which has been in the midst of you. ¹⁴Can your heart endure, or can your hands be strong, in the day that I shall deal with you? I the LORD have spoken it and will do it. ¹⁵And I will scatter you among the nations and disperse you in the countries, and will destroy your uncleanness out of you. ¹⁶And you shall take your inheritance in yourself in the sight of the nations; and you shall know that I am the LORD.

¹⁷And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹⁸Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to Me. All of them are brass, and tin,

and iron, and lead, in the middle of the furnace; they are *even* the dross of silver. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have all become dross, behold, therefore I will gather you into the middle of Jerusalem. ²⁰As they gather silver, and brass, and iron, and lead, and tin, into the middle of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it to melt *it*, so I will gather *you* in My anger and in My fury, and I will leave *you* there and melt you. ²¹Yes, I will gather you and blow upon you in the fire of My wrath, and you shall be melted in the middle of it. ²²As silver is melted in the middle of the furnace, so you shall be melted in the middle of it; and you shall know that I the LORD have poured out My fury upon you.

²³And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²⁴Son of man, say to her: You are the land that is not cleansed nor rained upon in the day of fury. ²⁵A plot by her prophets is in her midst, like a roaring lion tearing the prey. They have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they multiplied her many widows in the midst of her. ²⁶Her priests have broken My law and have defiled My holy things. They have put no difference between the holy and the common, neither have they shown *difference* between the unclean and the clean, and have hidden their eyes from My sabbaths, and I am defiled among them. ²⁷Her princes in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood *and* to destroy souls, to get unjust gain. ²⁸And her prophets have daubed themselves with whitewash, seeing vanity and divining lies to them, saying, Thus says the Lord GOD – when the LORD has not spoken. ²⁹The people of the land have used cruelty and practiced robbery, and they have troubled the poor and needy. Yea, they have crushed the stranger without right. ³⁰And I sought for a man among them who should make up the wall for the land, and stand in the break before me, that I should not destroy it. But I did not find one. ³¹Therefore I have poured out My fury upon them. I have burned them up with the fire of My wrath. I have given them their own way upon their heads, says the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 23

¹The word of the LORD came again to me, ²Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother. ³And they committed *fôr-nî-câ'-tions* in Egypt; they committed *fôr-nî-câ'-tions* in their youth. There their breasts were handled, and there they bruised their virgin breasts. ⁴And the names of the them were *Ā-hō'-lāh*, the elder, and *Ā-hōl'-î-bāh*, her sister. And they were Mine, and they bore sons and daughters. These were their names: *Sā-mâr'-î-ā* is *Ā-hō'-lāh*, and Jerusalem is *Ā-hōl'-î-bāh*. ⁵And *Ā-hō'-lāh* played the harlot when she was Mine. And she worshipped her lovers, the Assyrians *her neighbors*, ⁶*who were* clothed with blue, captains and rulers, all of them desirable young men,

horsemen riding upon horses. ⁷So she committed her adulteries with them, with all those *who were* the chosen men of Assyria, and with all those she adored. She defiled herself with all their idols. ⁸Neither did she leave her fôr-nî-câ'-tions *which she brought* from Egypt. For in her youth they lay with her, and they bruised her virgin breasts, and poured their fôr-nî-câ'-tion upon her. ⁹Therefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians whom she adored. ¹⁰These uncovered her nakedness. They took her sons and her daughters and killed her with the sword. And she became famous among women, for they had executed judgment upon her. ¹¹And when her sister Ā-hôl'-î-bâh saw *this*, she was more corrupt in her lust than she had been, and her fôr-nî-câ'-tions were beyond the fôr-nî-câ'-tions of her sister. ¹²She worshipped the Assyrians *her* neighbors, captains and rulers clothed most perfectly, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men. ¹³Then I saw that she was defiled, *that* they both *took* one way ¹⁴and *that* she multiplied her fôr-nî-câ'-tions. For when she saw men carved upon the wall — the images of the Châl-dē'-āns painted with vēr-mil-ion, ¹⁵clothed with girdles upon their loins, with flowing turbans upon their heads, all of them looking like princes, according to the custom of the Babylonians of Châl-dē'-ā, the land of their birth — ¹⁶and when she saw them with her eyes, she lusted after them and sent messengers to them into Châl-dē'-ā. ¹⁷And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their fornications. And she was defiled with them, and her mind was torn away from them. ¹⁸So she uncovered her lustful desires and uncovered her nakedness. Then My mind was broken off from her just as My mind was broken off from her sister. ¹⁹Yet she multiplied her fôr-nî-câ'-tions in calling to memory the days of her youth in which she had played the harlot in the land of Egypt. ²⁰For she lusted after her lovers, whose flesh is *like* the flesh of asses and whose issue is *like* the issue of horses. ²¹So you looked for the wickedness of your youth, when the Egyptians bruised your breasts, for the sake of the breasts of your youth.

²²Therefore, O Ā-hôl'-î-bâh, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will raise up against you your lovers from whom your mind is torn away; and I will bring them against you on every side — ²³the Babylonians, and all the Châl-dē'-āns, Pē'-kōd, and Shō'-ā, and Kō'-ā, *and* all the Assyrians with them — all of them desirable young men, captains and rulers, great and famous lords, all of them riding upon horses. ²⁴And they shall come against you with chariots, wagons, and wheels, and with an assembly of people *who* shall set against you buckler and shield and helmet all around. And I will set judgment before them, and they shall judge you according to their judgments. ²⁵And I will set My jealousy against you, and they shall deal with you in fury. They shall take away your nose and your ears, and the rest of you shall fall by the sword. They shall take away your sons and your daughters, and

the rest of you shall be devoured by the fire. ²⁶They shall also strip you out of your clothes and take away your beautiful jewels. ²⁷So I will make your wickedness to cease from you, even your fôr-nî-câ'-tion from the land of Egypt, so that you shall not lift up your eyes to them nor remember Egypt any more. ²⁸For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will deliver you into the hand of *those* whom you hate, into the hand of *those* from whom your mind is torn away. ²⁹And they shall deal with you hatefully, and shall take away all your labor, and shall leave you naked and bare. And the nakedness of your fôr-nî-câ'-tions shall be uncovered, both your wickedness and your fôr-nî-câ'-tions. ³⁰I will do these *things* to you because you have gone lusting after the heathen *and* because you are defiled with their idols. ³¹You have walked in the way of your sister; therefore I will give her cup into your hand. ³²Thus says the Lord GOD: You shall drink of your sister's cup deep and large; you shall be laughed to scorn and mocked; for it holds much. ³³You shall be filled with drunkenness and sorrow, with the cup of dumbness and shame, with the cup of your sister Sâ-mâr'-î-ã. ³⁴You shall even drink it and empty it. And you shall break the pieces of it and tear out your own breasts. For I have spoken *it*, says the Lord GOD. ³⁵Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have forgotten Me and cast Me behind your back, therefore bear also your wickedness and your fôr-nî-câ'-tions.

³⁶Moreover the LORD said to me: Son of man, will you judge Ā-hô'-lâh and Ā-hôl'-i-bâh? Yes, declare to them their abominations, ³⁷that they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands. And they have committed adultery with their idols and have also caused their sons whom they bore to Me to pass through *the fire* for them, to destroy *them*. ³⁸Moreover they have done this to Me: They have defiled My sanctuary in the same day, and have defiled My sabbaths. ³⁹For when they had slain their children to their idols, then they came — the same day — into My sanctuary to defile it. And lo, so they have done in the midst of My house. ⁴⁰And they have even sent for men to come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent. And lo, they came. You washed yourself for *them*, painted your eyes, and adorned yourself with ornaments, ⁴¹and sat upon a stately bed *with* a table prepared before it, upon which you set My incense and My oil. ⁴²And the voice of a careless multitude was with her; and with the men of the common sort were brought Sâ-bê'-ânš from the wilderness, who put bracelets upon their hands and beautiful crowns upon their heads. ⁴³Then I said to *her who was* old in adulteries, Will they now commit fôr-nî-câ'-tions with her, and she *with them*? ⁴⁰Yet they went in unto her, as they go in unto a woman who plays the harlot; so they went in unto Ā-hô'-lâh and unto Ā-hôl'-i-bâh, the wicked women.

⁴⁵And the righteous men, they shall judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, the judgment of women who shed blood; because they

are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands. ⁴⁶For thus says the Lord GOD: I will bring up a company upon them, and will give them to be removed and stripped. ⁴⁷And the company shall stone them with stones and point them out with their swords. They shall kill their sons and their daughters, and burn up their houses with fire. ⁴⁸So I will cause wickedness to cease out of the land, that all women may be taught not to go after your wickedness. ⁴⁹And they shall put your wickedness upon you, and you shall bear the sins of your idols. And you shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 24

¹Again in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, write the name of the day, *even* of this same day. The king of Babylon set himself against Jerusalem this same day. ³And speak a parable unto the rebellious house, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Set on a pot; set *it* on, and also pour water into it. ⁴Gather the pieces of it into it, *even* every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder. Fill *it* with the choice bones. ⁵Take the choice of the flock, and also burn the bones under it; make it boil high, and let them boil its bones in it.

⁶Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Woe to the bloody city, to the pot whose scum is in it, and whose scum has not gone out of it! Bring it out piece by piece; let no lot fall upon it. ⁷For her blood is in the midst of her; she set it upon the top of a rock. She did not pour it upon the ground, to cover it with dust, ⁸that it might cause fury to come up to take vengeance. I have set her blood upon the top of a rock, that it should not be covered. ⁹Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Woe to the bloody city! I will even make the pile great for fire. ¹⁰Heap on wood, kindle the fire, burn up the flesh, and spice it well, and let the bones be burned. ¹¹Then set it empty upon its coals, so that its brass may be hot and may burn, and *that* its uncleanness may be melted in it, *that* the scum of it may be gone. ¹²She has wearied *herself* with lies, and her great scum did not go forth out of her. Her scum shall be in the fire. ¹³In your uncleanness is wickedness. Because I have purged you and you were not purged, you shall not be purged from your uncleanness any more, until I have caused My fury to rest upon you. ¹⁴I the LORD have spoken *it*. It shall come to pass, and I will do *it*. I will not go back, neither will I spare, neither will I repent. According to your ways, and according to your doings, they shall judge you, says the Lord GOD.

¹⁵Also the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹⁶Son of man, behold, I take away from you the desire of your eyes with a stroke. Yet neither shall you mourn nor weep, neither shall your tears run down. ¹⁷Be silent; make no mourning for the dead; tie your bonnet on your

head, and put your shoes upon your feet, and do not cover *your* lips, and do not eat the bread of men. ¹⁸So I spoke to the people in the morning. And in the evening my wife died, and I did in the morning as I was commanded.

¹⁹And the people said to me, Will you not tell us what these *things mean* to us, that you do so? ²⁰Then I answered them, The word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²¹Speak to the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will defile My sanctuary, the glory of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pities. And your sons and your daughters whom you have left shall fall by the sword. ²²And you shall do as I have done. You shall not cover *your* lips nor eat the bread of men. ²³And your bonnets shall be upon your heads, and your shoes upon your feet. You shall not mourn nor weep; but you shall pine away for your iniquities and mourn to one another. ²⁴Thus Ē-zēk'-iēl is a sign to you. According to all that he has done, you shall do. And when this comes, you shall know that I am the Lord GOD. ²⁵Also, son of man, in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and that upon which they set their minds, their sons and their daughters, ²⁶*shall it not be that* he who escapes in that day shall come to you to cause *you* to hear *it* with your ears? ²⁷In that day your mouth shall be open to him who has escaped, and you shall speak and be no more dumb. And you shall be a sign to them, and they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 25

¹The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, ²Son of man, set your face against the Ammonites and prophesy against them. ³And say to the Ammonites, Hear the word of the Lord GOD. Thus says the Lord GOD: Because you said, Aha, against My sanctuary when it was defiled, and against the land of Israel when it was ruined, and against the house of Judah when they went into captivity – ⁴therefore, behold, I will deliver you to the men of the east for a possession. And they shall set their palaces in you and make their dwellings in you. They shall eat your fruit, and they shall drink your milk. ⁵And I will make Rāb'-bāh a stable for camels, and the Ammonites a crouching-place for flocks. And you shall know that I am the LORD. ⁶For thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have clapped *your* hands and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced in heart with all your spite against the land of Israel – ⁷behold, therefore I will stretch out My hand upon you, and will deliver you as a prize to the nations. And I will cut you off from the people, and I will cause you to perish out of the countries. I will destroy you, and you shall know that I am the LORD.

⁸Thus says the Lord GOD: Because Moab and Sē'-īr say, Behold, the house of Judah is like all the nations – ⁹therefore, behold, I will

open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities *which are* on his borders, the glory of the country, *even* Bēth—jēsh'—ī—mōth, Bā'—āl—mē'—on, and Kīr—ī—ā—thā'—īm, ¹⁰unto the men of the east with the Ammonites. And I will give them in possession so that the Ammonites may not be remembered among the nations. ¹¹And I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

¹²Thus says the Lord GOD: Because Ē'-dom has dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and has greatly offended and revenged himself upon them — ¹³therefore thus says the Lord GOD: I will also stretch out My hand upon Ē'-dom, and will cut man and beast off from it; and I will make it a waste from Tē'-mān, and those of Dē'-dān shall fall by the sword. ¹⁴And I will lay My vengeance upon Ē'-dom by the hand of My people Israel. And they shall do in Ē'-dom according to My anger and according to My fury. And they shall know My vengeance, says the Lord GOD.

¹⁵Thus says the Lord GOD: Because the Philistines have taken vengeance; yes, have taken vengeance with a spiteful heart, to destroy *it* for the old hatred, ¹⁶therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will stretch out My hand upon the Philistines, and I will cut off the Chēr'—ē—thīms, and will destroy the rest of the sea coast. ¹⁷And I will execute great vengeance upon them with angry rebukes; and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall lay My vengeance upon them.

CHAPTER 26

¹And in the eleventh year, in the first *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, Aha, she *who was* the gates of the people is broken — she has turned to me — *Now that* she is laid waste I shall be filled. ³Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up. ⁴And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers. I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. ⁵It shall be a *place* for the spreading of nets in the middle of the sea. For I have spoken, says the Lord GOD. And it shall become a spoil to the nations. ⁶And her daughters who are in the field shall be killed by the sword; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

⁷For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will bring Nēb—ū—chād—nēz'—zār king of Babylon upon Tyre, a king of kings from the north, with horses and with chariots and with horsemen and with companies and many people. ⁸He shall kill your daughters with the sword in the field. And he shall make a fort against you, and cast a *siege* mound against you, and lift up the shield against you. ⁹And he shall set engines of war

against your walls, and with his axes he shall break down your towers. ¹⁰Because of his many horses, their dust shall cover you. Your walls shall shake at the noise of the horsemen, and of the wheels, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into your gates, as men enter into a city in which a break is made. ¹¹With the hoofs of his horses he shall trample all your streets. He shall kill your people by the sword, and your strong troops shall go down to the ground. ¹²And they shall make a spoil of your riches, and make a prey of your merchandise. And they shall break down your walls and destroy your desirable houses. And they shall lay your stones and your timber and your dust in the midst of the water. ¹³And I will cause the noise of your songs to cease; and the sound of your harps shall be heard no more. ¹⁴And I will make you like the top of a rock. You shall be a *place* to spread nets upon; you shall be built no more; for I the LORD have spoken it, says the Lord GOD.

¹⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to Tyre: Shall not the isles shake at the sound of your fall, when the wounded cry, when the slaughter is made in the midst of you? ¹⁶Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay away their robes and put off their embroidered garments. They shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground and shall tremble at *every* moment, and be amazed at you. ¹⁷And they shall take up a mourning for you, and say to you, How you are destroyed! *you who* lived by the sea, the famous city which was strong in the sea, she and her people who caused their terror to be on all who lived in it! ¹⁸Now the isles shall tremble in the day of your fall; yea, the isles that are in the sea shall be troubled at your end. ¹⁹For thus says the Lord GOD: When I shall make you a ruined city, like the cities that have no people — when I shall bring up the deep upon you, and great waters shall cover you — ²⁰when I shall bring you down with those who go down into the pit, with the people of old time, and shall set you in the low parts of the earth, in places ruined in days of old, with those who go down to the pit, so that you have no people — and *when* I shall set glory in the land of the living — ²¹I will make you a terror, and you shall be no *more*. Though you are sought for, yet you shall never be found again, says the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 27

¹The word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Now, son of man, take up a mourning for Tyre. ³And say to Tyre, O you who are placed at the entrance of the sea, a merchant of the people for many isles, thus says the Lord GOD: O Tyre, you have said, I am of perfect beauty. ⁴Your borders are in the midst of the seas, your builders have perfected your beauty. ⁵They have made all your *ship* boards of fir trees of Sē'-nīr; they have taken cedars from Lēb'-ā-non to make masts for you. ⁶They have made the oaks of Bā'-shān your oars; the company of the Ash'-ū-rītes

have made your benches of ivory from the isles of Chīt'-tīm. ⁷Fine linen with embroidered work from Egypt was what you spread forth to be your sail; blue and purple from the isles of Ē-lī'-shāh was what covered you. ⁸The people of Sī'-dōn and Ār'-vād were your seamen. Your wise *men*, O Tyre, *who* were in you, were your pilots. ⁹The elders of Gē'-bāl and her wise men were your calkers in you. All the ships of the sea with their seamen were in you to do business with your merchandise. ¹⁰Those of Persia and of Lud and of Phut were in your army, your men of war. They hung the shield and helmet in you; they set forth your glory. ¹¹The men of Ār'-vād were with your army upon your walls all around, and the Gām'-mā-dīms were in your towers. They hung their shields upon your walls all around; they have made your beauty perfect.

¹²Tār'-shīsh was your merchant because of the multitude of all *kinds of riches*; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in your fairs. ¹³Jā'-vān, Tū'-bāl, and Mē'-shēch were your merchants. They traded the persons of men and vessels of brass in your markets. ¹⁴Those of the house of Tō-gār'-māh traded in your fairs with horses and horsemen and mules. ¹⁵The men of Dē'-dān were your merchants; many isles took the merchandise of your hand. They brought you horns of ivory and ebony for a present. ¹⁶Syria was your merchant because of the multitude of your works. They did business in your fairs with emeralds, purple, and embroidered work, and fine linen, and coral, and agate. ¹⁷Judah and the land of Israel were your merchants. They traded in your market wheat from Mīn'-nīth and Pān'-nāg, and honey, and oil, and balm. ¹⁸Damascus was your merchant in the multitude of your works, for the multitude of all riches, in the wine of Hēl'-bōn, and white wool. ¹⁹Dan and Jā'-vān also, going here and there, traded in your fairs; bright iron, cās'-sī-ā, and cāl'-ā-mūs were in your market. ²⁰Dē'-dān was your merchant in precious clothes for chariots. ²¹Arabia, and all the princes of Kē'-dār traded with you in lambs, and rams, and goats. In these *they were* your merchants. ²²The merchants of Shē'-bā and Rā'-ā-māh were your merchants. They traded in your fairs with all the best spices, and with all precious stones, and gold. ²³Hār'-ān, and Cān'-nēh, and Ē'-dēn, the merchants of Shē'-bā, Āssh'-ur, and Chīl'-mād were your merchants. ²⁴These were your merchants in all sorts of *things*, in blue clothes and embroidered work, and rich clothing in chests tied with cords and made of cedar, among your merchandise. ²⁵The ships of Tār'-shīsh sang of you in your market; and you were filled and made very glorious in the midst of the sea.

²⁶Your rowers have brought you into great waters; the east wind has broken you in the midst of the sea. ²⁷Your riches, and your fairs, your merchandise, your seamen, and your pilots, your calkers, and the traders of your merchandise, and all your men of war, who are in you, and all your company which is in the midst of you, shall fall into the midst of

the sea in the day of your ruin. ²⁸The waves shall shake at the sound of the cry of your pilots. ²⁹And all who handle the oar, the mariners, all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships. They shall stand upon the land, ³⁰and shall cause their voice to be heard against you, and shall cry bitterly, and shall throw dust upon their heads. They shall wallow themselves in the ashes. ³¹And they shall make themselves bald for you, and clothe themselves with sackcloth, and they shall weep for you with bitterness of heart *and* bitter wailing. ³²And in their wailing they shall take up a weeping for you and weep over you, *saying*, What *city* is like Tyre, like the *city* destroyed in the midst of the sea? ³³When your goods went forth out of the seas, you filled many people. You made the kings of the earth rich with the multitude of your riches and of your goods. ³⁴In the time *when* you shall be broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, your goods and all your company in the midst of you shall fall. ³⁵All the people of the isles shall be amazed at you, and their kings shall be grievously afraid. Their faces shall be troubled. ³⁶The merchants among the people shall hiss at you; you shall be a terror and shall never be any more.

CHAPTER 28

¹The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, ²Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre. Thus says the Lord GOD: Because your heart is lifted up, and you have said, I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas — yet you are a man and not God, though you set your heart as the heart of God. ³Behold, you are wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that they can hide from you! ⁴With your wisdom and with your understanding you have gotten riches for yourselves, and have gotten gold and silver into your treasures. ⁵By your great wisdom and by your trade you have multiplied your riches, and your heart is lifted up because of your riches. ⁶Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have set your heart as the heart of God, ⁷behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon you, the terrible of the nations. And they shall draw their swords against the beauty of your wisdom, and they shall defile your brightness. ⁸They shall bring you down to the pit, and you shall die the deaths of *those who are* slain in the midst of the seas. ⁹Will you yet say before him who kills you, I am God? But you shall be a man, and no god, in the hand of him who kills you. ¹⁰You shall die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers. For I have spoken, says the Lord GOD.

¹¹Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹²Son of man, take up a mourning upon the king of Tyre, and say to him, Thus says the Lord GOD: You fill up the measure, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³You have been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was your covering, the *sār'-dī-ūs*, topaz, and the diamond, the

bēryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sāp'-phīre, the emerald, and the cār'-būn-cle, and gold. The workmanship of your tabrets and of your pipes was prepared in you in the day that you were created. ¹⁴You are the anointed cherub that covers, and I have chosen you *so*. You were upon the holy mountain of God; you have walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁵You were perfect in your ways from the day that you were created, until iniquity was found in you. ¹⁶By the multitude of your goods they have filled your midst with violence, and you have sinned. Therefore I will cast you out of the mountain of God as defiled, and I will destroy you, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. ¹⁷Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty; you have spoiled your wisdom because of your brightness. I will cast you to the ground; I will lay you before kings, that they may behold you. ¹⁸You have defiled your holy places by the multitude of your iniquities, by the iniquity of your trade. Therefore I will bring forth a fire from your midst; it shall devour you, and I will bring you to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all those who behold you. ¹⁹All those among the people who know you shall be astonished at you; you shall be a terror, and never shall you be any more.

²⁰Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²¹Son of man, set your face against Sī'-dōn, and prophesy against it. ²²And say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Sī'-dōn, and I will be glorified in the midst of you. And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have executed judgments in her and have revealed *My* holiness in her. ²³For I will send a plague into her, and blood into her streets. And the wounded shall be judged in her midst by the sword upon her on every side. And they shall know that I am the LORD.

²⁴And the house of Israel shall never again have a pricking brier or a wounding thorn from any of those who are all around them, who despised them. And they shall know that I am the Lord GOD. ²⁵Thus says the Lord GOD: When I have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and have been sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then they shall dwell in their land that I have given to My servant Jacob. ²⁶And they shall dwell safely in it, and shall build houses and plant vineyards. Yea, they shall dwell safely when I have executed judgments upon all those who despise them all around them — and they shall know that I am the LORD their God.

CHAPTER 29

¹In the tenth year, in the tenth *month*, in the twelfth *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, set your face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him and against all Egypt. ³Speak and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great dragon who lies in the

midst of his rivers, who has said, My river is my own, and I have made *it* for myself. ⁴But I will put hooks in your jaws, and I will cause the fish of your rivers to stick to your scales, and I will bring you up out of the midst of your rivers, and all the fish of your rivers shall stick to your scales. ⁵And I will leave you *thrown* into the wilderness, you and all the fish of your rivers. You shall fall upon the open fields; you shall not be brought together nor gathered. I have given you for food to the beasts of the field and to the bird of the sky. ⁶And all the people of Egypt shall know that I am the LORD, because they have been a staff of reed to the house of Israel. ⁷When they took hold of you by your hand, you broke and tore all their shoulder. And when they leaned upon you, you broke and made all their loins come to a stand.

⁸Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will bring a sword upon you, and cut off man and beast out of you. ⁹And the land of Egypt shall be a desert and waste; and they shall know that I am the LORD, because he has said, The river is mine, and I have made *it*. ¹⁰Behold, therefore I am against you and against your rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt a complete waste and ruin, from Miḡ'-dōl to Sy-ē'-nē, even to the border of Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ā. ¹¹No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall anyone live in it for forty years. ¹²And I will make the land of Egypt a ruin in the midst of the countries *that are* wasted; and her cities shall be deserted forty years among the cities *that are* laid waste. And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will scatter them through the countries.

¹³Yet thus says the Lord GOD: At the end of forty years I will gather the Egyptians from the people where they were scattered. ¹⁴And I will bring again the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return to the land of Pāth'-rōs, into their homeland. And they shall be a low kingdom there. ¹⁵It shall be the lowest of the kingdoms, and shall no more exalt itself above the nations. For I will make them so few, that they shall no more rule over the nations. ¹⁶And it shall never again be the hope of the house of Israel, which brings *their* iniquity to memory when they shall look after them. But they shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

¹⁷And in the twenty-seventh year, in the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹⁸Son of man, Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre. Every head was made bald, and every shoulder was peeled. Yet neither he nor his army had any pay for Tyre, for the service that he had served against it. ¹⁹Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt to Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon. And he shall take her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army. ²⁰I have given him the land of Egypt *for* his labor with which he served against it, because they worked for Me, says the Lord GOD.

²¹In that day I will cause the horn of the house of Israel to bud forth, and I will give you the opening of the mouth in the midst of them. And they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 30

¹The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, ²Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Howl, Woe is the day! ³For the day is near, even the day of the LORD is near, a cloudy day. It shall be the time of the nations. ⁴And the sword shall come upon Egypt, and great pain shall be in Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ā, when the slain shall fall in Egypt, and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. ⁵Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ā, and Līb'-y-ā, and Lyd'-ī-ā, and all the mixed people, and Chüb, and the men of the land who are in covenant with them shall fall with them by the sword. ⁶Thus says the LORD: Those who uphold Egypt shall also fall, and the pride of her power shall come down. From Mig'-döl to Sÿ-ē'-nē they shall fall in it by the sword, says the Lord GOD. ⁷And they shall be ruined in the midst of the countries *that are* wasted, and her cities shall be in the midst of the cities *that are* wasted. ⁸And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have set a fire in Egypt and *when* all her helpers shall be destroyed. ⁹In that day messengers shall go forth from Me in ships to make the careless Ē-thī-ō'-pī-āns afraid, and great pain shall come upon them, as in the day of Egypt; for lo, it is coming. ¹⁰Thus says the Lord GOD: I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease by the hand of Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon. ¹¹He and his people with them, the fearful of the nations, shall be brought to destroy the land. And they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and fill the land with the slain. ¹²And I will make the rivers dry, and sell the land into the hand of the wicked. And I will make the land waste, and all that is in it, by the hand of strangers. I the LORD have spoken *it*. ¹³Thus says the Lord GOD: I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause *their* images to cease out of Nōph. And there shall no more be a prince of the land in Egypt; and I will put a fear in the land of Egypt. ¹⁴And I will make Pāth'-rōs a ruin, and will set fire in Zō'-ān, and will do judgments in No. ¹⁵And I will pour My fury upon Sin, the strength of Egypt. And I will cut off the multitude of No. ¹⁶And I will set fire in Egypt; Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be torn in pieces, and Nōph *shall have* distresses daily. ¹⁷The young men of Ā'-vën and of Pī-bē'-sēth shall fall by the sword; and these *cities* shall go into captivity. ¹⁸At Tē-hāph'-nē-hēs also the day shall be darkened, when I shall break the yokes of Egypt there. And the pride of her strength shall cease in her; as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity. ¹⁹Thus I will do judgments in Egypt; and they shall know that I am the LORD.

²⁰And in the eleventh year, in the first *month*, in the seventh *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²¹Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt. And lo, it shall not be bound up to be healed, to put a bandage to bind it, to make it strong to hold the sword. ²²Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong one and the broken one. And I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. ²³And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will scatter them through the countries. ²⁴And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and put My sword in his hand. But I will break Pharaoh's arms, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of one who is stabbed. ²⁵But I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down. And they shall know that I am the LORD, when I shall put My sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it upon the land of Egypt. ²⁶And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and scatter them among the countries. And they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 31

¹And in the eleventh year, in the third *month*, in the first *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, speak to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his multitude: Whom are you like in your greatness? ³Behold, the Assyrian was *like* a cedar in Lēb'-ā-non, with fair branches and with a forest-like shade, and of great height. And his top was among the thick boughs. ⁴The waters made him great; the deep set him up on high with her rivers running all around his plants, and sent out her little rivers to all the trees of the field. ⁵Therefore his height was lifted up above all the trees of the field, and his boughs were multiplied, and his branches became long because of the multitude of waters, when he shot forth. ⁶All the birds of the sky made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches all the beasts of the field brought forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations. ⁷So he was beautiful in his greatness, in the length of his branches. For his root was by great waters. ⁸The cedars in the garden of God could not hide him; the fir trees were not like his boughs, and the chestnut trees were not like his branches. Nor was any tree in the garden of God like him in his beauty. ⁹I have made him beautiful by the multitude of his branches, so that all the trees of Eden that were in the garden of God were jealous of him.

¹⁰Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Because you have lifted yourself up in height, and he has shot up his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; ¹¹I have therefore delivered him into the hand of the mighty one of the nations. He shall surely deal with

him; I have driven him out for his wickedness. ¹²And strangers, the fearful *ones* of the nations, have cut him off and have left him. Upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches have fallen, and his boughs have been broken by all the rivers of the land. And all the people of the earth have gone down from his shadow, and have left him. ¹³Upon his ruin shall all the birds of the sky remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches, ¹⁴to the end that none of all the trees by the waters *should* lift themselves up because of their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs. Neither *should* their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water. For they are all delivered to death, to the lower parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with those who go down to the pit. ¹⁵Thus says the Lord GOD: In the day when he went down to the grave, I caused a mourning. I covered the deep for him, and I held back its floods, and the great waters were held back. And I caused Lēb'-ā-non to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted because of him. ¹⁶I made the nations shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with those who go down into the pit. And all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lēb'-ā-non, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the lower parts of the earth. ¹⁷They also went down into hell with him to *those who are* slain with the sword, and *those who were* his arm, who lived under his shadow in the midst of the nations.

¹⁸So to whom are you like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? Yet you shall be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the lower parts of the earth. You shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised with *those who are* slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, says the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 32

¹And in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first of the month, the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, take up a mourning for Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say to him, You are like a young lion of the nations, and you are like a crocodile in the waters. And you came forth with your rivers, and troubled the waters with your feet, and fouled their rivers. ³Thus says the Lord GOD: I will therefore spread out My net over you with a company of many people; and they shall bring you up in My net. ⁴Then I will leave you upon the land; I will cast you forth upon the open field, and will cause all the birds of the sky to remain upon you, and I will fill the beasts of the whole earth with you. ⁵And I will lay your flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with your height. ⁶I will also water with your blood the land in which you swim, *even* to the mountains; and the rivers shall be full of you. ⁷And when I shall put you out, I will cover the heaven and make its stars dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon

shall not give her light. ⁸I will make all the bright lights of heaven dark over you, and will set darkness upon your land, says the Lord GOD. ⁹I will also trouble the hearts of many people, when I shall bring your ruin among the nations, into the countries which you have not known. ¹⁰Yea, I will make many people amazed at you, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for you, when I shall brandish My sword before them — and they shall tremble at *every* moment, each man for his own life, in the day of your fall.

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon you. ¹²By the swords of the mighty, I will cause your multitudes to fall, the fearful of the nations, all of them. And they shall spoil the pride of Egypt, and all the multitude of it shall be destroyed. ¹³I will also destroy all the beasts of it from beside the great waters. Neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor shall the hoofs of beasts trouble them. ¹⁴Then I will make their waters deep, and cause their rivers to run like oil, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁵When I shall make the land of Egypt a ruin, and the country shall be stripped of its fullness — when I shall strike all those who dwell in it — then they shall know that I am the LORD. ¹⁶This is the mourning with which they shall mourn her. The daughters of the nations shall mourn her; they shall mourn for her, *even* for Egypt and for all her multitude, says the Lord GOD.

¹⁷It was also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth *day* of the month, *that* the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ¹⁸Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt and throw them down, her and the daughters of the famous nations, to the lower parts of the earth, with those who go down into the pit. ¹⁹Whom do you excel in beauty? Go down and be laid with the uncircumcised. ²⁰They shall fall in the midst of *those who are slain* by the sword; she is delivered to the sword; draw her and all her multitudes. ²¹The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of hell with those who help him. They have gone down, they lie uncircumcised, slain by the sword. ²²Āssh'ūr is there and all her company. His graves are around him; all of them are slain, fallen by the sword; ²³*their* graves are set in the sides of the pit, and her company is all around her grave. All of them are slain; fallen by the sword, *those* who caused terror in the land of the living. ²⁴There is Ē'-lām and her multitude all around her grave. All of them are slain, fallen by the sword, who have gone down uncircumcised into the lower parts of the earth, who caused their terror in the land of the living. Yet they have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit. ²⁵They have set her a bed in the midst of the slain with all her multitude. Her graves are all around him; all of them are uncircumcised, slain by the sword; though their terror was caused in the land of the living, yet they have borne their shame with those who go down to the pit. He is put into the midst of *those who are slain*.

²⁶There is Mē'-shēch, Tū'-bāl, and all her multitude. Her graves are all around him. All of them are uncircumcised, slain by the sword, though they caused their terror in the land of the living. ²⁷And they shall not lie with the mighty *that are* fallen of the uncircumcised, who have gone down to hell with their weapons of war. And they have laid their swords under their heads, but their sins shall be upon their bones, though *they were* the terror of the mighty in the land of the living. ²⁸Yea, you shall be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shall lie with *those who are* slain with the sword. ²⁹There is Ē'-dom, her kings, and all her princes, who with their might are laid by *those who were* slain by the sword. They shall lie with the uncircumcised and with those who go down to the pit. ³⁰There are the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Si-dō'-nī-āns, who have gone down with the slain in their terror. They are ashamed of their might; and they lie uncircumcised with *those who are* slain by the sword, and bear their shame with those who go down to the pit. ³¹Pharaoh shall see them and shall be comforted over all his multitude, *even* Pharaoh and all his army killed by the sword, says the Lord GOD. ³²For I have caused My terror to be in the land of the living. And he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with *those who are* slain with the sword, *even* Pharaoh and all his multitude, says the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 33

¹Again the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, speak to the children of your people, and say to them: When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their borders and set him for their watchman — ³if, when he sees the sword come upon the land, he blows the trumpet and warns the people, ⁴then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning, if the sword does come and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. ⁵He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning. His blood shall be upon himself. But he who takes warning shall deliver his soul. ⁶But if the watchman sees the sword coming, and does not blow the trumpet and the people are not warned — if the sword comes and takes *any* person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity. But I will require his blood at the watchman's hand.

⁷So, O son of man, I have set you a watchman to the house of Israel. Therefore you shall hear the word in My mouth, and warn them from Me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, O wicked *man*, you shall surely die; if you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked *man* shall die in his iniquity. But I will require his blood at your hand. ⁹Nevertheless, if you warn the wicked of his way to turn from it; if he does not turn from his way, he shall die in his iniquity. But you have delivered your soul. ¹⁰Therefore, O son of man, speak to the house of

Israel. So you have spoken, saying, When our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we are wasting away in them, how then shall we live? ¹¹Say to them: As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but *rather* that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel? ¹²Therefore, son of man, say to the children of your people: The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression. As for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it in the day he turns from his wickedness. Neither shall the righteous be able to live for his *righteousness* in the day that he sins. ¹³When I shall say to the righteous *that* he shall surely live — if he trusts in his own righteousness and commits iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered — but for his iniquity that he has committed, he shall die for it. ¹⁴Again, when I say to the wicked, You shall surely die — if he turns from his sin and does that which is lawful and right; ¹⁵*if* the wicked gives back the pledge, gives again what he had robbed, walks in the statutes of life without committing iniquity, *then* he shall surely live; he shall not die. ¹⁶None of his sins that he has committed shall be called to his memory. He has done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

¹⁷Yet the children of your people say, The way of the Lord is not equal. But as for them, their way is not equal. ¹⁸When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall even die by it. ¹⁹But if the wicked turns from his wickedness and does that which is lawful and right, he shall live by it. ²⁰Yet you say, The way of the Lord is not equal. O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways.

²¹And in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth *month*, in the fifth *day* of the month, one who had escaped out of Jerusalem came to me, saying, The city is stricken. ²²Now the hand of the LORD was upon me in the evening, before he who had escaped came. And He had opened my mouth until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was dumb no more. ²³Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²⁴Son of man, those who live in those wastes of the land of Israel are speaking, saying, Abraham was one, and he inherited the land. But we are many; the land is given to us for inheritance. ²⁵Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: You eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes to your idols, and shed blood; and shall you possess the land? ²⁶You stand upon your sword, you work abomination, each one of you defiling his neighbor's wife. And shall you possess the land? ²⁷Speak to them in this way, Thus says the Lord GOD: As I live, surely those who are in the wastes shall fall by the sword, and I will give him who is in the open field to the beasts to be eaten up, and those who are in the forts and in the caves shall die of the plague. ²⁸For I have made the land a ruin, and the pride of her strength

has ceased. And the mountains of Israel shall be a waste, so that none shall pass through. ²⁹Then they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have made the land a ruin because of all their abominations which they have committed.

³⁰Also, son of man, the children of your people are still talking about you by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speaking to one another, each one to his brother, saying, I pray you, come and hear what is the word which comes forth from the LORD. ³¹And they come to you as the people comes, and they sit before you as My people, and they hear your words. But they will not do them. For with their mouth they show much love, *but* their heart goes after their unjust gain. ³²And lo, you are to them as a very lovely song of one who has a pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument — for they hear your words, but they do not do them. ³³And when this happens — lo, it will come — then they shall know that a prophet has been among them.

CHAPTER 34

¹And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel. Prophesy and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD to the shepherds: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who feed themselves! Should not the shepherds feed the flocks? ³You eat the fat and clothe yourselves with the wool; you kill those who are fed, *but* you do not feed the flock. ⁴You have not made the weak strong, nor have you healed the sick, nor have you bound up the broken. You have not brought again that which was driven away, nor have you sought that which was lost — but you have ruled them with force and with cruelty. ⁵And they were scattered because *there is* no shepherd. And they became food to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. ⁶My sheep wandered through all the mountains and upon every high hill. Yea, My flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none searched or sought *after them*.

⁷Therefore, shepherds, hear the word of the LORD: ⁸As I live, says the Lord GOD, surely My flock became a prey, and My flock became food to every beast of the field, because *there was* no shepherd. Neither did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock — ⁹therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the LORD. ¹⁰Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock. Neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.

¹¹For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, *even* I, will both search My sheep and seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock in the day that he is among his scattered sheep, so I will seek out My sheep and

will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. ¹³And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land and feed them upon the mountain of Israel by the rivers, and in all the places of the country where people live. ¹⁴I will feed them in a good pasture, and their fold shall be upon the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie in a good fold, and *in* a fat pasture they shall feed upon the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I will feed My flock, and I will cause them to lie down, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up *that which was* broken, and will strengthen that which was sick. But I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment. ¹⁷And *as for* you, O My flock, says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between cattle and cattle, between the rams and the he-goats. ¹⁸*Does it seem* a small thing to you to have eaten up the good pasture, but you must trample down the rest of your pastures with your feet? And to have drunk of the deep waters, but you must foul the rest with your feet? ¹⁹And *as for* My flock, they eat that which you have trampled with your feet, and they drink that which you have fouled with your feet.

²⁰Therefore thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold I, *even* I, will judge between the fat cattle and between the lean cattle. ²¹Because you have thrust with side and with shoulder, and have pushed all the sick with your horns until you have scattered them abroad, ²²therefore I will save My flock, and they shall no more be a prey. And I will judge between cattle and cattle. ²³And I will set up one Shepherd over them, and He shall feed them, *even* My servant David. He shall feed them, and He shall be their Shepherd. ²⁴And I the LORD will be their God, and My servant David a prince among them. I the LORD have spoken *it*. ²⁵And I will make a covenant of peace with them, and will send the evil beasts out of the land. And they shall dwell safely in the wilderness and sleep in the woods. ²⁶And I will make them, and the places around My hill, a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season. There shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase. And they shall be safe in their land, and they shall know that I am the LORD, when I have broken the bands of their yoke and have delivered them out of the hands of those who used them as slaves. ²⁸And no more shall they be a prey to the nations, neither shall the beast of the land eat them. But they shall dwell safely, and none shall make *them* afraid. ²⁹And I will raise up for them a famous Plant, and they shall never again be destroyed with hunger in the land, neither *shall they* bear the shame of the nations any more. ³⁰So they shall know that I, the LORD their God, am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are My people, says the Lord GOD. ³¹And you My flock, the flock of My pasture, are men, and I am your God, says the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 35

¹Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, set your face against Mount Sē'-ir and prophesy against it. ³And say to it, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, O Mount Sē'-ir, I am against you, and I will stretch out My hand against you, and I will make you a ruin. ⁴I will lay your cities waste, and you shall be ruined, and you shall know that I am the LORD. ⁵Because you have had a never-ending hatred, and have shed *the blood of* the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time *that* iniquity had an end, ⁶therefore, *as I live*, says the Lord GOD, I will yield you up to blood, and blood shall pursue you. Since you have not hated blood, even blood shall pursue you. ⁷So I will make Mount Sē'-ir a ruin, and cut off from it him who passes out and him who returns. ⁸And I will fill his mountains with his dead. In your hills, and in your valleys, and in all your rivers, those who are slain with the sword shall fall. ⁹I will make you ruins forever, and your cities shall not return. And you shall know that I am the LORD. ¹⁰Because you have said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we shall possess it — yet the LORD was there — ¹¹therefore, *as I live*, says the Lord GOD, I will even do according to your anger and according to your envy which you have shown out of your hatred against them. And I will make Myself known among them when I have judged you. ¹²And you shall know that I am the LORD *and that* I have heard all your blasphemies which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid waste, they are given to us for food. ¹³So with your mouth you have boasted against Me, and have multiplied your words against Me. I have heard *them*. ¹⁴Thus says the Lord GOD: When the whole earth rejoices, I will make you a ruin. ¹⁵As you rejoiced at the inheritance of the house of Israel because it was a ruin, so I will do to you. You shall be a ruin, O Mount Sē'-ir and all Ī-dū-mē'-ā, *even* all of it. And they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 36

¹Also, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, Mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD. ²Thus says the Lord GOD: Because the enemy has said against you, Aha! Even the old high places have become ours to possess — ³therefore prophesy and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Because they have wasted you and have panted after you on every side, so that you might be a possession to the rest of the nations, and you have been taken up into the lips of talkers and the gossip of the people — ⁴therefore, mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD. Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the deserted wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and a mockery to the

rest of the nations that are all around. ⁵Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Surely in the fire of My jealousy I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all I-dū-mē'-ā, who have given My land to themselves for a possession with the joy of all *their* heart, with scornful minds, that its casting out might be for a prey. ⁶Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and to the hills, to the rivers and to the valleys, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and in My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations. ⁷Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: I have lifted up My hand – surely the nations that are around you shall bear their shame.

⁸But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel – for they have drawn near to come. ⁹For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. ¹⁰And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it. And the cities shall have people, and the wastes shall be built. ¹¹And I will multiply man and beast upon you, and they shall increase and bring fruit. And I will settle you as in your old estates, and will do better *to you* than at your beginnings. And you shall know that I am the LORD. ¹²Yea, I will cause men to walk upon you, *even* My people Israel. And they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and you shall never again make them childless from now on. ¹³Thus says the Lord GOD: Because they say to you, You are a devourer of men, and you make your nations childless – ¹⁴therefore you shall devour men no more, neither shall you make your nations childless any more, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁵Neither will I cause *men* to hear the shame of the nations in you any more, nor shall you bear the shame of the people any more, nor shall you cause your nations to fall any more, says the Lord GOD.

¹⁶Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying. ¹⁷Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings. Their way was like the uncleanness of a woman set apart before Me. ¹⁸Therefore I poured My fury upon them because of the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols *with* which they had defiled it. ¹⁹And I scattered them among the nations, and they were scattered through the countries. I judged them according to their way and according to their doings. ²⁰And when they entered into the nations where they went, they defiled My holy name when they said of them, These are the people of the LORD, and have gone forth out of His land.

²¹But I had pity for My holy name, which the house of Israel had defiled among the nations where they went. ²²Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: I do not do *this* for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have defiled among the nations where you went. ²³And I will sanctify My great name,

which was defiled among the nations, which you have defiled in their midst. And the nations shall know that I am the LORD, says the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. ²⁴For I will take you from among the nations and gather you out of all countries, and will gather you into your own land.

²⁵Then I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean. I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from your idols. ²⁶I will also give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. And I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you shall keep My judgments and do *them*. ²⁸And you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers. And you shall be My people, and I will be your God. ²⁹I will also save you from all your uncleannesses, and I will call for the grain, and will increase it, and will lay no famine upon you. ³⁰And I will multiply the fruits of the tree and the increase of the field, so that you shall never again receive the curse of famine among the heathen. ³¹Then you shall remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall despise yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. ³²I do not do *this* for your sakes, says the Lord GOD, be it known to you.

Be ashamed and blush for your own ways, O house of Israel. ³³Thus says the Lord GOD: In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities, I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be built. ³⁴And the waste land shall be tilled, instead of laying waste in the sight of all who passed by. ³⁵And they shall say, This land that was wasted has become like the garden of Eden. And the waste and deserted and ruined cities now are walled and have people in them. ³⁶Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined *places and* plant that which was wasted. I the LORD have spoken *it*, and I will do *it*. ³⁷Thus says the Lord GOD: I will yet *for* this be inquired of by the house of Israel to do *it* for them. I will increase them with men like a flock. ³⁸As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men. And they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 37

¹The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out of the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of a valley which was full of bones, ²and caused me to pass by them all around. And behold, *there were* very many in the open valley. And lo, *they were* very dry. ³And he said to me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, Thou knowest. ⁴Again he said to me, Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the

LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. ⁶And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live. And you shall know that I am the LORD. ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking! And the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸And I watched. Behold! the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them above. But *there was* no breath in them. ⁹Then He said to me, Prophecy to the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these dead ones so that they may live. ¹⁰So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

¹¹Then He said to me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, Our bones are dried and our hope is lost — we are cut off by ourselves. ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, and will bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and have brought you up out of your graves. ¹⁴And I shall put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I the LORD have spoken and have done *it*, says the LORD.

¹⁵The word of the LORD came again to me, saying, ¹⁶Moreover, son of man, take a stick and write upon it, For Judah and for the children of Israel who are his companions. Then take another stick and write on it, For Joseph, the stick of Ē'-phrā-īm, and *for* all the house of Israel who are his companions. ¹⁷And join them to one another into one stick. And they shall become one in your hand. ¹⁸And when the children of your people shall speak to you, saying, Will you not show us what you *mean* by these? ¹⁹Say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ē'-phrā-īm, and the tribes of Israel who are his companions, and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and will make them one stick, and they shall be one in My hand.

²⁰And the sticks on which you write shall be in your hand before their eyes. ²¹And say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and will gather them on every side, and will bring them into their own land. ²²And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel, and one king shall be king to them all. And they shall never again be two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. ²³Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their hateful things, nor with any of their transgres-

sions. But I will save them out of all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. So they shall be My people, and I will be their God. ²⁴And David My servant shall be king over them. And they shall all have one shepherd. They also shall walk in My judgments, and obey My laws, and do them. ²⁵And they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, *the land* in which your fathers have lived. And they shall dwell in it, *even* they and their children, and their children's children for ever. And My servant David shall be their prince forever. ²⁶Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will place them, and multiply them, and will set My sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore. ²⁷Also My tabernacle shall be with them. Yea, I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ²⁸And the nations shall know that I the LORD sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary shall be in the midst of them forevermore.

CHAPTER 38

¹And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ²Son of man, set your face against Gog, the land of Mā'-gōg, the chief prince of Mē'-shēch, and Tū'-bāl, and prophesy against him. ³And say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the chief prince of Mē'-shēch and Tū'-bāl. ⁴And I will turn you back, and put hooks into your jaws, and I will bring you forth, and all your army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all kinds of *armor*, *even* a great company *with* bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords — ⁵Persia, Ē-thī-ō'-pī-ā, and Lib'-y-ā with them, all of them with shield and helmet — ⁶Gō'-mēr and all his bands — the house of Tō-gār-māh of the north quarters, and all his bands — and many people with you. ⁷Be prepared, and prepare for yourself, you and all your company that are gathered unto you, and be a guard to them.

⁸After many days you shall be visited. In the latter years you shall come into the land *that is* brought back from the sword, *and* gathered out of many people. You shall come against the mountains of Israel, which have always been waste. (But they have been brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely, all of them.) ⁹You shall go up, coming up like a storm. You shall be like a cloud to cover the land, you and all your bands, and many people with you. ¹⁰Thus says the Lord GOD: And it shall be in that day *that* things shall come into your mind, and you shall think an evil thought. ¹¹And you shall say, I will go up to the land of unwallled villages. I will go to those who are at rest, who dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls and having neither bars nor gates, ¹²in order to take a spoil, and in order to take a prey — to turn your hand upon the waste places *that now* have people in them, and upon the people *who are* gathered out of the nations, who have

gotten cattle and goods, who dwell in the midst of the land. ¹³Shē'-bā and Dē'-dān, and the merchants of Tār'-shīsh, with all their young lions, shall say to you, Have you come to take a spoil? Have you gathered your company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

¹⁴Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say to Gog, Thus says the Lord GOD: In that day when My people of Israel dwells safely, shall you not know *it*? ¹⁵And you shall come from your place out of the north parts, you and many people with you, all of them riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army. ¹⁶And you shall come up against My people Israel like a cloud, to cover the land. It shall be in the last days, and I will bring you against My land, so that the heathen may know Me when I shall be sanctified in you, O Gog, before their eyes. ¹⁷Thus says the Lord GOD: Are you he of whom I have spoken in old time by My servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days *many* years that I would bring you against them? ¹⁸And at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, says the Lord GOD, My fury shall come up in My face. ¹⁹For in My jealousy and in the fire of My wrath I have spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel, ²⁰so that the fishes of the sea, and the birds of the sky, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at My presence. And the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. ²¹And I will call for a sword against him throughout all My mountains, says the Lord GOD. Each man's sword shall be against his brother. ²²And I will judge him with plagues and with blood. And I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people who are with him, an overflowing rain and great hailstones, fire and brimstone. ²³So I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself. And I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.

CHAPTER 39

¹Therefore, son of man, prophesy against Gog and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the chief prince of Mē'-shēch and Tū'-bāl. ²And I will turn you back, and leave but the sixth part of you. And I will cause you to come up from the north parts, and will bring you upon the mountains of Israel. ³And I will strike your bow out of your left hand, and will cause your arrows to fall out of your right hand. ⁴You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your bands, and the people that is with you. I will give you to the birds of prey of every kind, and *to* the beasts of the field to be eaten up. ⁵You shall fall upon the open field, for I have spoken *it*, says the Lord GOD. ⁶And I will send a fire upon Mā'-gōg, and among those who live care-

lessly in the isles. And they shall know that I am the LORD. ⁷So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel. And I will not *let them* defile My holy name any more. And the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

⁸Behold, it has come and it is done, says the Lord GOD. This is the day of which I have spoken. ⁹And those who live in the cities of Israel shall go forth and shall set on fire and burn the weapons, both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the javelins, and the spears. And they shall burn them with fire seven years, ¹⁰so that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down *any* out of the forests — for they shall burn the weapons for fire. And they shall plunder those who plundered them, and rob those who robbed them, says the Lord GOD.

¹¹And in that day I will give to Gog a place of memorial for graves in Israel, the valley of those who pass by on the east of the sea. And it shall stop the *noses* of those who pass by. And there they shall bury Gog and all his multitude. And they shall call *it* the valley of Hā'-mōn-gōg. ¹²And the house of Israel shall be seven months burying them, that they may cleanse the land. ¹³Yes, all the people of the land shall bury *them*. And it shall be a famous date to them, that I should be glorified, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁴And they shall separate men for continual employment, passing through the land to bury those who remain upon the face of the earth, in order to cleanse it, along with those who pass by. After the end of seven months they shall search. ¹⁵And those who pass by, *who* pass through the land, when *any* sees a man's-bone, then he shall set up a sign by it, until the buriers have buried it in the valley of Hā'-mōn-gōg. ¹⁶And also the name of the city shall be Hā-mō'-nāh. Thus they shall cleanse the land.

¹⁷And, son of man, Thus says the Lord GOD. Speak to every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field: Gather yourselves and come; gather yourselves on every side to My sacrifice that I sacrifice for you, *even* a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, so that you may eat flesh and drink blood. ¹⁸You shall eat the flesh of the mighty and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bulls, all of them fatlings of Bā'-shān. ¹⁹And you shall eat fat until you are full, and drink blood until you are drunk, of My sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. ²⁰So you shall be filled at My table with horses and chariots, with mighty men and with all men of war, says the Lord GOD. ²¹And I will set My glory among the nations, and all the nations shall see My judgments which I have done, and My hand that I have laid upon them. ²²So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward.

²³And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity. Because they sinned against Me, therefore I hid

My face from them and gave them into the hand of their enemies. So they all fell by the sword. ²⁴According to their uncleanness and according to their sins I have done to them, and have hidden My face from them. ²⁵Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Now I will bring again the captivity of Jacob, and will have mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be jealous for My holy name — ²⁶after they have borne their shame and all their sins by which they have sinned against Me, when they dwelt safely in their land and none made *them* afraid. ²⁷When I have brought them again from the people, and have gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and am sanctified in them in the sight of many nations; ²⁸then they shall know that I am the LORD their God who caused them to be led into captivity among the heathen. But I have gathered them to their own land, and have left none of them there any more. ²⁹Neither will I hide My face from them any more, for I have poured out My Spirit upon the house of Israel, says the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 40

¹In the twenty-fifth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth *day* of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city was stricken, in the same day the hand of the LORD was upon me, and brought me there. ²In the visions of God He brought me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, upon which *there was as it were* the frame of a city on the south. ³And He brought me there, and behold, *there was* a man whose look was like the look of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed. And he stood in the gate. ⁴And the man said to me, Son of man, behold with your eyes and hear with your ears, and set your heart upon all that I shall show you. For you are brought here so that I might show *them* unto you. Declare all that you see to the house of Israel. ⁵And behold, *there was* a wall on the outside of the house all around, and in the man's hand was a measuring reed of six cubits *long* by the cubit and a hand breadth. So he measured the breadth of the building, one reed; and the height, one reed.

⁶Then he came to the gate which looked toward the east, and went up the stairs of it, and measured the threshold of the gate, one reed broad. And the other threshold, one reed broad. ⁷And *each* little room was one reed long and one reed broad. And between the little rooms were five cubits. And the threshold of the gate by the porch of the gate within was one reed. ⁸He also measured the porch of the gate inside, one reed. ⁹Then he measured the porch of the gate, eight cubits. And the post of it was two cubits. And the porch of the gate was inward. ¹⁰And the little rooms of the gate eastward were three on this side, and three on that side. The three of them were of one measure; and the posts were of the same size on this side and on that side. ¹¹And he meas-

ured the breadth of the entry of the gate, ten cubits. The length of the gate was thirteen cubits. ¹²The space also in front of the little rooms was one cubit on this side, and the space was one cubit on that side. And the little rooms were six cubits on this side and six cubits on that side. ¹³Then he measured the gate from the roof of *one* little room to the roof of another. The breadth was twenty-five cubits, door against door. ¹⁴He also made posts of sixty cubits, even to the post of the court all around the gate. ¹⁵And from the face of the gate of the entrance to the face of the porch of the inner gate was fifty cubits. ¹⁶And *there were* narrow windows to the little rooms and to their posts inside the gate all around, and likewise to the porches. And windows were all around inside. And upon *each* post were palm trees. ¹⁷Then he brought me into the outer court, and lo, *there were* rooms, and a pavement made for the court all around. Thirty rooms were upon the pavement. ¹⁸And the pavement by the side of the gates across from the length of the gates was the lower pavement. ¹⁹Then he measured the breadth from the front of the lower gate to the front of the inner court outside, a hundred cubits eastward and northward.

²⁰And the gate of the outer court that looked toward the north, he measured its length and its breadth. ²¹And the little rooms of it were three on this side and three on that side. And the posts of it and the porches of it were according to the measure of the first gate. The length of it was fifty cubits, and the breadth of it was twenty-five cubits. ²²And their windows, and their porches, and their palm trees, were according to the measure of the gate that looks toward the east. And they went up to it by seven steps; and its porches were before them. ²³And the gate of the inner court was across from the gate toward the north and toward the east. And he measured from gate to gate a hundred cubits.

²⁴After that he brought me toward the south, and behold a gate toward the south. And he measured the posts of it and the porches of it according to these measures. ²⁵And *there were* windows in it and in the porches of it all around, like those windows. The length was fifty cubits, and the breadth was twenty-five cubits. And *there were* seven steps to go up to it, and the porches of it were before them. ²⁶And it had palm trees, one on this side and another on that side, upon the posts of it. ²⁷And *there was* a gate in the inner court toward the south. And he measured from gate to gate toward the south a hundred cubits. ²⁸And he brought me to the inner court by the south gate. And he measured the south gate according to these measures, ²⁹and its little rooms and its posts and its porches according to these measures. And *there were* windows in it and in the porches of it all around. *It was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits broad. ³⁰And the arches all around were twenty-five cubits long and five cubits broad. ³¹And the porches of it were toward the outer court. And palm trees were upon the posts of it. And its stairway had eight steps.

³²And he brought me into the inner court toward the east. And he measured the gate according to these measures. ³³And the little rooms of it, and the posts of it, and the porches of it, *were measured* according to these measures. And *there were* windows in it and in its porches all around. *It was* fifty cubits long and twenty-five cubits broad. ³⁴And the porches of it were toward the outer court. And palm trees were upon the posts of it, on this side, and on that side. And its stairway had eight steps.

³⁵And he brought me to the north gate, and measured *it* according to these measures; ³⁶its little rooms, its posts, and its porches, and its windows all around. The length was fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five cubits. ³⁷And its posts were toward the outer court. And palm trees were upon the posts of it, on this side and on that side. And its stairway had eight steps. ³⁸And the rooms and their doors were by the posts of the gates, where they washed the burnt offering.

³⁹And in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side and two tables on that side, for the killing of the burnt offering and the sin offering and the trespass offering. ⁴⁰And at the side outside, as one goes up to the entrance of the north gate, were two tables. And on the other side, which was at the porch of the gate, were two tables. ⁴¹Four tables were on this side, and four tables were on that side, by the side of the gate: eight tables on which they killed *their sacrifices*. ⁴²And the four tables were of cut stone for the burnt offering, of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high. Upon *these* they also laid the instruments with which they killed the burnt offering and the sacrifices. ⁴³And inside were hooks, a hand broad, fastened all around. And upon the tables was the flesh of the offering.

⁴⁴And outside the inner gate were the rooms of the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate. And their view was toward the south: at the side of the east gate one *had* the view toward the north. ⁴⁵And he said to me, This room, whose view is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house. ⁴⁶And the room whose view is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar. These are the sons of Zā'-dōk among the sons of Levi, who come near the LORD to minister to Him. ⁴⁷So he measured the court, *it was* square, a hundred cubits long and a hundred cubits broad. And *he measured* the altar *that was* before the house.

⁴⁸And he brought me to the porch of the house and measured *each* post of the porch, five cubits on this side and five cubits on that side. And the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side and three cubits on that side. ⁴⁹The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits. And *he brought me* by the steps by which they went up to it. And *there were* pillars by the posts, one on this side and another on that side.

CHAPTER 41

¹Afterward he brought me to the temple and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side and six cubits broad on the other side, *which was* the breadth of the tabernacle. ²And the breadth of the door was ten cubits. And the sides of the door were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side. And he measured the length of it, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits. ³Then he went inside and measured the post of the door, two cubits; and the door was six cubits; and the breadth of the door was seven cubits. ⁴So he measured the length of it, twenty cubits; and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple. And he said to me, This is the most holy place.

⁵Afterwards he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of *each* side room was four cubits, all around the house on every side. ⁶And the side rooms were three, one over another, and thirty in a row. And they entered into the wall which was of the house for the side rooms all around, so that they might have a support, but they did not have a support in the wall of the house. ⁷And *there was* a broadening, and a winding about still upward to the side rooms. For the winding around of the house went still upward, all around the house. Therefore the breadth of the house was *still* upward, and so increased *from* the lowest *room* to the highest by the middle. ⁸I also saw the height of the house all around. The foundations of the side rooms were a full reed of six large cubits. ⁹The thickness of the wall, which was for the side room outside, was five cubits. And what was left was the place of the side rooms that were inside. ¹⁰And between the rooms was the width of twenty cubits, all around the house, on every side. ¹¹And the doors of the side rooms were toward *the place that was* left, one door toward the north and another door toward the south. And the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits all around.

¹²Now the building that was before the separate place at the end toward the west was seventy cubits broad. And the wall of the building was five cubits thick all around, and the length of it was ninety cubits. ¹³So he measured the house, a hundred cubits long. And the separate place, and the building, with the wall of it, were a hundred cubits long. ¹⁴Also the breadth of the house and of the separate place toward the east was a hundred cubits. ¹⁵And he measured the length of the building across from the separate place which was behind it, and its balconies on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits, with the inner temple and the porches of the court, ¹⁶the door posts, and the narrow windows, and the balconies all around on their three stories, across from the door, with wood ceilings all around, and from the ground up to the windows — and the windows were covered — ¹⁷to that above the door, even to the inner house, and outside, and by all the wall

around inside and outside, by measure. ¹⁸And *it* was made with chēr'-ū-bīms and palm trees, so that a palm tree was between a cherub and a cherub. And *each* cherub had two faces, ¹⁹so that the face of a man was toward the palm tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm tree on the other side. *It was* made through all the house all around. ²⁰From the ground to above the door were chēr'-ū-bīms and palm trees made, and on the wall of the temple.

²¹The posts of the temple were squared, *and* the face of the sanctuary. The looks *of the one* was like the looks *of the other*. ²²The altar of wood was three cubits high, and the length of it was two cubits. And its corners, and its length, and its walls, were of wood. And he said to me, This is the table that is before the LORD. ²³And the temple and the sanctuary had two doors. ²⁴And the doors had two leaves *each*, two turning leaves — two *leaves* for the one door, and two leaves for the other *door*. ²⁵And on them, on the doors of the temple, *there were* made chēr'-ū-bīms and palm trees like *those* made on the walls. And *there were* thick planks upon the face of the porch outside. ²⁶And *there were* narrow windows and palm trees on the one side and on the other side, on the sides of the porch and *on* the side rooms of the house, and thick planks.

CHAPTER 42

¹Then he brought me out into the outer court, the way toward the north. And he brought me into the room that was across from the separate place and which was in front of the building to the north. ²Before the length of a hundred cubits was the north door, and the breadth was fifty cubits. ³Across from the twenty *cubits* which were for the inner court, and across from the pavement which was for the outer court, balcony was upon balcony in three *stories*. ⁴And before the rooms was a walk of ten cubits breadth inward, a way of one cubit. And their doors were toward the north. ⁵Now the upper rooms were shorter; for the balconies were higher than these, than the lower, and *higher* than the middlemost of the building. ⁶For they were in three *stories*, but did not have pillars like the pillars of the courts. Therefore *the building* was made narrower than the lower and the middle stories from the ground. ⁷And the wall that was outside across from the rooms, toward the outer court on the front part of the rooms, the length of it was fifty cubits. ⁸For the length of the rooms that were in the outer court was fifty cubits. And lo, in front of the temple was a hundred cubits. ⁹And under these rooms was the entrance on the east side, as one goes into them from the outer court. ¹⁰The rooms were in the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, across from the separate place and across from the building. ¹¹And the passageway in front of them looked like the rooms which were toward the north, as long as they were, and as broad as they were. And all their doors were both accord-

ing to their patterns and according to their entrances. ¹²And according to the doors of the rooms that were toward the south was a door in the head of the way, *even* the way directly in front of the wall eastward, as one enters them.

¹³Then he said to me, The north rooms and the south rooms which are in front of the separate place, they are holy chambers, where the priests who approach unto the LORD shall eat the most holy things. There they shall lay the most holy things, and the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering. For the place is holy. ¹⁴When the priests enter into it, then they shall not go out of the holy *place* into the outer court, but there they shall lay their clothes in which they minister, for they are holy. And *they* shall put on other clothes, and shall approach *those things* which are for the people. ¹⁵Now when he finished measuring the inner house, he brought me forth toward the gate whose view is toward the east, and measured it all around. ¹⁶He measured the east side with the measuring reed, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed, all around. ¹⁷He measured the north side, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed all around. ¹⁸He measured the south side, five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. ¹⁹He turned around to the west side *and* measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. ²⁰He measured it by the four sides. It had a wall all around, five hundred *reeds* long, and five hundred broad, to make a separation between the holy place and the common place.

CHAPTER 43

¹Afterward he brought me to the gate, the gate that faces toward the east. ²And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. And His voice was like the noise of many waters. And the earth shone with His glory. ³And it looked the same as the vision which I saw, *even* according to the vision which I saw when I came to destroy the city. And the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chē'bār. And I fell upon my face. ⁴And the glory of the LORD came into the house by the way of the gate whose view is toward the east. ⁵So the Spirit took me up and brought me into the inner room. And behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house. ⁶And I heard *Him* speaking to me out of the house; and the man stood by me.

⁷And He said to me, Son of man, the house of Israel shall no more defile the place of My throne, and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever — *neither* they, nor their kings, by their fôr-nī-cā'-tion nor by the dead bodies of their kings in their high places. ⁸In their setting of their doorstep by My doorsteps, and their posts by My posts, and the wall between Me and them, they have even defiled My holy name by their abominations that they have committed. Therefore I have destroyed

them in My anger. ⁹Now let them put away their fôr-nĩ-cā'-tion, and the dead bodies of their kings, far from Me, and I will dwell in the midst of them forever.

¹⁰Son of man, show the house to the house of Israel, so that they may be ashamed of their iniquities. And let them measure the pattern. ¹¹And if they are ashamed of all that they have done, show them the form of the house, and the pattern of it, and its exits and its entrances, and all the forms of it, and all the ordinances of it and all their forms, and all its laws. And write *it* in their sight, so that they may keep the whole form of it, and all its ordinances, and do them. ¹²This is the law of the house. Upon the top of the mountain, its whole boundary all around shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.

¹³And these are the measures of the altar by the cubits. The cubit is a cubit and a hand breadth; even the bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and its border by its edge all around shall be a span. And this shall be the higher place of the altar. ¹⁴And from the bottom *upon* the ground *even* to the lower ledge shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit. And from the smaller ledge *even* to the greater ledge shall be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit. ¹⁵So the altar shall be four cubits, and from the altar and upward shall be four horns. ¹⁶And the altar shall be twelve *cubits* long, twelve broad, square in the four squares of it. ¹⁷And the ledge shall be fourteen *cubits* long and fourteen broad in the four squares of it. And the border around it shall be half a cubit, and its bottom shall be half a cubit around. And its stairs shall look toward the east.

¹⁸And He said to me, Son of man, thus says the Lord GOD: These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt offerings on it and to sprinkle blood on it. ¹⁹And you shall give a young bull for a sin offering to the priests the Levites, who are of the seed of Zā'-dök, who approach Me to minister to Me, says the Lord GOD. ²⁰And you shall take of the blood of it and put *it* on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the ledge, and upon the border all around. So you shall cleanse and purge it. ²¹You shall also take the bull of the sin offering, and he shall burn it in the appointed place of the house, outside the sanctuary. ²²And on the second day you shall offer a kid of the goats without blemish for a sin offering. And they shall cleanse the altar as they cleansed *it* with the bull. ²³And when you have finished cleansing *it*, you shall offer a young bull without blemish and a ram out of the flock without blemish. ²⁴And you shall offer them before the LORD, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt offering unto the LORD. ²⁵Every day *for* seven days you shall prepare a goat *for* a sin offering. They also shall prepare a young bull, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish. ²⁶Seven days they shall purge the altar and purify *it*; and they shall consecrate themselves. ²⁷And when these days are expired, it shall be *that* upon the

eight day, and forward, the priests shall make your burnt offerings before the altar, and your peace offerings. And I will accept you, says the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 44

¹Then he brought me back by the way of the gate of the outer sanctuary which looks toward the east. And it was shut. ²Then the LORD said to me, This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, and no man shall enter in by it. Because the LORD, the God of Israel, has entered in by it, therefore it shall be shut. ³*It is* for the prince; the prince shall sit in it to eat bread before the LORD. He shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and shall go out by the same way.

⁴Then He brought me by the way of the north gate before the house. And I looked, and, behold, the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. And I fell upon my face. ⁵And the LORD said to me, Son of man, note carefully: see with your eyes, and hear with your ears all that I say to you concerning all the ordinances of the house of the LORD, and all the laws of it. And note carefully the entrance of the house, with every exit of the sanctuary. ⁶And you shall say to the rebellious, to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: O house of Israel, let it be more than enough for you, of all your hateful deeds, ⁷that you have brought strangers, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in My sanctuary, to defile it, *even* My house, when you offer My bread, the fat and the blood. And they have broken My covenant because of all your abominations. ⁸And you have not kept the charge of My holy things, but you have set keepers of My charge in My sanctuary for themselves.

⁹Thus says the Lord GOD: No stranger, uncircumcised in heart or uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into My sanctuary, or any stranger that is among the children of Israel. ¹⁰And the Levites who have gone far away from Me, when Israel went astray — *those* who went astray from Me after their idols — they shall even bear their iniquity. ¹¹Yet they shall be ministers in My sanctuary, *having* charge at the gates of the house and ministering to the house. They shall kill the burnt offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister to them. ¹²Because they ministered to them before their idols, and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore I have lifted up My hand against them, says the Lord GOD, and they shall bear their iniquity. ¹³And they shall not come near Me, to do the office of a priest to Me, nor to come near any of My holy things, in the most holy *place* — but they shall bear their shame and their abominations which they have committed. ¹⁴But I will make them keepers of the charge of the house for all the service of it, and for all that shall be done in it.

¹⁵But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zā'-dōk, who kept the charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me, and they shall stand before Me to offer unto Me the fat and the blood, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶They shall enter My sanctuary, and they shall come near My table, to minister unto Me, and they shall keep My charge.

¹⁷And when they enter in at the gates of the court, they shall be clothed with linen clothing. And no wool shall come upon them while they minister in the gates of the inner court, and inside. ¹⁸They shall have linen bonnets upon their heads, and shall have linen breeches upon their loins. They shall not clothe *themselves* with anything that causes sweat. ¹⁹And when they go forth into the outer court, *even* into the outer court of the people, they shall put off their clothes in which they ministered, and lay them in the holy rooms. And they shall put on other clothes, so that they shall not sanctify the people with their own clothes. ²⁰Neither shall they shave their heads nor allow their hair to grow long — they shall only trim their heads. ²¹Neither shall any priest drink wine when they enter the inner court. ²²Neither shall they take for their wives a widow nor her who is put away. But they shall take maidens of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow who had a priest before.

²³And they shall teach My people *the difference* between the holy and common, and cause them to tell the difference between the unclean and the clean. ²⁴And in arguments they shall stand in judgment; *and* they shall judge it according to My judgments. And they shall keep My laws and My statutes in all My assemblies, and they shall keep My sabbaths holy. ²⁵And they shall not come near any dead person to defile themselves; but they may defile themselves for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister who has had no husband. ²⁶And after he is cleansed, they shall count seven days for him. ²⁷And in the day that he goes into the sanctuary, to the inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, he shall offer his sin offering, says the Lord GOD. ²⁸And it shall be to them for an inheritance. I am their inheritance. And you shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession. ²⁹They shall eat the meal offering, and the sin offering, and the trespass offering; and every dedicated thing in Israel shall be theirs. ³⁰And the first of all the first-fruits of all, and every offering of all, of every *kind* of your sacrifices, shall be the priest's. You shall also give the priest the first of your dough, so that he may cause the blessing to rest in your house. ³¹The priests shall not eat of anything that died of itself, or is torn, whether it is bird or animal.

CHAPTER 45

¹Moreover, when you shall divide the land by lot for inheritance, you shall offer an offering to the LORD, a holy piece of the land. The length

shall be the length of twenty-five thousand *reefs*, and the breadth shall be ten thousand. This shall be holy in all the borders of it all around. ²Of this there shall be five hundred *reefs* for the sanctuary, with five hundred *reefs' breadth*, square all around. And fifty cubits around shall be for its suburbs. ³And this measure you shall measure the length of twenty-five thousand, and the breadth of ten thousand. And in it shall be the sanctuary *and* the most holy *place*. ⁴The holy *part* of the land shall be for the priests, the ministers of the sanctuary, who shall come near to minister to the LORD. And it shall be a place for their houses and a holy place for the sanctuary. ⁵And the twenty-five thousand of length, and the ten thousand of breadth, shall also be for the Levites, the ministers of the house, for themselves for a possession for twenty rooms.

⁶And you shall appoint the possession of the city five thousand broad, and twenty-five thousand long, opposite the offering of the holy *part*. It shall be for the whole house of Israel.

⁷And *a piece shall be* for the prince on the one side and on the other side of the offering of the holy *part*, and of the possession of the city, in front of the offering of the holy *part*, and in front of the possession of the city, from the west side westward and from the east side eastward. And the length shall be across from one of the pieces, from the west border to the east border. ⁸In the land shall be his possession in Israel. And My princes shall never again ill-treat My people. And *the rest of* the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes.

⁹Thus says the Lord GOD: Let it be enough for you, O princes of Israel. Remove violence and spoil, and do judgment and justice. Take away your demands upon My people, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁰You shall have just balances, a just *ē'-phāh* and a just *bāth*. ¹¹The *ē'-phāh* and the *bāth* shall be of one measure, that the *bāth* may contain the tenth part of a homer, and the *ē'-phāh* the tenth part of a *hō'-mēr*. The measure of it shall be according to the *hō'-mēr*. ¹²And the shekel shall be twenty *gē'-rāhs*. Twenty shekels, twenty-five shekels, fifteen shekels, shall be your *mā'-nēh*. ¹³This is the offering that you shall offer: you shall give the sixth part of an *ē'-phāh* of a *hō'-mēr* of wheat and the sixth part of an *ē'-phāh* of a *hō'-mēr* of barley. ¹⁴Concerning the ordinance of oil, the *bāth* of oil, *you shall offer* the tenth part of a *bāth* out of the *côr*, *which is* a *hō'-mēr* of ten *bāths* — for ten *bāths* are a *hō'-mēr* — ¹⁵and one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pasture of Israel — for a meal offering, and for a burnt offering, and for peace offerings, to make atonement for them, says the Lord GOD. ¹⁶All the people of the land shall give this offering for the prince in Israel. ¹⁷And it shall be the prince's part *to give* burnt offerings and meal offerings and drink offerings, in the feasts, and in the new moons, and in the sabbaths, in all solemn seasons of the house of Israel. He shall

prepare the sin offering and the meal offering and the burnt offering and the peace offerings, to make atonement for the house of Israel.

¹⁸Thus says the Lord GOD: In the first *month*, in the first *day* of the month, you shall take a young bull without blemish and cleanse the sanctuary. ¹⁹And the priest shall take of the blood of the sin offering and put *it* upon the posts of the house, and upon the four corners of the ledge of the altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court. ²⁰And so you shall do the seventh *day* of the month for everyone who errs, and for *him who is* simple. So you shall purify the house. ²¹In the first *month*, in the fourteenth day of the month, you shall have the Passover, a feast of seven days. Unleavened bread shall be eaten. ²²And upon that day shall the priest prepare for himself and for all the people of the land a bull *for* a sin offering. ²³And seven days of the feast he shall prepare a burnt offering to the LORD, seven bulls and seven rams without blemish daily for the seven days, and a kid of the goats daily *for* a sin offering. ²⁴And he shall prepare a meal offering of an *ē'-phäh* for a bull, and an *ē'-phäh* for a ram, and a hin of oil for an *ē'-phäh*. ²⁵In the seventh *month*, in the fifteenth day of the month, he shall do the same in the feast of the seven days, according to the sin offering, according to the burnt offering, and according to the meal offering, and according to the oil.

CHAPTER 46

¹Thus says the Lord GOD: The gate of the inner court that looks toward the east shall be shut the six working days. But on the Sabbath it shall be opened, and in the day of the new moon it shall be opened. ²And the prince shall enter by the way of the porch of *that* gate outside, and shall stand by the post of the gate, and the priests shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate. Then he shall go forth, but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. ³Likewise the people of the land shall worship at the door of this gate before the LORD in the sabbaths and in the new moons. ⁴And the burnt offering *that* the prince shall offer unto the LORD in the sabbath day shall be six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish. ⁵And the meal offering shall be an *ē'-phäh* for a ram, and the meal offering for the lambs as he shall be able to give, and a hin of oil to an *ē'-phäh*. ⁶And in the day of the new moon it shall be a young bull without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram. They shall be without blemish. ⁷And he shall prepare a meal offering, an *ē'-phäh* for a bull, and an *ē'-phäh* for a ram, and for the lambs as his hand shall be able to get, and a hin of oil to an *ē'-phäh*. ⁸And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of *that* gate, and he shall go out by the same way.

⁹But when the people of the land shall come before the LORD in the solemn feasts, he who enters in by the way of the north gate to worship shall go out by the way of the south gate. And he who enters by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate. He shall not return by the way of the gate by which he came in, but shall go out over across from it. ¹⁰And the prince in the midst of them shall go in when they go in. And when they go forth, *he* shall go forth. ¹¹And in the feasts and in the solemn seasons the meal offering shall be an *ē'-phäh* to a bull, and an *ē'-phäh* to a ram, and to the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an *ē'-phäh*. ¹²Now when the prince shall prepare a free-will burnt offering or peace offerings willingly unto the LORD, *one* shall then open to him the gate that looks toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt offering and his peace offerings, as he did on the Sabbath day. Then he shall go forth. And after his going forth *one* shall shut the gate. ¹³You shall daily prepare a burnt offering unto the LORD, a lamb of the first year without blemish. You shall prepare it every morning. ¹⁴And you shall prepare a meal offering for it every morning, the sixth part of an *ē'-phäh*, and the third part of a hin of oil, to make the fine flour moist; a meal offering every day by an ordinance forever unto the LORD. ¹⁵Thus they shall prepare the lamb, and the meal offering, and the oil, every morning *for* a never-ending burnt offering.

¹⁶Thus says the Lord GOD: If the prince gives a gift to any of his sons, the inheritance of it shall be his sons'; it shall be their possession by inheritance. ¹⁷But if he gives a gift of his inheritance to one of his servants, then it shall be his to the year of liberty. Afterwards it shall return to the prince, but his inheritance shall be his sons' for them. ¹⁸Moreover the prince shall not take of the people's inheritance by cruelty, to press them out of their possession. *But* he shall give his sons *their* inheritance out of his own possession — so that My people may not be scattered, each man from his possession.

¹⁹Afterward he brought me through the entry which was at the side of the gate, into the holy rooms of the priests, which looked toward the north. And behold, there was a place on the two sides westward. ²⁰Then he said to me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass offering and the sin offering, *and* where they shall bake the meal offering, so that they may not bear *them* out into the outer court to sanctify the people. ²¹Then he brought me forth into the outer court and caused me to pass by the four corners of the court. And behold, in every corner of the court *there was* a court. ²²In the four corners of the court *there were* courts joined of forty *cubits* long and thirty broad. These four corners were of one measure. ²³And *there was* a row of *building* all around in them, all around the four of them. And *it was* made with boiling places under the rows all around. ²⁴Then he said to me, These are the places of those who boil, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

CHAPTER 47

¹Afterward he brought me again to the door of the house. And behold, waters came out from under the doorsill of the house eastward. For the front of the house *stood toward* the east, and the waters came down from under the right side of the house, at the south *side* of the altar. ²Then he brought me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me around the way outside, to the outer gate, by the way that looks eastward. And behold, waters ran out on the right side. ³And when the man who had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters. The waters were to the ankles. ⁴Again he measured a thousand *cubits*, and brought me through the waters. The waters were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand and brought me through; the waters were to the loins. ⁵Afterward he measured a thousand; *and it was* a river that I could not pass over; for the waters had risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.

⁶And he said to me, Son of man, have you seen *this*? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the edge of the river. ⁷Now when I had returned, behold, *there were* very many trees on the one side and on the other. ⁸Then he said to me, These waters go out toward the east country, and go down into the desert, and go into the sea. Being brought forth into the sea, the waters shall be healed. ⁹And everything that lives, which moves, wherever the rivers shall come, shall live. And there shall be a very great multitude of fish, because these waters shall come there. For they shall be healed. And everything shall live where the river comes. ¹⁰And the fishermen shall stand upon it from Ĕn-gē-dī even to Ĕn-ēg'-lā-im. There shall be a *place* to spread forth nets; their fish shall be according to their kinds, like the fish of the Great Sea, a very great many. ¹¹But the muddy places of it, and the marshes of it, shall not be healed; they shall be given to salt. ¹²And by the river upon its bank, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for food, whose leaf shall not fade, neither its fruit fail. It shall bring forth new fruit according to its months, because there their waters come forth out of the sanctuary. And the fruit of it shall be for food, and the leaf of it for healing.

¹³Thus says the Lord GOD: This shall be the border by which you shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel. Joseph shall have *two* parts. ¹⁴And you shall inherit it, one as well as another, *concerning* which I lifted up My hand to give it to your fathers; and this land shall fall to you for an inheritance. ¹⁵And this shall be the border of the land toward the north side, from the Great Sea, the way of Hēth'-lōn, as men go to Zē'-dād – ¹⁶Hā'-māth, Bē-rō'-thäh, Sib'-rā-im, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hā'-māth; Hā'-zär-

hät'-tī-cōn, which is by the border of Hau'-rān. ¹⁷And the border from the sea shall be Hā'-zār-ē'-nān, the border of Damascus and the north northward, and the border of Hā'-māth. And *this is* the north side. ¹⁸And you shall measure the east side from Hau'-rān, and from Damascus, and from Gilead, and from the land of Israel *by* Jordan, from the border to the east sea. And *this is* the east side. ¹⁹And the south side is southward from Tā'-mār, to the waters of Mēr'-ī-bāth-kā'-dēsh, the river to the Great Sea. And *this is* the south side southward. ²⁰The west side also is the Great Sea from the border, until a man come over against Hā'-māth. This is the west side. ²¹So you shall divide this land to yourselves according to the tribes of Israel.

²²And you shall divide it by lot for an inheritance to yourselves, and to the strangers who live among you, who shall father children among you. And they shall be to you as *those* born in the country among the children of Israel. They shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. ²³And in whatever tribe the stranger lives there you shall give him his inheritance, says the Lord GOD.

CHAPTER 48

¹Now these are the names of the tribes. From the north end to the coast of the way of Hēth'-lōn, as one goes to Hā'-māth, Hā'-zār-ē'-nān, the border of Damascus northward to the coast of Hā'-māth — for these are its sides east *and* west — one part *for* Dan. ²And by the border of Dan, from the east to the west side, one *part for* Asher. ³And by the border of Asher, from the east side even to the west side, one *part for* Nāph'-tā-lī. ⁴And by the border of Nāph'-tā-lī, from the east side to the west side, one *part for* Mā-nās'-sēh. ⁵And by the border of Mā-nās'-sēh, from the east side to the west side, one *part for* Ē'-phrā-īm. ⁶And by the border of Ē'-phrā-īm, from the east side even to the west side, one *part for* Reuben. ⁷And by the border of Reuben from the east side to the west side, one *part for* Judah.

⁸And by the border of Judah, from the east side to the west side, shall be the offering which you shall offer of twenty-five thousand *reeds* breadth, and *in* length as one of the *other* parts, from the east side to the west side. And the sanctuary shall be in the middle of it. ⁹The offering that you shall offer to the LORD shall be of twenty-five thousand *reeds* in length and of ten thousand in breadth. ¹⁰And for them, for the priests, shall *this* holy offering be — toward the north twenty-five thousand *in length*, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south twenty-five thousand in length. And the sanctuary of the LORD shall be in the middle of it. ¹¹*It shall be* for the priests who are sanctified, of the sons of Zā'-dōk, who have kept My charge, who did not go astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. ¹²And *this* offering of the

land that is offered shall be to them a thing most holy by the border of the Levites. ¹³And over across from the border of the priests, the Levites shall have twenty-five thousand in length and ten thousand in breadth. All the length shall be twenty-five thousand, and the breadth ten thousand. ¹⁴And they shall not sell *any* of it, nor trade it, nor cause the first-fruits of the land to pass away. For it is holy unto the LORD.

¹⁵And the five thousand that are left in the breadth over across from the twenty-five thousand shall be a common *place* for the city, for dwelling and for suburbs. And the city shall be in the midst of it. ¹⁶And these shall be its measures: the north side four thousand and five hundred, and the south side four thousand and five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and five hundred, and the west side four thousand and five hundred. ¹⁷And the suburbs of the city shall be toward the north two hundred and fifty, and toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two hundred and fifty. ¹⁸And the rest in length opposite the offering of the holy *part* shall be ten thousand eastward and ten thousand westward. And it shall be opposite the offering of the holy *part*. And the produce of it shall be for food to those who serve the city. ¹⁹And they who serve the city shall serve it out of all the tribes of Israel. ²⁰All the offering shall be twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand. You shall offer the holy offering four-square, with the possession of the city.

²¹And the rest shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy offering, and of the possession of the city, opposite the twenty-five thousand of the offering toward the east border, and westward across from the twenty-five thousand toward the west border, across from the lots for the prince. And it shall be the holy offering. And the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst of it. ²²Moreover from the possessions of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of *that* which is the prince's between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, shall be for the prince. ²³As for the rest of the tribes, from the east side to the west side, Benjamin shall have one *part*. ²⁴And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side to the west side, Simeon shall have one *part*. ²⁵And by the border of Simeon, from the east side to the west side, Is'-sā-chār shall have one *part*. ²⁶And by the border of Is'-sā-chār, from the east side to the west side, Zē-bū'lūn shall have one *part*. ²⁷And by the border of Zē-bū'lūn, from the east side to the west side, Gad shall have one *part*. ²⁸And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tā'-mār to the waters of Mēr'-ī-bāth-kā'-dēsh, and to the river toward the Great Sea. ²⁹This is the land which you shall divide by lot to the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their parts, says the Lord GOD.

³⁰And these are the exits of the city on the north side, four thousand and five hundred measures. ³¹And the gates of the city shall be accord-

ing to the names of the tribes of Israel: three gates northward, one gate of Reuben, one gate of Judah, one gate of Levi.³² And at the east side four thousand and five hundred, and three gates: and one gate of Joseph, one gate of Benjamin, one gate of Dan.³³ And at the south side four thousand and five hundred measures, and three gates: one gate of Simeon, one gate of Īs'-sā-chār, one gate of Zē-bū'-lūn.³⁴ And at the west side four thousand and five hundred, *with* their three gates; one gate of Gad, one gate of Asher, one gate of Nāph'-tā-li.³⁵ *It was* eighteen thousand *measures* all around. And the name of the city from *that* day shall be, THE LORD IS THERE.

The Book of DANIEL

CHAPTER 1

¹In the third year of the reign of Jē-hoi'-ā-kim king of Judah, Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār king of Babylon came to Jerusalem and circled it. ²And the Lord gave Jē-hoi'-ā-kim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God, which he carried into the land of Shī'-nār to the house of his god. And he brought the vessels into the treasure house of his god.

³And the king spoke to Āsh'-pē-nāz the master of his eunuchs [yoū'-nūcks], that he should bring *some* of the children of Israel, and of the king's seed, and of the princes — ⁴children in whom was no blemish, but who were handsome and skillful in all wisdom; and *who* had knowledge and understanding, even those who were able to stand in the king's palace, and to whom they might teach the learning and the tongue of the Chāl-dē'-āns. ⁵And the king gave them a certain part of the king's food, and of the wine which he drank for each day — so as to bring them up in this way three years, so that at the end of them they might stand before the king. ⁶Now among these were *four* of the children of Judah — Daniel, Hān-ā-nī'-āh, Mī'-shā-ēl, and Āz-ā-rī'-āh, ⁷unto whom the prince of the eunuchs [yoū'-nūcks] gave names. For he gave to Daniel *the name* of Bēl-tē-shāz'-zār, and to Hān-ā-nī'-āh *the name* of Shād'-rāch, and to Mī'-shā-ēl *the name* of Mē'-shāch; and to Āz-ā-rī'-āh *the name* of Ā-bēd'-nē-gō.

⁸But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's food, nor with the wine which he drank. Therefore he asked permission of the prince of the eū'-nūchs that he might not defile himself. ⁹Now God had brought Daniel into favor and tender love with the prince of the eū'-nūchs. ¹⁰And the prince of the eū'-nūchs said to Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who has chosen your food and your drink — for why should he see your faces sadder than the children who are of your kind? Then you would put my head in danger to the king. ¹¹Then Daniel said to Mēl'-zār, whom the prince of the eū'-nūchs had set over Daniel, Hān-ā-nī'-āh, Mī'-shā-ēl, and Āz-ā-rī'-āh, ¹²I pray you, try your servants ten days. And let them give us vegetables to eat and water to drink. ¹³Then let our faces be looked upon before you, and the face of the children who eat of the king's food. And as you see, deal with your servants. ¹⁴So he listened to them in this matter, and tried them for ten days. ¹⁵And at the end of ten days their faces looked fairer and fatter in flesh than all the children who had eaten the king's food. ¹⁶So Mēl'-zār took away their part of the food, and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables.

¹⁷As for these four children, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom. And Daniel had understanding in all visions

and dreams. ¹⁸Now at the end of the days that the king had said he would bring them in, the prince of the eū'-nūchs brought them in before Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār. ¹⁹And the king talked with them. And among them all were found none like Daniel, Hān-ā-nī'-āh, Mī'-shā-ēl, and Āz-ā-rī'-āh. Therefore they stood before the king. ²⁰And in all matters of wisdom and understanding that the king asked them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians *and* astrologers who were in all his kingdom. ²¹And Daniel carried on unto the first year of king Cyrus.

CHAPTER 2

¹And in the second year of the reign of king Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār, Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār dreamed dreams, with which his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him. ²Then the king commanded to call the magicians, and the astrologers, and the fortune tellers, and the Chāl-dē'-āns, in order to show the king his dreams. So they came and stood before the king. ³And the king said to them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit was troubled to know the dream. ⁴Then the Chāl-dē'-āns spoke to the king in Sŷr'-ī-āc, O king, live forever. Tell your servants the dream, and we will show the meaning. ⁵The king answered and said to the Chāl-dē'-āns, The thing has gone from me. If you will not make known to me the dream, with the meaning of it, you shall be cut in pieces and your houses shall be made a dunghill. ⁶But if you show the dream, and the meaning of it, you shall receive gifts and rewards and great honor from me. Therefore show me the dream and the meaning of it. ⁷They answered again and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the meaning of it. ⁸The king answered and said, I know that you surely want to gain time, because you see the thing is gone from me. ⁹But if you will not make the dream known to me, *there is only* one judgment for you. For you have prepared lying and deceiving words to speak before me, until the time has changed. Therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that you can show me the meaning of it.

¹⁰The Chāl-dē'-āns answered before the king and said, There is not a man upon the earth who can show the king's matter. Therefore *there is* no king, lord, nor ruler *who* asked such things from any magician or astrologer or Chāl-dē'-ān. ¹¹And *it is* a rare thing that the king asks, and there is no other who can show it before the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with flesh. ¹²For this cause the king was angry and full of fury, and commanded all the wise *men* of Babylon to be destroyed. ¹³And the order went forth that the wise *men* should be killed. And they sought Daniel and his fellows to kill them.

¹⁴Then Daniel answered with counsel and wisdom to Ār'-ī-ōch the captain of the king's guard, who had gone forth to kill the wise *men* of Babylon. ¹⁵He answered and said to Ār'-ī-ōch the king's captain, Why

is the decree so hasty from the king? Then Ār'-ī-ōch made the thing known to Daniel. ¹⁶Then Daniel went in and asked of the king that he would give him time, and that he would show the king the meaning. ¹⁷Then Daniel went to his house and made the thing known to Hān-ā-nī'-āh, Mī'-shā-ēl, and Āz-ā-rī'-āh, his companions — ¹⁸that they might pray for the mercies of God in Heaven concerning this secret, that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon.

¹⁹Then the secret was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of Heaven. ²⁰Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for wisdom and might are His. ²¹And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and sets up kings. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding. ²²He reveals the deep and secret things; He knows what is in the darkness, and the light dwells with Him. ²³I thank Thee, and praise Thee, O Thou God of my fathers, who has given me wisdom and might, and hast made known to me now what we asked of Thee. For Thou hast *now* made known to us the king's matter.

²⁴Therefore Daniel went in unto Ār'-ī-ōch, whom the king had chosen to destroy the wise *men* of Babylon. He went and said this to him: Do not destroy the wise *men* of Babylon. Bring me in before the king, and I will show the meaning to the king. ²⁵Then Ār'-ī-ōch quickly brought Daniel in before the king, and said to him I have found a man of the captives of Judah who will make the meaning known to the king. ²⁶The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Bēl-tē-shāz'-zār, Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen, and the meaning of it? ²⁷Daniel answered in the presence of the king and said, The secret which the king has demanded, the wise *men*, the astrologers, the magicians, the fortunetellers cannot show to the king. ²⁸But there is a God in Heaven who reveals secrets and makes known to king Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār what shall be in the latter days. Your dream, and the visions of your head upon your bed are these. ²⁹As for you, O king, your thoughts came *to your mind* upon your bed, what should happen after this. And He who reveals secrets makes known to you what shall come to pass. ³⁰But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for *any* wisdom that I have more than any living *man*, but so that they might make the meaning known to the king, and that you might know the thoughts of your heart.

³¹You, O king, saw and beheld a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before you. And the form of it was fearful. ³²This image's head was of fine gold; his breast and his arms were of silver; his belly and his thighs were of brass; ³³his legs were of iron; his feet were part of iron and part of clay. ³⁴You watched until a stone was cut out without hands, which struck the image upon its feet *which were* of iron and clay, and broke them to pieces. ³⁵Then the

iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold were broken to pieces together. And *they* became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors. And the wind carried them away, so that no place was found for them. And the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

³⁶This is the dream. And we will tell the meaning of it before the king. ³⁷You, O king, are a king of kings. For the God of Heaven has given you a kingdom, power, and strength, and glory. ³⁸And wherever the children of men, the beasts of the field and the birds of the sky live, He has given them into your hand, and has made you ruler over them all. You are this head of gold. ³⁹And after you shall arise another kingdom lower than you, and another third kingdom of brass, which shall bear rule over all the earth. ⁴⁰And the fourth kingdom shall be as strong as iron. Since iron beats things into pieces and weakens all *things*; and as iron that breaks all these, it shall break in pieces and shall be broken. ⁴¹And as to that which you saw — the feet and toes, part of potters' clay and part of iron — the kingdom shall be divided. But there shall be in it the strength of the iron, because you saw the iron mixed with miry clay. ⁴²And as the toes of the feet were part of iron and part of clay, *so* the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. ⁴³And whereas you saw iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mix themselves with the seed of men. But they shall not cling to one another, even as iron is not mixed with clay. ⁴⁴And in the days of these kings, the God of Heaven shall set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed. And the kingdom shall not be left to other people, *but* it shall break in pieces and destroy all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever. ⁴⁵Because you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold — the great God has made known to the king what shall come to pass in the future. And the dream is certain, and the meaning of it is sure.

⁴⁶Then the king Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār fell upon his face and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should offer an offering and sweet perfumes to him. ⁴⁷The king answered Daniel and said, *It is true* that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, since you could reveal this secret. ⁴⁸Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and chief of the governors over all these wise *men* of Babylon. ⁴⁹Then Daniel asked the king, and he set Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō over the affairs of the province of Babylon. But Daniel sat in the gate of the king.

CHAPTER 3

¹Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits, *and* the breadth of it six cubits. He set it up in the

plain of Dū'-rā, in the province of Babylon. ²Then Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king sent to gather together the princes, the governors, and the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the advisers, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king had set up. ³Then the princes, the governors, and captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counselors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together to the dedication of the image that Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king had set up. And they stood before the image that Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār had set up. ⁴Then a herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, and languages, ⁵*that* at the time you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, dulcimer, and all kinds of music, you shall fall down and worship the golden image that Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king has set up. ⁶And whoever does not fall down and worship the same hour they shall be thrown into the middle of a burning fiery furnace. ⁷Therefore at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, lyre, psaltery [salt'-ēr-y], dūl'-cī-mēr, and all kinds of music, all the people, the nations, and the languages, fell down *and* worshipped the golden image that Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king had set up.

⁸Therefore at that time certain Chāl-dē'-āns came near and accused the Jews. ⁹They spoke and said to the king Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār, O king, live forever. ¹⁰You, O king, have made a decree that every man who shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, lyre, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. ¹¹And whoever does not fall down and worship, he should be thrown into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. ¹²There are certain Jews whom you have set over the business of the province of Babylon, Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō. These men, O king, have despised you. They do not serve your gods nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

¹³Then Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār in *his* rage and fury commanded *them* to bring Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō. Then they brought these men before the king. ¹⁴Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār spoke and said to them, *Is it true*, O Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō? Do you not serve my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? ¹⁵Now if you are ready, at the time you hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, lyre, psaltery, and dūl'-cī-mēr, and all kinds of music, fall down and worship the image which I have made. But if you do not worship, the same hour you shall be thrown into the middle of a burning fiery furnace. And who is that God who shall deliver you out of my hands?

¹⁶Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō answered and said to the king, O Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār, we are not careful to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷If it is so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from

the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver *us* out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods nor worship the golden image which you have set up.

¹⁹Then Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār was full of fury, and the form of his face was changed against Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō. He spoke and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was usually heated. ²⁰And he commanded the most mighty men who were in his army to tie up Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō, and to throw *them* into the burning fiery furnace. ²¹Then these men were tied up in their tunics, their mantles, and their turbans, and their *other* clothes, and were thrown into the middle of the burning fiery furnace. ²²Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire killed those men who took up Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō. ²³And these three men, Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. ²⁴Then Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king was amazed. And *he* rose up in haste and spoke and said to his advisers, Did we not throw three men bound into the middle of the fire? They answered and said to the king, True, O king. ²⁵He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the middle of the fire, and they have not been hurt. And the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.

²⁶Then Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār came near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, and said, Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō, you servants of the most high God, come forth and come *here*. Then Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō, came forth from the middle of the fire. ²⁷And the princes, governors, and captains, and the king's advisers, being gathered together, saw these men upon whose bodies the fire had no power (nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor had the smell of fire passed upon them). ²⁸Then Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār spoke and said, Blessed be the God of Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō, who has sent His Angel and has delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and have changed the king's words and yielded their bodies that they might not serve nor worship any god except their own God. ²⁹Therefore I make a decree, that every people, nation, and language, who speak anything amiss against the God of Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō, shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made a dunghill. Because there is no other God who can deliver in this way. ³⁰Then the king promoted Shād'-rāch, Mē'-shāch, and Ā-bēd'-nē-gō in the province of Babylon.

CHAPTER 4

¹Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār the king, to all people, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you. ²I thought it good to declare the signs and wonders that the high God has done with

me. ³How great are His signs! and how mighty are His wonders! His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His rule is from generation to generation.

⁴I, Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār, was at rest in my house and being blessed in my palace. ⁵I saw a dream which made me afraid, and the thoughts upon my bed and the visions of my head troubled me. ⁶Therefore I made a decree to bring in all the wise *men* of Babylon before me, that they might make known to me the meaning of the dream. ⁷Then the magicians, the astrologers, the Chāl-dē'-āns, and the fortunetellers came in. And I told the dream before them, but they did not make the meaning of it known to me.

⁸But at the last Daniel came in before me, whose name was Bēl-tē-shāz'-zār, according to the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. And I told the dream before him, *saying*, ⁹O Bēl-tē-shāz'-zār, master of the magicians, because I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in you, and no secret troubles you, tell me the visions of my dream that I have seen, and the meaning of it. ¹⁰So were the visions of my head upon my bed: I saw, and behold a tree in the midst of the earth, and the height of it was great. ¹¹The tree grew and was strong, and the height of it reached to the heavens; and the sight of it *reached* to the end of all the earth. ¹²The leaves of it were beautiful, and its fruit was plentiful, and in it was food for all. The animals of the field had shade under it, and the birds of the heavens lived in the boughs of it, and all flesh was fed by it. ¹³I saw in the visions of my head upon my bed, and behold, a watcher and a holy one came down from Heaven. ¹⁴He cried aloud and said this, Cut down the tree, and cut off its branches; shake off its leaves and scatter its fruit. Let the animals get away from under it, and the birds from its branches. ¹⁵But leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field. And let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* its portion be with the animals in the grass of the earth. ¹⁶Let his heart be changed from man's, and let the heart of an animal be given to him. And let seven times pass over him. ¹⁷This matter is by the decree of the watchers, and the demand by the word of the holy ones — so that the living may know that the most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He will, and sets up over it the lowest of men. ¹⁸I, king Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār, have seen this dream. Now, O Bēl-tē-shāz'-zār, declare the meaning of it, because all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make the meaning known to me. But you are able, for the spirit of the holy gods is in you.

¹⁹Then Daniel, whose name was Bēl-tē-shāz'-zār, was dumb for one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king spoke and said, Bēl-tē-shāz'-zār, do not let the dream or the meaning of it trouble you. Bēl-tē-shāz'-zār answered and said, My lord, the dream is to those who hate

you, and the meaning of it to your enemies. ²⁰The tree that you saw, which grew and was strong, whose height reached to the heavens, and the sight of it to all the earth — ²¹whose leaves were fair, and the fruit of it plentiful, and in it was food for all, under which the animals of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the birds of the heavens had their home — ²²it is you, O king, who has grown and become strong. For your greatness has grown and reaches to the heavens, and your rule to the end of the earth. ²³And whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from Heaven, and saying, Cut the tree down and destroy it; yet leave the stump of the roots of it in the earth, even with a band of iron and brass, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of heaven, and *let* his portion be with the animals of the field, until seven times pass over him — ²⁴this is the meaning, O king, and this is the decree of the Most High, which has come upon my lord the king. ²⁵They shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the animals of the field, and they shall make you eat grass like oxen. And they shall wet you with the dew of heaven, and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He will. ²⁶And in that they commanded to leave the stump of the tree roots; your kingdom shall be sure to you after you have known that Heaven rules. ²⁷Therefore, O king, let my advice be pleasing to you, and break off your sins by righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor, if *perhaps* it may make your ease last longer.

²⁸All this came upon the king Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār. ²⁹At the end of twelve months he walked in the palace of the kingdom of Babylon. ³⁰The king spoke and said, Is this not great Babylon that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power and for the honor of my majesty? ³¹While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from Heaven, *saying*, O king Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār, to you it is spoken. The kingdom has departed from you. ³²And they shall drive you from men, and your dwelling shall be with the animals of the field. They shall make you eat grass like oxen, and seven times shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and gives it to whomever He will. ³³The same hour the thing was fulfilled upon Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār. And he was driven from men, and ate grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens, until his hair had grown like eagles' *feathers*, and his nails like birds' *claws*.

³⁴And at the end of the days, I Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār lifted up my eyes to Heaven, and my understanding returned to me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored Him who lives forever, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and His rule is from generation to generation. ³⁵And all the people of the earth are counted as nothing; and He does according to His will in the army of heaven, and *among* the

people of the earth. And none can strike His hand, or say to Him, What doest Thou? ³⁶At the same time my reason returned to me. And for the glory of my kingdom, my honor and brightness returned to me. And my advisers and my lords came for me, and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent majesty was added to me. ³⁷Now I Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār praise and exalt and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth and His ways judgment. And those who walk in pride He is able to humble.

CHAPTER 5

¹Bēl-shāz'-zār the king made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. ²Bēl-shaz'-zār, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which his father Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem, that the king and his princes, his wives and his concubines, might drink from them. ³Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem. And the king, and his princes, his wives, and his concubines, drank in them. ⁴They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, and of brass, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

⁵In the same hour came forth fingers of a man's hand and wrote upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace across from the lampstand. And the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. ⁶Then the king's face was changed, and his thoughts troubled him, so that the joints of his loins were loosened, and his knees knocked against one another. ⁷The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chāl-dē'-āns, and the fortunetellers. The king spoke and said to the wise *men* of Babylon, Whoever shall read this writing, and show me the meaning of it, shall be clothed with scarlet, and *have* a chain of gold around his neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom. ⁸Then all the king's wise *men* came in. But they could not read the writing, nor make the meaning known to the king. ⁹Then king Bēl-shāz'-zār was greatly troubled, and his face was changing in him, and his lords were puzzled.

¹⁰Now the queen came into the banquet house because of the words of the king and his lords. And the queen spoke and said, O king, live forever. Do not let your thoughts trouble you, nor let your face be changed. ¹¹There is a man in your kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods. And in the days of your father *there* was found in him light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods. The king Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār your father — the king, I *say* — made *him* master of the magicians, astrologers, Chāl-dē'-āns, and fortunetellers — ¹²because an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, explaining of dreams, and showing of hard sentences, and the melting away of doubts were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Bēl-tē-

shāz'-zār. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the meaning.¹³ Then Daniel was brought in before the king. The king spoke and said to Daniel, Are you that Daniel who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Jewry? ¹⁴I have even heard of you, that the spirit of the gods is in you, and *that* light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in you. ¹⁵And now the wise *men* and the magicians have been brought in before me so that they should read this writing and make the meaning known to me. But they could not show the meaning of the thing. ¹⁶And I have heard of you that you can tell meanings and melt away doubts. Now if you can read the writing, and make known to me the meaning of it, you shall be clothed with scarlet and have a chain of gold around your neck, and shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.

¹⁷Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let your gifts be to yourself, and give your rewards to another. Yet I will read the writing to the king, and make the meaning known to him. ¹⁸O king, the most high God gave Nēb-ū-chād-nēz'-zār your father a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honor. ¹⁹And for the majesty that He gave him, all people, nations, and languages trembled and feared before him. He killed whom he would, and whom he would he kept alive. And whom he would he set up, and whom he would he put down. ²⁰But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was put down from the throne of his kingdom, and they took his glory from him. ²¹And he was driven from the sons of men. And his heart was made like the animals, and his dwelling was with the wild asses. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens, until he knew that the most high God rules in the kingdom of men, and *that* He appoints over it whomever He will. ²²And you his son, O Bēl-shāz'-zār, have not humbled your heart, though you knew all this. ²³But *you* have lifted up yourself against the Lord of heaven. And they have brought the vessels of His house before you; and you, and your lords, your wives, and your concubines, have drunk wine from them. And you have praised the gods of silver, and gold, or brass, iron, wood, and stone, which do not see, nor hear, nor know. And you have not glorified the God in whose hand your breath is, and to whom belong all your ways. ²⁴Then was the part of the hand sent from Him. And this writing was written.

²⁵And this is the writing that was written, MĒ'-NĒ, MĒ'-NĒ, TĒ'-KĒL, Ū-PHĀR'-SĪN. ²⁶This is the meaning of the thing. MĒ'-NĒ, God has numbered your kingdom and finished it. ²⁷TĒ'-KĒL, You are weighed in the balances and are found wanting. ²⁸PĒ'-RĒŠ, Your kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians. ²⁹Then Bēl-shāz'-zār commanded, and they clothed Daniel with scarlet and *put* a chain of gold around his neck, and made a proclamation concerning him that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

³⁰In that night Bēl-shāz'-zār the king of the Chāl-dē'-āns was killed. ³¹And Dā-rī'-ūs the Mē'-dī-ān took the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

CHAPTER 6

¹It pleased Dā-rī'-ūs to set over the kingdom a hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom. ²And over these were three presidents, (of whom Daniel was first,) so that the princes might give account to them, and the king should have no loss. ³Then this Daniel was made overseer of the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him. And the king was planning to set him over the whole kingdom.

⁴Then the presidents and princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the kingdom. But they could find no occasion or fault, because he was faithful. Neither was there any error or fault found in him. ⁵Then these men said, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel unless we find *it* against him concerning the law of his God. ⁶Then these presidents and princes gathered together to the king, and said this to him: King Dā-rī'-ūs, live forever. ⁷All the presidents of the kingdom, the governors, and the princes, the advisers, and the captains, have planned together to establish a royal law, and to make a firm decree that whoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, except from you, O king, he shall be thrown into the den of lions. ⁸Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it may not be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians which cannot be changed. ⁹Therefore king Dā-rī'-ūs signed the writing and the decree.

¹⁰Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went to his house. And his windows were open in his room toward Jerusalem; *and* he kneeled upon his knees three times a day and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did before. ¹¹Then these men gathered together and found Daniel praying and confessing before his God. ¹²Then they came near and spoke before the king concerning the king's decree. Have you not signed a decree that every man who shall ask *a petition* of any god or man within thirty days, except of you, O king, shall be thrown into the lion's den? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be changed. ¹³Then they answered and said before the king, Daniel, who is of the children of captivity of Judah, has not respected you, O king, nor the decree that you have signed, but makes his prayer three times a day. ¹⁴Then the king, when he heard *these* words, was very much displeased with himself. And *he* set *his* heart on Daniel to deliver him. And he labored until the going down of the sun to deliver him. ¹⁵Then these men met before the king and said to the

king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is that no decree nor statute which the king establishes may be changed. ¹⁶Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel and threw *him* into the lions' den. *Now* the king spoke and said to Daniel, Your God, whom you always serve, will deliver you. ¹⁷And a stone was brought and laid upon the mouth of the den. And the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords, that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel.

¹⁸Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting. Neither were instruments of music brought before him; and his sleep went from him. ¹⁹Then the king arose very early in the morning and hurried to the lions' den. ²⁰And when he came to the den, he cried with a grieved voice to Daniel. The king spoke and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is your God whom you always serve able to deliver you from the lions? ²¹Then Daniel said to the king, O king, live forever. ²²My God has sent His Angel, and has shut the lions' mouths, and they have not hurt me, because before Him purity was found in me. And also before you, O king, I have done no harm. ²³Then the king was exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of hurt was found on him, because he believed in his God.

²⁴And the king commanded, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they threw *them* into the lions' den – them, their children, and their wives. And the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces before they came to the lower part of the den.

²⁵Then king Dā-rī'-ūs wrote to all people, nations, and languages who dwell in all the earth. Peace be multiplied to you. ²⁶I make a decree that in every government of my kingdom men shall tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, and endures forever, and His kingdom is *that* which shall not be destroyed, and His rule shall *even* be unto the end. ²⁷He delivers and rescues, and He works signs and wonders in the heavens and in earth, He who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. ²⁸So this Daniel was blessed in the reign of Dā-rī'-ūs, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

CHAPTER 7

¹In the first year of Bēl-shāz'-zār king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed. Then he wrote the dream *and* gave the sum of the matters. ²Daniel spoke and said, In my vision by night I was looking: and behold, the four winds of the heavens were bursting forth upon the Great Sea. ³And four great beasts came up from the sea, different from one another. ⁴The first was like a lion and had eagle's wings. I watched until its wings were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth and made to stand upon its feet like a man. And a

man's heart was given to it. ⁵And behold another beast, a second, like a bear. And it raised itself up on one side, and *it had* three ribs in its mouth between its teeth. And they said this to it: Arise, eat up much flesh. ⁶After this I beheld, and lo another, like a leopard, which had four wings of a bird on its back. The beast also had four heads; and rulership was given to it. ⁷After this I looked in the night visions, and behold, a fourth beast, fearful and terrible, and very strong. And it had great iron teeth; it devoured and broke in pieces, and stamped the rest with its feet. And it was different from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns. ⁸I was thinking about the horns, and behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom three of the first horns were pulled up by the roots. And behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a man speaking great things.

⁹I watched until the thrones were put down, and the Ancient of Days sat, whose robe was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool. His throne was *like* the flaming fire, and his wheels *like* burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire went out and came forth from before Him. A thousand thousands served Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The judgment was set, and the books were opened. ¹¹I then watched because of the voice of the great words which the horn spoke. I watched until the beast was slain, and his body was destroyed and given to the burning flame. ¹²As to the rest of the beasts, they had their rulership taken away. Yet their lives were made longer for a season and time. ¹³I saw in the night visions, and behold, *one* like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him. ¹⁴And there was given Him rulership and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations and languages, should serve Him. His kingdom is an everlasting kingdom which shall not pass away, and His kingdom *that* which shall not be destroyed.

¹⁵I Daniel was grieved in My spirit in the midst of *my* body, and the visions of my head troubled me. ¹⁶And I came near one of those who stood by, and asked him the truth of all this. So he told me, and made me know the meaning of the things. ¹⁷These great beasts, which are four, are four kings *which* shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever, even forever and ever. ¹⁹Then I wanted to know the truth of the fourth beast, which was different from all the others, very frightening, whose teeth were *of* iron, and his nails *of* brass – *who* devoured, broke in pieces, and stamped the rest with his feet – ²⁰and of the ten horns that were in his head, and *of* the other which came up, and before whom three fell – *even of* that horn that had eyes, and a mouth speaking very great things, whose look was greater than his fellows. ²¹I watched, and the same horn made war with the saints and overcame them ²²until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given to the

saints of the Most High. And the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. ²³So he said, The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be different from all kingdoms and shall devour the whole earth, and shall trample it down and break it in pieces. ²⁴And the ten horns out of this kingdom are ten kings *that* shall arise. And another shall arise after them. And he shall be different from the first, and he shall humble three kings. ²⁵And he shall speak *great* words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High and plot to change times and laws. And they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time. ²⁶But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his rulership, to cut off and to destroy *it* until the end. ²⁷And the kingdom and rulership, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heavens, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom. And all kingdoms shall serve and obey Him. ²⁸Here is the end of the matter. As for me Daniel, my thoughts troubled me much, and my face changed on me. But I kept the matter in my heart.

CHAPTER 8

¹In the third year of the reign of king Bēl-shāz'-zār a vision appeared to me, Daniel, after that which appeared to me at the first. ²And I looked in a vision. And when I looked, I was at Shū'-shān the palace, which is in the province of Ē'-lām. And in a vision I looked, and I was by the river of Ū'-lai. ³Then I lifted up my eyes, and looked. And behold, there stood before the river a ram which had *two* horns. And the *two* horns were high, but one was higher than the other, and the higher came up last. ⁴I saw the ram pushing westward and northward and southward — so that no beasts might stand before him, neither *was there any* who could deliver out of his hand. But he did according to his will, and became great. ⁵And as I was watching, behold, a he-goat came from the west, over the face of the whole earth, and did not touch the ground. And the goat *had* an outstanding horn between his eyes. ⁶And he came to the ram that had *two* horns, which I had seen standing before the river, and ran to him in the fury of his power. ⁷And I saw him come close to the ram, and he was moved with anger against him, and struck the ram and broke his *two* horns. And there was no power in the ram to stand before him. But he threw him down to the ground and stamped upon him. And there was none who could deliver the ram out of his hand.

⁸Therefore the he-goat became very great. And when he was strong, the great horn was broken. And in its place came up four outstanding ones towards the four winds of the heavens. ⁹And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which became very great, toward the south and

toward the east and toward the pleasant *land*. ¹⁰And it became great, *even* to the host of heaven. And it cast down *some* of the host and of the stars to the ground, and stamped upon them. ¹¹Yea, he magnified *himself*, even to the prince of the host, and the daily *sacrifice* was taken away by him, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. ¹²And an army was given to *him* against the daily *sacrifice* because of transgressions, and it cast the truth down to the ground. And it worked and succeeded.

¹³Then I heard a certain holy one speaking, and another holy one said to that certain holy one who spoke, How long shall the vision last, concerning the daily *sacrifice* and the transgression of defilement, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trampled under foot? ¹⁴And he said to me, For two thousand and three hundred days. Then the sanctuary shall be cleansed.

¹⁵And when I, *even* I Daniel, had seen the vision, and sought for the meaning, then, behold, there stood before me the form of a man. ¹⁶And I heard a man's voice between *the banks of* Ū'-lāī, which called and said, Gabriel, make this *man* understand the vision. ¹⁷So he came near where I stood. And when he came, I was afraid and fell upon my face. But he said to me, Understand, O son of man, for at the time of the end the vision shall be. ¹⁸Now as he was speaking with me, I was in a deep sleep on my face toward the ground. But he touched me and set me upright. ¹⁹And he said, Behold, I will make you know what shall happen in the last end of the indignation. For at the time appointed the end shall come.

²⁰The ram which you saw having *two* horns are the kings of Mē'-dī-ā and Persia. ²¹And the rough goat is the king of Greece. And the great horn that is between his eyes is the first king. ²²Now that being broken, four stood up in its place — four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation, but not in its power. ²³And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have come to the full, a king, fierce of face, and who understands hidden things, shall stand up. ²⁴And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power. And he shall destroy wonderful things, and shall work and succeed, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people. ²⁵And also through his understanding, he shall cause deceit to succeed in his hand. And he shall magnify *himself* in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many. He also shall stand up against the Prince of princes. But he shall be broken without *the use of a hand*. ²⁶And the vision of the evening and the morning which was told is true. Therefore shut up the vision; for it shall be for many days. ²⁷And I Daniel fainted, and was sick *for some* days. Afterward I rose up, and did the king's business. And I was amazed at the vision, but none understood *it*.

CHAPTER 9

¹In the first year of Dā-rī'-ūs the son of Ā-hās-ū-ē'-rūs, of the seed of the Mēdeš, who was made king over the realm of the Chāl-dē'-āns, ²in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood the number of the years by books, *the time* of which the LORD came to Jeremiah the prophet, concerning the fulfilling of the wastes of Jerusalem for seventy years.

³And I set my face toward the Lord God, to seek by prayer and holy desires, with fasting, and sackcloth, and ashes. ⁴And I prayed to the LORD my God, and made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and fearful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to those who love Him, and to those who keep His commandments — ⁵we have sinned and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy commandments and from Thy judgments. ⁶Neither have we listened to Thy servants the prophets, who spoke in Thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. ⁷O Lord, righteousness *belongs* to Thee, but unto us the shame of our faces, as it is today — to the men of Judah and to the people of Jerusalem, and to all Israel *who are* near and *who are* afar off, through all the countries where Thou hast driven them because of their sin which they have sinned against Thee. ⁸O Lord, to us *belongs* a face of shame to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers, because we have sinned against Thee. ⁹To the Lord our God *belong* mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him. ¹⁰Neither have we obeyed the voice of the LORD our God, to walk in His laws which He set before us by His servants the prophets. ¹¹Yea, all Israel have transgressed Thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey Thy voice. Therefore the curse has been poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against Him. ¹²And He has confirmed His words which He spoke against us and against our judges who judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil. For under the whole heavens *it* has not been done as *it* has been done unto Jerusalem. ¹³As *it* is written in the law of Moses, all this evil has come upon us. Yet we did not make our prayer before the LORD our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand Thy truth. ¹⁴Therefore the LORD has watched over the evil, and has brought it upon us. For the LORD our God is righteous in all His works which He does; for we did not obey His voice. ¹⁵And now, O Lord our God, who hast brought Thy people forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast brought fame unto Thyself, as it is today, we have sinned, we have done wickedly.

¹⁶O Lord, I pray Thee, according to all Thy righteousness let Thy anger and Thy fury be turned away from Thy city Jerusalem, Thy holy

mountain. Because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Thy people have become a curse to all *those who are* around us. ¹⁷ Now therefore, O our God, hear the prayer of Thy servant, and His holy desires, and cause Thy face to shine upon Thy sanctuary that is wasted, for the Lord's sake. ¹⁸ O my God, bow down Thy ear and hear. Open Thy eyes and behold our ruins, and the city which is called by Thy name. For we do not present our prayers before Thee on account of our righteousnesses, but because of Thy great mercies. ¹⁹ O LORD, hear; O LORD, forgive; O LORD, listen and do. Do not delay, for Thy own sake, O my God; for Thy city and Thy people are called by Thy name.

²⁰ And while I was speaking, and praying, and confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my cry before the LORD my God for the holy mountain of my God — ²¹ yes, while I was speaking in prayer, even the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, touched me — being caused to fly swiftly — about the time of the evening sacrifice. ²² And he gave me understanding, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I have now come forth to give you skill and understanding. ²³ At the beginning of your prayers the commandment came forth, and I have come to show *you*. For you are greatly beloved; therefore understand the matter, and attend to the vision. ²⁴ Seventy weeks are divided as to your people and as to your holy city, to finish the transgression and to make an end of sins, and to make atonement for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. ²⁵ Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem, unto Messiah the prince, shall be seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks. The street shall be built again, and the wall, even in times of affliction. ²⁶ And after sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself. And the people of the prince who shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. And the end of it shall be with a flood, and amazing things are decreed, unto the end there shall be war. ²⁷ And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week. And in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the offering to cease, and by the overspreading of abominations he is laying waste, even until the end. And that *which was* decreed shall be poured upon the wasted one.

CHAPTER 10

¹ In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed to Daniel, whose name was called Bēl-tē-shāz'-zār. And the thing was true, but the time appointed was long. And he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision. ² In those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. ³ I ate no food for delight, neither came flesh nor

wine in my mouth, neither did I anoint myself at all, until three whole weeks were fulfilled.

⁴And in the twenty-fourth day of the first month, as I was by the side of the great river, which is Tig'-ris, ⁵then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, a certain man was clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with fine gold of Ū'-phāz. ⁶His body also was like the beryl, and his face looked like lightning. And his eyes were like lamps of fire, and his arms and his feet in color were like polished brass, and the voice of his words like the sound of a multitude. ⁷And I Daniel alone saw the vision. For the men who were with me did not see the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. ⁸Therefore I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me. For my beauty was turned in me into a deathly paleness, and I kept no strength. ⁹Yet I heard the voice of his words. And when I heard the voice of his words, then I was in a deep sleep upon my face, and my face was toward the ground.

¹⁰And behold, a hand touched me, which set me upon my knees and the palms of my hands. ¹¹And he said to me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright. For unto you I am now sent. And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood trembling. ¹²Then he said to me, Do not fear, Daniel; for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and to chasten yourself before your God, your words were heard. And I have come for your words. ¹³But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days. But lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia. ¹⁴Now I have come to make you understand what shall happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is yet for *many* days. ¹⁵And when he had spoken such words to me, I bowed my face toward the ground, and I became dumb. ¹⁶And behold, *one* looking like the sons of men touched my lips. Then I opened my mouth and spoke and said to him who stood before me, O my lord, my sorrows are turned upon me by the vision, and I have kept no strength. ¹⁷For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? For as for me, immediately there remained no strength in me, neither is there breath left in me. ¹⁸Then there came again one looking like a man and touched me, and he made me stronger ¹⁹and said, O man greatly beloved, do not fear. Peace to you; be strong; yes, be strong. And when he had spoken to me, I was made stronger and said, Let my lord speak; for you have made me stronger. ²⁰Then he said, Do you know why I come to you? And now I will return to fight with the prince of Persia. And when I have gone forth, lo, the prince of Greece shall come. ²¹But I will show you that which is written in the Scripture of Truth. And *there is* none who holds strongly with me in these things, but Michael your prince.

CHAPTER 11

¹Also in the first year of Dā-rī'-ūs the Mede, I, *even* I, stood to establish and to strengthen him. ²And now I will show you the truth. Behold, there shall stand up yet three kings in Persia. And the fourth shall be far richer than all *of them*. And by his strength, through his riches, he shall stir up all against the kingdom of Greece. ³And a mighty king shall stand up, *one* who shall rule with great power and do according to his will. ⁴And when he shall stand up, his kingdom shall be broken and shall be divided toward the four winds of the heavens. And *it shall not be given* to his children, nor according to his power with which he ruled — for his kingdom shall be pulled up, even for others besides these.

⁵And the king of the South shall be strong. And *one* of his princes, even he shall overcome him and have power. His kingdom shall be a great kingdom. ⁶And in the end of years they shall join themselves together; for the king's daughter of the South shall come to the king of the North to make a treaty. But she shall not keep the power of the arm. Neither shall he stand, nor his arm. But she shall be given up, and those who brought her in, and he whom she bore, and he who made her strong in *these* times. ⁷But out of a branch of her roots, *one* shall stand up in his place, who shall come with an army and shall enter into the fortress of the king of the North. And he shall act against them, and show himself strong. ⁸And *he* shall also carry their gods captives into Egypt, with their princes *and* with their precious vessels of silver and of gold. And he shall stand *more* years than the king of the North. ⁹So the king of the South shall come into *his* kingdom, and shall return into his own land. ¹⁰But his sons shall be stirred up and shall gather a multitude of great forces. And *one* shall certainly come and overflow, and pass through. Then he shall return and be stirred up, *even* to his fortress.

¹¹And the king of the South shall be moved with anger, and shall come forth and fight with him, *even* with the king of the North. And he shall send forth a great multitude; but the multitude shall be given into his hand. ¹²And when he has taken away the multitude, his heart shall be lifted up. And he shall cast down *many* ten thousands, but he shall not be made stronger *by it*. ¹³For the king of the North shall return, and shall send forth a multitude greater than the former, and shall certainly come after certain years with a great army and with much riches. ¹⁴And in those times there shall stand up many against the king of the South. Also the robbers of your people shall lift themselves up to establish the vision, but they shall fall. ¹⁵So the king of the North shall come, and cast up a *siege* mound, and take the most fenced cities. And the arms of the South shall not hold out, neither his chosen people, neither *shall*

there be any strength to hold out. ¹⁶But he who comes against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him. And he shall stand in the glorious land, which shall be destroyed by his hand. ¹⁷He also shall set his face to enter with the strength of his whole kingdom, and upright ones with him. So he shall do. And he shall give him the daughter of women to corrupt her; but she shall not stand *on his side*, neither be for him. ¹⁸After this he shall turn his face to the isles, and shall take many. But a prince on his own behalf shall cause the shame offered by him to cease. Without his own shame he shall cause *it* to turn upon him. ¹⁹Then he shall turn his face toward the fort of his own land. But he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found.

²⁰Then there shall stand up in his place a raiser of taxes *in* the glory of the kingdom. But within few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger nor in battle. ²¹And in his place there shall stand up a despised one, to whom they shall not give the honor of the kingdom. But he shall come in quietly and take the kingdom by flatteries. ²²And with the arms of an overflowing flood shall sweep all before him, and they shall be broken; and also the prince of the covenant. ²³And after the treaty *made* with him, he shall work deceitfully. For he shall come up and shall become strong with a small people. ²⁴He shall enter safely, even upon the rich places of the province. And he shall do *that* which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers' fathers. He shall scatter the prey, and spoil, and riches among them. And he shall plan his plots against the strongholds, even for a time. ²⁵And he shall stir up his power and his courage against the king of the South with a great army. And the king of the South shall be stirred up to battle with a very great and mighty army, but he shall not stand. For they shall plan plots against him. ²⁶Yea, those who have been eating his food shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow. And many shall fall down slain. ²⁷And both these kings' hearts shall be to do evil, and they shall speak lies at one table. But it shall not succeed. For yet the end *shall come* at the time appointed. ²⁸Then he shall return to his land with great riches. And his heart shall be against the holy covenant. And he shall work. And he shall return to his own land.

²⁹At the time appointed he shall return and come against the South. But it shall not be as the former or as the latter. ³⁰For the ships of Chīt'tim shall come against him. Therefore he shall be grieved and return, and have fury against the holy covenant. So he shall do; he shall even return and give heed to those who forsake the holy covenant. ³¹And arms shall stand in his part, and they shall defile the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily *sacrifice*, and they shall place the abomination of the dēs-ō-lā'-tôr. ³²And those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall ruin by flatteries. But the people who know their God shall be strong and do *well*. ³³And those who understand among the people shall teach many; yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity,

and by spoil, *for many* days. ³⁴Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped with a little help; but many shall cling to them with flatteries. ³⁵And *some* of those of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make *them* white, *even* to the time of the end. Because it is still appointed for a time. ³⁶And the king shall do according to his will. And he shall lift himself up and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak marvelous things against the God of gods, and shall succeed until the fury is fulfilled. For that which is decreed shall be done. ³⁷Neither shall he regard the God of his fathers, nor the desire of women, nor regard any god. For he shall magnify himself above all. ³⁸But in his place he shall honor the god of forces; and a god whom his fathers did not know, he shall honor with gold and silver, and with precious stones and desirable things. ³⁹So he shall do *well* in the fortresses of the strongholds with a strange god, whom he shall make known, *and* multiply in glory. And he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for a price. ⁴⁰And at the time of the end, the king of the South shall push at him. And the king of the North shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots and with horsemen and with many ships.

⁴¹And he shall enter into the countries and shall overflow and pass over. He shall also enter into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown. But these shall escape out of his hand — Edom and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon. ⁴²He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries. And the land of Egypt shall not escape. ⁴³But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt. And the Lib'-y-āns and the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-āns shall be at his steps. ⁴⁴But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him. Therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and to completely do away with many. ⁴⁵And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas in the glorious holy mountain. Yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

CHAPTER 12

¹And at that time Michael shall stand up, the great prince who stands for the children of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation — until that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. ²And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. ³And those who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the sky; and those who turn many to righteousness *shall shine* as the stars forever and ever. ⁴But you, O Daniel, set up the words and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

⁵Then I Daniel looked, and behold, there stood another two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river. ⁶And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, who was upon the waters of the river: How long *shall it be until* the end of these waters? ⁷And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right and his left hand to Heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that *it shall* be for a time, times, and a half. And when they have made an end of scattering the power of the holy people, all these *things* shall be finished. ⁸And I heard, but I did not understand. Then I said, O my lord, what shall be the end of these *things*? ⁹And He said, Go, Daniel! For the words are closed up and sealed until the time of the end. ¹⁰Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried. But the wicked shall do wickedly. And none of the wicked shall understand, but the wise shall understand. ¹¹And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* shall be taken away, and the abomination of the dēs-ō-lā'-tôr set up, *there shall be* a thousand two hundred and ninety days. ¹²Blessed is he who waits and comes to the thousand three hundred and thirty-five days. ¹³But go your way until the end. For you shall rest and stand in your lot at the end of the day.

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CHAPTER 1

¹The word of the LORD that came to Hō-sē'-ā, the son of Bēer'-ī, in the days of Ūz-zī'-āh, Jō'-thām, Ahaz *and* Hēz-ē-kī'-āh, kings of Judah, and in the days of Jēr-ō-bō'-ām the son of Jō'-āsh, king of Israel. ²The beginning of the word of the LORD by Hō-sē'-ā. And the LORD said to Hō-sē'-ā, Go, take unto you a wife of adultery and children of adultery. For the land has committed great fōr-nī-cā'-tion, *departing* from the LORD. ³So he went and took Gō'-mēr the daughter of Dīb-lā'-īm, who conceived and bore him a son. ⁴And the LORD said to him, Call his name Jēz'-rēel. For still a little *while*, and I will avenge the blood of Jēz'-rēel upon the house of Jehu, and will cause the kingdom of the house of Israel to cease. ⁵And at that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jēz'-rēel.

⁶And she conceived again and bore a daughter. And *God* said to him, Call her name Lō-rû-hä'-mäh, for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel. But I will utterly take them away. ⁷But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by the LORD their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen.

⁸Now when she had weaned Lō-rû-hä'-mäh, she conceived and bore a son. ⁹Then *God* said, Call his name Lō-ām'-mī. For you are not My people, and I will not be your *God*.

¹⁰Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered. And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, You are not My people, *there* it shall be said to them, *You are* the sons of the living God. ¹¹Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and shall set over themselves one head, and they shall come up out of the land. For great shall be the day of Jēz'-rēel.

CHAPTER 2

¹Say to your brothers, Äm'-mī; and to your sisters, Rû-hä'-mäh. ²Contend with your mother, contend. For she is not my wife, neither am I her husband. Let her therefore put away her fōr-nī-cā'-tions out of her sight, and her adulteries from between her breasts, ³lest I strip her naked and set her out as in the day that she was born — and *lest I* make her as the wilderness, and set her like a dry land, and slay her with thirst. ⁴And I will not have mercy upon her children, for they are the children of adulteries. ⁵For their mother has played the harlot. She who conceived them has done shamefully. For she said, I will go after my lovers

who give *me* my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, my oil and my drinks.

⁶Therefore behold, I will fence up your way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths. ⁷And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them. She shall seek them, but shall not find them. Then she shall say, I will go and return to my first husband, for then *it was* better with me than now. ⁸For she did not know that I gave her grain, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, *which* they prepared for Baal. ⁹Therefore I will return and take away my grain in the time of it, and my wine in its season, and will recover my wool and my flax *given* to cover her nakedness. ¹⁰And now I will uncover her wickedness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of my hand. ¹¹I will also cause all her joy to cease, her feast days, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn feasts. ¹²And I will destroy her vines and her fig trees, of which she has said, These are my rewards that my lovers have given me. And I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. ¹³And I will visit upon her the days of Bā'-ā-līm, in which she burned incense to them, and she adorned herself with her earrings and her jewels, and she went after her lovers and forgot Me, says the LORD.

¹⁴Therefore behold, I will lure her and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably to her. ¹⁵And I will give her her vineyards from there, and the valley of Ā'-chôr for a door of hope. And she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt. ¹⁶And at that day, says the LORD, you shall call Me Īsh'-ī, and shall no more call Me Bā'-ā-lī. ¹⁷For I will take away the names of Bā'-ā-līm out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name. ¹⁸And in that day I will make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the heavens, and *with* the creeping things of the ground. And I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth, and will make them to lie down safely. ¹⁹And I will betroth you to Me forever. Yea, I will betroth you to Me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies. ²⁰I will even betroth you to Me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD. ²¹And in that day I will hear, says the LORD. I will hear the heavens, and they shall hear the earth, ²²and the earth shall hear the grain and the wine and the oil. And they shall hear Jēz-rēel. ²³And I will sow her to Me in the earth. And I will have mercy upon her who had not had mercy. And I will say to *those who were* not My people, You are My people. And they shall say, *Thou art* my God.

CHAPTER 3

¹Then the LORD said to me, Go yet, love a woman beloved of her friend, yet an adulteress, according to the love of the LORD toward the

children of Israel, who look to other gods and love flagons of wine. ²So I bought her to me for fifteen *pieces* of silver, and for a hō'-mēr of barley and a half homer of barley. ³And I said to her, You shall abide for me many days. You shall not play the harlot, and you shall not be for *another* man. So I will also be for you. ⁴For the children of Israel shall live many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ē'-phōd, and *without* tēr'-ā-phīm. ⁵Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the LORD their God and David their king. And *they* shall fear the LORD and His goodness in the latter days.

CHAPTER 4

¹Hear the word of the LORD, children of Israel. For the LORD has a quarrel with the people of the land, because *there is* no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. ²They break out by swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery — and blood touches blood. ³Therefore the land shall mourn, and everyone who dwells in it shall droop, with the beasts of the field and with the birds of the heavens. Yes, the fish of the sea shall also be taken away. ⁴Yet let no man strive, nor reprove another. For your people are as those who strive with the priest. ⁵Therefore you shall fall in the day, and the prophet also shall fall with you in the night, and I will destroy your mother.

⁶My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you, that you shall be no priest to Me. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children. ⁷As they were increased, so they sinned against Me. *Therefore* I will change their glory into shame. ⁸They eat up the sin of My people, and they set their heart on their iniquity. ⁹And it has become, Like people, like priest — and I will punish them for their ways and reward them for their doings. ¹⁰For they shall eat and not have enough. They shall commit fôr-nī-cā'-tion and not increase, because they have stopped taking heed to the LORD. ¹¹Fôr-nī-cā'-tion and wine and new wine take away the heart.

¹²My people seek advice from their staffs, and their rod declares to them. For the spirit of fôr-nī-cā'-tions has caused *them* to go astray, and they have gone lusting away from under their God. ¹³They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and elms, because its shade is good. Therefore your daughters shall commit fôr-nī-cā'-tion, and your wives shall commit adultery. ¹⁴I will not punish your daughters when they commit fornication, nor your wives when they commit adultery. For the *men* themselves go aside with harlots, and they sacrifice with harlots. Therefore the people *who* do not understand shall fall.

¹⁵Though you, Israel, play the harlot, *yet* do not let Judah become guilty. And do not come to Gīl'-gāl, neither go up to Bēth-ā'-vën, nor swear, As the LORD lives. ¹⁶For Israel slides back like a backsliding heifer. Now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place. ¹⁷Ē'-phrā-īm is joined to idols; let him alone. ¹⁸Their drink is gone; they have committed fornication without end. Her rulers dearly love shame. ¹⁹The wind has bound her up in her wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

CHAPTER 5

¹Hear this, O priests, and listen, house of Israel. And give ear, O house of the king. For judgment is toward you, because you have been a snare on Mizpah and a net spread upon Tā'-bôr. ²And those who have fallen away have gone deep to slaughter, though I have been a rebuker of them all. ³I know Ē'-phrā-īm, and Israel is not hidden from me. For now, O Ē'-phrā-īm, you commit fôr-ni-cá-tion *and* Israel is defiled. ⁴Their doings will not allow them to turn to their God; for the spirit of fornication is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD. ⁵And the pride of Israel testifies to his face. Therefore Israel and Ē'-phrā-īm shall fall in their iniquity; Judah also shall fall with them. ⁶They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek the LORD; but they shall not find *Him*. He has withdrawn Himself from them. ⁷They have been traitors against the LORD, for they have brought forth strange children. Now a new moon shall devour them with their portions. ⁸Blow the cornet in Gīb'-ē-āh, *and* the trumpet in Rā'-māh; cry aloud at Bēth-ā'-vën, after you, O Benjamin. ⁹Ē'-phrā-īm shall be a ruin in the day of rebuke. Among the tribes of Israel I have made known that which shall surely be. ¹⁰The princes of Judah were like those who remove a border. *Therefore* I will pour out My wrath upon them like water. ¹¹Ē'-phrā-īm is crushed *and* broken in judgment, because he willingly walked after the commandment. ¹²Therefore I will be to Ē'-phrā-īm as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rotteness. ¹³When Ē'-phrā-īm saw his sickness, and Judah *saw* his wound, then Ē'-phrā-īm went to the Assyrian and sent to king Jâr'-ēb — yet he could not heal you nor cure you of your wound. ¹⁴For I will be to Ē'-phrā-īm as a lion, and as a strong lion to the house of Judah. I, *even* I, will tear and go away. I will take away, and none shall rescue *him*.

¹⁵I will go and return to My place until they confess their guilt and seek My face — in their affliction they will seek Me early.

CHAPTER 6

¹Come and let us return to the LORD. For He has torn, and He will heal us; He has stricken, and He will bind us up. ²After two days He will bring us to life; in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall

live in His sight. ³Then we shall know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD. His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come to us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain to the earth.

⁴O Ē'-phrā-īm, what shall I do to you? O Judah, what shall I do to you? For your goodness is like a morning cloud, and as the early dew it goes away. ⁵Therefore I have cut *them* in pieces by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of My mouth. And your judgments are *like* the light that goes forth. ⁶For I desired mercy and not sacrifice, and the knowledge of God more than burnt offerings. ⁷But, like men, they have broken the covenant. They have been traitors against Me there. ⁸Gilead is a city of those who work iniquity, *and* is defiled with blood. ⁹And as troops of robbers wait for a man, *so* the company of priests murder in the way by consent — for they commit wickedness. ¹⁰I have seen a horrible thing in the house of Israel — the fôr-nĩ-cā'-tion of Ē'-phrā-īm is there; Israel is defiled. ¹¹Also, O Judah, He has set a harvest for you, when I return the captivity of My people.

CHAPTER 7

¹When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ē'-phrā-īm was uncovered, and the wickedness of Sā-mār'-ī-ā. For they have worked falsehood. And the thief comes in, *and* the troop of robbers spoils outside. ²And they do not think within their hearts that I remember all their wickedness. Now their own doings have hemmed them in; they are before My face. ³They make the king glad with their wickedness, and the princes with their lies. ⁴They are all adulterers, as an oven heated by the baker *who* ceases from waking after he has kneaded the dough, until it is leavened. ⁵In the day of our king, the princes have made *him* sick with bottles of wine. He stretches out his hand with scorners. ⁶For they have made their heart ready like an oven, while they lie in wait. Their baker sleeps all the night; in the morning it burns like a flaming fire. ⁷They are all hot as an oven, and have eaten up their judges. All their kings have fallen; *there is* none among them who calls to me. ⁸Ē'-phrā-īm has mixed himself among the people; Ē'-phrā-īm is a cake not turned. ⁹Strangers have eaten up his strength, and he does not know *it*. Yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knows it not. ¹⁰And the pride of Israel testifies to his face. And they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek Him for all this.

¹¹Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart; they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria. ¹²When they shall go, I will spread My net upon them; I will bring them down like the birds of the heavens; I will chastise them, as their congregation has heard. ¹³Woe to them! For they have fled from me. Ruin to them! because they have sinned against me. Though I have redeemed them, yet they have spoken lies against Me. ¹⁴And they have not cried to Me with their heart, when they howled

upon their beds; they gather themselves for grain and wine, *and* they rebel against Me. ¹⁵Though I have bound *and* strengthened their arms, yet they think evil against Me. ¹⁶They return, *but* not to the Most High. They are like a deceitful bow; their princes shall fall by the sword for the rage of their tongue. This shall be their scorn in the land of Egypt.

CHAPTER 8

¹Put the trumpet to your mouth. *He shall come* like an eagle against the house of the LORD, because they have broken My covenant and have sinned against My law. ²Israel shall cry to me, My God, we know Thee. ³Israel has cast off *that which is* good; the enemy shall pursue him. ⁴They have set up kings, but not by Me; they have made princes, and I knew it not. They have made themselves idols with their silver and their gold, so that they may be cut off.

⁵Your calf, O Sā-mâr'-î-ā, has cast *you* off. My anger is kindled against them; how long will they be unable to bear purity? ⁶For from Israel it *came* also. The workman made it, therefore it is not God; but the calf of Sā-mâr'-î-ā shall be broken in pieces. ⁷For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind. It has no stalk; the bud shall yield, and they shall reap the strangers shall swallow it up. ⁸Israel is swallowed up; now they shall be among the Gentiles as a vessel in which *there is* no pleasure. ⁹For they have gone up to Assyria, a wild ass alone by himself. Ē-phrā-īm has hired lovers. ¹⁰Yea, though they have hired among the nations, now I will gather them, and they shall sorrow a little for the burden of the king of princes: ¹¹Because Ē'-phrā-īm has made many altars to sin, altars shall be to him to sin. ¹²I have written to him the great things of My law, *but* they were counted as a strange thing. ¹³They sacrifice flesh for the sacrifices of My offerings, and eat *it*; *but* the LORD does not receive them. Now He will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. They shall return to Egypt. ¹⁴For Israel has forgotten his Maker, and builds temples. And Judah has multiplied cities. But I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall burn up their palaces.

CHAPTER 9

¹O Israel, rejoice not for joy, as *other* people. For you have gone lusting away from your God; you have loved a reward upon every grain floor. ²The floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail in her. ³They shall not dwell in the LORD's land; but Ē'-phrā-īm shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean *things* in Assyria. ⁴They shall not offer wine *offerings* to the LORD, neither shall they be pleasing to Him. Their sacrifices shall be like the bread of mourners to them; all who eat of them shall be defiled. For their bread for their soul shall not come into the house of the LORD. ⁵What will

you do in the solemn day, and in the day of the feast of the LORD? ⁶For lo, they have left because of ruin. Egypt shall gather them up; Memphis shall bury them. Nettles shall possess the pleasant *places* for their silver; thorns shall be in their tents. ⁷The days of judgment have come; the days of vengeance have come; Israel shall know *it*. The prophet is a fool, the spiritual man is mad, because of the greatness of your iniquity and the great hatred. ⁸The watchman of Ē'-phrā-īm was with my God. The prophet is a snare of a fowler in all his ways, and hatred in the house of his God. ⁹They have deeply corrupted *themselves*, as in the days of Gib'-ě-āh. *Therefore* He will remember their iniquity; He will punish their sins.

¹⁰I found Israel like grapes in the wilderness. I saw your fathers as the first-fruit in the fig tree at her first time. *But* they went to Bā'-āl-pē'-ōr and set themselves apart to that shameful thing; and they became hateful like that which they loved. ¹¹As for Ē'-phrā-īm, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception. ¹²Though they bring up their children, yet I will make them childless, without a man. Yea, woe also to them when I depart from them! ¹³Ē'-phrā-īm, when I looked toward Tyre, was planted in a pleasant place. But Ē'-phrā-īm shall bring forth his children to the murderer. ¹⁴Give them, O Lord — what wilt Thou give? — give them a mis-carrying womb and dry breasts. ¹⁵All their wickedness is in Gīl'-gāl, for there I hated them. I will drive them out of My house for the wickedness of their doings. I will love them no more; all their princes are revolvers. ¹⁶Ē'-phrā-īm is stricken; their root is dried up; they shall bear no fruit. Yea, though they bring forth, yet I will slay the beloved *fruit* of their womb. ¹⁷My God shall cast them away because they did not listen to Him. And they shall be wanderers among the nations.

CHAPTER 10

¹Israel is an empty vine; he brings forth fruit to himself. According to the multitude of his fruit, he has increased the altars. They have made goodly images according to the goodness of his land. ²Their heart is divided; now they shall be found guilty. He shall break down their altars, and He shall spoil their images. ³For now they shall say, We have no king because we did not fear the LORD; what then should a king do to us? ⁴They have spoken words, swearing falsely in making a covenant. So judgment springs up like hemlock in the furrows of the field. ⁵The people of Sā-mâr'-i-ā shall fear because of the calves of Bēth-ā'-vën; for its people shall mourn over it, and its priests *who* rejoiced on it for its glory *shall mourn* because it has departed from it. ⁶It shall also be carried to Assyria for a present to king Jâr'-ēb. Ē'-phrā-īm shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. ⁷As for Sā-mâr'-i-ā, her king is cut off as the foam upon the water.

⁸Also the high places of Ā'-vën, the sin of Israel, shall be destroyed. The thorn and the thistle shall come up on their altars; and they shall say to the mountains, Cover us, and to the mountains, Fall on us.

⁹O Israel, you have sinned from the days of Gîb'-ë-äh. There they stood; the battle against the children of iniquity did not overtake them in Gîb'-ë-äh. ¹⁰*It is* in My desire that I should chastise them; and the people shall be gathered against them, when they shall bind themselves in their two furrows. ¹¹And Ē'-phrā-îm is *like* a heifer *that is* taught, *and* loves to tread out *the grain*. But I passed over upon her fair neck. I will make Ē'-phrā-îm to ride; Judah shall plow, *and* Jacob shall break his clods. ¹²Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; break up your fallow ground. For it is time to seek the LORD until He comes and rains righteousness upon you. ¹³You have plowed wickedness; you have reaped iniquity; you have eaten the fruit of lies, because you trusted in your way, in the multitude of your mighty men. ¹⁴Therefore an uproar shall arise among the people, and all your fortresses shall be spoiled as Shāl'-mān spoiled Bēth-ār'-bēl in the day of battle. The mother was dashed in pieces upon *her* children. ¹⁵So Bēth'-ēl shall do to you because of your great wickedness. In a morning the king of Israel shall be utterly cut off.

CHAPTER 11

¹When Israel was a child, then I loved him and called My son out of Egypt. ²As they called them, so they went from them. They sacrificed to Bā'-ā-lîm and burned incense to graven images. ³I also taught Ē'-phrā-îm to go, taking them by their arms; but they did not know that I healed them. ⁴I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love; and I was to them as those who take off the yoke that was on their jaws, and I was laying food before them.

⁵He shall not return into the land of Egypt, but the Assyrian shall be his king, because they refused to return. ⁶And the sword shall remain on his cities, and shall destroy his branches, and devour *them*, because of their own counsels. ⁷And My people are bent to backsliding from Me. Though they called them to the Most High, none at all would exalt *Him*. ⁸How shall I give you up, Ē'-phrā-îm? *How* shall I deliver you, Israel? How shall I make you like Ād'-māh? *How* shall I set you as Zē-bō'-îm? My heart is turned within Me; My repentings are kindled together. ⁹I will not carry out the heat of My anger; I will not return to destroy Ē'-phrā-îm. For I am God and not man, the Holy One in the midst of you; and I will not enter into the city. ¹⁰They shall walk after the LORD; He shall roar like a lion. When He shall roar, then the children shall tremble from the west. ¹¹They shall tremble like a bird out of Egypt, and like a dove out of the land of Assyria. And I will place them in their houses, says the LORD. ¹²Ē'-phrā-îm circles around Me

with lies, and the house of Israel with deceit. But Judah still rules with God, and is faithful with the saints.

CHAPTER 12

¹Ē'-phrā-īm feeds on wind and follows after the east wind. He daily multiplies lies and cruelty. And they make a covenant with the Assyrians, and oil is carried into Egypt. ²The LORD also has a quarrel with Judah and will punish Jacob according to his ways; according to his doings He will repay him.

³He took his brother by the heel in the womb, and by his strength he had power with God. ⁴Yes, he wept and cried unto Him and he had power over the angel and overcame. He found him *in* Bēth'-ēl, and there He spoke with us, ⁵even the LORD God of hosts. The LORD is his memorial. ⁶Therefore turn to your God; keep mercy and judgment, and wait upon your God forever.

⁷*He is a merchant; the scales of deceit are in his hand; he loves to be cruel.* ⁸And Ē'-phrā-īm said, Yet I have become rich, I have found much wealth for myself. *In* all my labors they shall find in me no iniquity that is sin. ⁹And I the LORD, *who have been* your God from the land of Egypt, will yet make you to dwell in tents as in the days of the solemn feast. ¹⁰I have also spoken by the prophets, and I have multiplied visions and have used parables, by the ministry of the prophets. ¹¹*Is there* iniquity in Gilead? Surely they are vanity; they sacrifice bulls in Gil'-gāl. Yes, their altars are as heaps in the furrows of the fields. ¹²And Jacob fled into the country of Syria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept *sheep*. ¹³And by a prophet the LORD brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet he was kept safe. ¹⁴Ē'-phrā-īm provoked *him* to anger most bitterly; therefore he shall leave his blood upon him, and his Lord shall turn his reproach unto him.

CHAPTER 13

¹When Ē'-phrā-īm spoke trembling, he was lifted up in Israel; but when he offended in Bā'-āl, he died. ²And now they sin more and more, and have made themselves molten images of their silver *and* idols according to their own understanding, all of it the work of the craftsmen. They say of them, Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves. ³Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud and as the early dew that passes away, as the chaff *that* is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney. ⁴Yet I am the LORD your God from the land of Egypt, and you shall know no God but Me. For *there is* no Saviour besides Me.

⁵I knew you in the wilderness, in the land of great dryness. ⁶According to their pasture, so were they filled. They were filled and their heart

was lifted up. Therefore they have forgotten Me. ⁷Therefore I will be as a lion to them; as a leopard by the way I will watch *them*. ⁸I will meet them like a bear whose cubs are taken away, and will tear the lining of their heart. And there I will devour them like a lion; the wild beast shall tear them.

⁹O Israel, you have destroyed yourself; but in Me is your help. ¹⁰I will be your king; where is any other who may save you in all your cities? And *where are* your judges of whom you said, Give me a king and princes? ¹¹I gave you a king in My anger and took *him* away in My wrath. ¹²The iniquity of E'-phrā-im is bound up; his sin is hidden. ¹³The sorrows of a woman in labor pains shall come upon him. He is an unwise son; for he cannot stand still in *the time of* the breaking forth of children. ¹⁴I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues; O Grave, I will be your ruin! Repentance shall be hidden from My eyes.

¹⁵Though he is fruitful among *his* brothers, an east wind shall come. The wind of the LORD shall come up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up. He shall spoil the treasure of all desirable vessels. ¹⁶Sā-mār'-ī-ā shall become a waste, for she has rebelled against her God. They shall fall by the sword. Their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

CHAPTER 14

¹O Israel, return to the LORD your God, for you have fallen by your iniquity. ²Take with you words, and turn to the LORD. Say to Him, Take away all iniquity, and receive *us* graciously. So we will give the calves of our lips. ³Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses. Neither shall we say any more to the work of our hands, *You are* our gods, for in you the fatherless find mercy.

⁴I will heal their backslidings; I will love them freely; for My anger has turned away from him. ⁵I will be as the dew to Israel; he shall grow as the lily and cast forth his roots like Lēb'-ā-non. ⁶His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive tree, and his smell as Lēb'-ā-non. ⁷They who dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall show life *like* the grain, and grow like the vine. Their scent shall be as the wine of Lēb'-ā-non. ⁸E'-phrā-im shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have heard *him* and watched him; I am like a green fir tree. Your fruit is found from Me. ⁹Who is wise, and he shall understand these *things*? Understanding, and he shall know them? For the ways of the LORD are right, and the just shall walk in them; but sinners shall fall in them.

The Book of JOEL

CHAPTER 1

¹The word of the LORD that came to Jō'-ēl the son of Pē-thū'-ēl. ²Hear this, you old men, and give ear, all you people of the land. Has this been in your days or even in the days of your fathers? ³Tell your children of it, and *let* your children *tell* their children, and their children another generation. ⁴That which the creeping locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten. And that which the swarming locust has left, the devouring locust has eaten. And that which the devouring locust has left, the hopping locust has eaten. ⁵Awake, drunkards, and weep; and howl, all you drinkers of wine, because of the new wine; for it is cut off from your mouth. ⁶For a nation has come up upon my land, strong and without number, whose teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he has the cheek teeth of a great lion. ⁷He has laid my vine waste and barked my fig tree. He has made it completely bare and cast *it* away. Its branches are made white.

⁸Weep like a virgin clothed with sackcloth for the husband of her youth. ⁹The meal offering and the drink offering is cut off from the house of the LORD; the priests, the LORD's ministers, mourn. ¹⁰The field is wasted; the land mourns, for the grain is wasted. The new wine is dried up; the oil *tree* droops. ¹¹Be ashamed, O husbandmen; howl, O vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because the harvest of the field has perished. ¹²The vine is dried up, and the fig tree droops, the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple tree, all the trees of the field, are dried up, because joy has dried up from the sons of men. ¹³Clothe yourselves, and weep, you priests; howl, you ministers of the altar. Come, lie all night in sackcloth, you ministers of my God; for the meal offering and the drink offering is held back from the house of your God.

¹⁴Set apart a fast; call a solemn gathering. I gather the elders *and* all the people of the land into the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the Lord, ¹⁵Alas for the day! For the day of the LORD is at hand, and it shall come as a ruin from the Almighty. ¹⁶Is not the food cut off before our eyes, *and* joy and gladness from the house of our God? ¹⁷The seed is rotten under their clods; the storage bins are laid waste; the barns are broken down, for the grain has dried up. ¹⁸How the beasts groan! The herds of cattle are troubled because they have no pasture. Yes, the flocks of sheep are destroyed. ¹⁹O LORD, unto Thee will I cry; for the fire has burned up the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame has burned all the trees of the field. ²⁰The beasts of the field also cry to Thee; for the rivers of water are dried up, and the fire has burned up the pastures of the wilderness.

CHAPTER 2

¹Blow the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in My holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble; for the day of the LORD comes, for *it is near at hand*; ²a day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains; a great people and a strong *people*; there has not been ever the like, neither shall there ever be again, *even* to the years of many generations. ³A fire devours before them, and behind them a flame burns. The land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness. Yes, and nothing shall escape them. ⁴They look like horses; and like horsemen, so they shall run. ⁵They shall leap like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains, like the noise of a flame of fire that devours the stubble, like a strong people set in battle order. ⁶Before their face the people shall be much pained; all faces shall gather blackness. ⁷They shall run like mighty men. They shall climb the wall like men of war, and they shall march each one upon his way, and they shall not break their ranks. ⁸Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk each one in his path; and *when* they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded. ⁹They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall; they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief. ¹⁰The earth shall tremble before them; the heavens shall shake. The sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. ¹¹And the LORD shall utter His voice before His army; for His camp is very great; for strong is He who does His word. For the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can stand it?

¹²Yet even now, says the LORD, turn unto Me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning. ¹³Yes, tear your heart and not your robes, and turn to the LORD your God: for He is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repents of the evil. ¹⁴Who knows if He will return and repent and leave a blessing behind Him, a meal offering and a drink offering unto the LORD your God?

¹⁵Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn gathering. ¹⁶Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, gather the elders, gather the children and those who suck the breasts. Let the bridegroom go forth out of his chamber, and the bride out of her room. ¹⁷Let the priests, the ministers of the LORD, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare Thy people, O LORD, and give not Thy inheritance to shame, that the heathen should rule over them. Why should they say among the people, Where is their God?

¹⁸Then the LORD will be jealous for His land and pity His people. ¹⁹Yes, the LORD will answer and say to His people, Behold, I will send

you grain, and wine, and oil, and you shall be satisfied with it. And I will no more make you a curse among the heathen. ²⁰But I will remove the northern *army* far from you, and will drive him into a barren and deserted land, with his face toward the eastern sea and his rear toward the western sea; and his stink shall come up, and his ill odor shall come up, because he has done great things.

²¹Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice. For the LORD will do great things. ²²Do not be afraid, you beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness spring up; for the tree bears her fruit, *and* the fig tree and the vine yield their strength. ²³Be glad then, children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God. For He has given you the former rain according to righteousness, and He will cause the rain to come down for you, the former rain and the latter rain in the first *month*. ²⁴And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. ²⁵And I will restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, and the destroyer, and the cutter, My great army which I sent among you. ²⁶And you shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt with you wonderfully; and My people shall never be ashamed. ²⁷And you shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and *that* I am the LORD your God, and no one else; and My people shall never be ashamed.

²⁸And afterward I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh. And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions. ²⁹And also I will pour out My Spirit upon the menservants and upon the maidservants in those days. ³⁰And I will show wonders in the heavens *above*, and in the earth, blood and fire and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. ³²And whoever shall call upon the name of the LORD shall be saved; for salvation shall be in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, as the LORD has said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

CHAPTER 3

¹For, behold, in those days and in that time, when I will bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, ²I will also gather all nations and will bring them down into the valley of Jē-hōsh'-ā-phāt. And I will fight with them there for My people and *for* My inheritance Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and divided My land. ³And they have cast lots for My people, and have given a boy for a harlot and sold a girl for wine so that they might drink. ⁴Yea, and what have you to do with Me, O Tyre and Sī'-dōn, and all the borders of Palestine? Will you give Me a reward? And if you reward Me, swiftly *and* speedily I will turn your reward upon your own head, ⁵because you have taken My silver and My gold, and have carried My desirable

things into your temples. ⁶You have also sold the children of Judah and the children of Jerusalem to the sons of the Grecians, that you might remove them far from their border. ⁷Behold, I will raise them out of the place where you have sold them, and will turn your reward upon your own head. ⁸And I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the Sā-bé'-āns, unto a people far off; for the LORD has spoken *it*.

⁹Declare this among the Gentiles: Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up. ¹⁰Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into swords. Let the weak say, I am strong. ¹¹Gather yourselves and come, all you nations, and gather yourselves together all around; cause Thy mighty ones to come down there, O LORD. ¹²Let the nations be awakened and come up to the valley of Jē-hosh'-ā-phāt; for there I will sit to judge all the nations all around. ¹³Put in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe. Come, come down; for the press is full; the vats overflow, for their wickedness is great. ¹⁴Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision; for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. ¹⁵The sun and the moon shall be darkened, and the stars shall withdraw their shining. ¹⁶The LORD shall also roar out of Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem. And the heavens and the earth shall shake. But the LORD will be the hope of His people and the strength of the children of Israel. ¹⁷So you shall know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, My holy mountain. Then Jerusalem shall be holy, and no strangers shall pass through her any more.

¹⁸And in that day the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shīt'-tim. ¹⁹Egypt shall be a ruin, and Ē'-dom shall be a deserted wilderness, because of the violence *against* the children of Judah; for they have shed innocent blood in their land. ²⁰But Judah shall dwell forever, and Jerusalem shall be from generation to generation. For I will cleanse their blood *which* I have not cleansed; for the LORD dwells in Zion.

The Book of AMOS

CHAPTER 1

¹The words of Amos, who was among the herdmen of Tē-kō'ā — *the word* which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Ūz-zī'āh king of Judah, and in the days of Jēr-ō-bō'ām the son of Jō'āsh king of Israel, two years before the earthquake.

²And he said, The LORD will roar from Zion and utter His voice from Jerusalem; and the pastures of the shepherds shall mourn, and the top of Carmel shall dry up. ³Thus says the LORD: For three transgressions of Damascus, yea for four, I will not turn away from it; because they have threshed Gilead with threshing instruments of iron. ⁴But I will send a fire into the house of Hā-zā'ēl, which shall devour the palaces of Bēn-hā'dād. ⁵I will also break the bar of Damascus, and cut off the dweller from the plain of Ā'vèn and from him who holds the scepter from the house of Eden. And the people of Syria shall go into captivity to Kir, says the LORD.

⁶Thus says the LORD: For three transgressions of Gā'zā, yea for four, I will not turn away from it; because they carried the whole captivity away captive in order to deliver *them* up to Edom. ⁷But I will send a fire on the wall of Gā'zā, which shall devour its palaces. ⁸And I will cut off the people from Āsh'dōd, and him who holds the scepter from Āsh'kē-lōn, and I will turn My hand against Ēk'rōn. And the rest of the Philistines shall perish, says the Lord GOD.

⁹Thus says the LORD: For three transgressions of Tyre, yea for four, I will not turn away from it. Because they delivered up the whole captivity to Ē'-dom, and did not remember the brotherly covenant. ¹⁰But I will send a fire upon the wall of Tyre, which shall devour the palaces of it.

¹¹Thus says the LORD: For three transgressions of Ē'-dom, yea for four, I will not turn away from it. Because he pursued his brother with the sword, and cast off all pity, and his anger tore without end, and he kept his wrath forever. ¹²But I will send a fire upon Tē'mān, which shall devour the palaces of Bōz'rāh.

¹³Thus says the LORD: For three transgressions of the children of Ām'mōn, yea for four, I will not turn away from it. Because they have ripped up the women of Gilead *who were* with child, so that they might make their *own* border larger. ¹⁴But I will kindle a fire in the wall of Rāb'bāh, and it shall devour the palaces of it, with shouting in the day of battle, with a storm in the day of the whirlwind. ¹⁵And their king shall go into captivity, he and his princes together, says the LORD.

CHAPTER 2

¹Thus says the LORD: For three transgressions of Moab, yea for four, I will not turn away from it; because he burned the bones of the king of Ē'-dom into lime. ²But I will send a fire upon Mō'-āb, and it shall devour the palaces of Kēr'-ī-ōth. And Moab shall die with great noise, with shouting, with the sound of a trumpet. ³And I will cut off the judge from the midst of it, and will kill all its princes with him, says the LORD.

⁴Thus says the LORD: For three transgressions of Judah, yea for four, I will not turn away from it; because they have despised the laws of the LORD and have not kept His commandments. And their lies have caused them to go astray after which their fathers have walked. ⁵But I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

⁶Thus says the LORD: For three transgressions of Israel, yea for four, I will not turn away from it; because they sold the righteous for silver, and the poor for a pair of shoes; ⁷who pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek. And a man and his father will go in unto the *same* woman, to defile My holy name. ⁸And they lay *themselves* down beside every altar on clothes taken for pledge, and they drink the wine of the condemned in the house of their god.

⁹Yet I destroyed the Ām'-ōr-īte before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above and his roots from below. ¹⁰Also I brought you up from the land of Egypt and led you forty years through the wilderness to possess the land of the Ām'-ōr-īte. ¹¹And I raised up prophets from your sons and Nāz'-ā-rītes from your young men. *Is it* not even so, O children of Israel? says the LORD. ¹²But you gave the Nāz'-ā-rītes wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, saying, Do not prophesy. ¹³Behold, I am pressed under you, as a cart *that is full* of sheaves is pressed. ¹⁴Therefore the flight shall perish from the swift, and the strong shall not strengthen his power. Neither shall the mighty deliver himself; ¹⁵neither shall he who handles the bow stand; and *he who is* swift of foot shall not deliver *himself*. Neither shall he who rides the horse deliver himself. ¹⁶And *he who is* courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, says the LORD.

CHAPTER 3

¹Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, ²You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities. ³Can two walk

together unless they are agreed? ⁴Will a lion roar in the forest when he has no prey? Will a young lion cry out of his den if he has taken nothing? ⁵Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth where no trap *is* set for him? Shall *one* take up a snare from the earth and have taken nothing at all? ⁶Shall a trumpet be blown in the city and the people not be afraid? Shall there be calamity in a city and the LORD has not done *it*? ⁷Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing unless He reveals His secret unto His servants the prophets. ⁸The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord GOD has spoken; who can but prophesy?

⁹Cry out on the palaces of Āsh'-dōd, and on the palaces in the land of Egypt, and say: Gather yourselves upon the mountains of Sā-mār'-ī-ā, and behold the great uproars in its midst, and the oppressed in its midst. ¹⁰For they do not know *how* to do right, says the LORD, *those* who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. ¹¹Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: O an enemy! and *he* shall be all around the land; and he shall bring you down from your strength, and your palaces shall be spoiled. ¹²Thus says the LORD: As the shepherd takes two legs out of the mouth of the lion, or a piece of an ear; so shall the children of Israel be taken out, *those* who dwell in Sā-mār'-ī-ā in the corner of a bed, and in Damascus *in* a couch. ¹³Hear and testify in the house of Jacob, says the Lord GOD, the God of hosts, ¹⁴for in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of Bēth'-ēl. And the horns of the altar shall be cut off and shall fall to the ground. ¹⁵And I will strike the house *together* with the summer house, and the houses of ivory shall perish; and the great houses shall have an end, says the LORD.

CHAPTER 4

¹Hear this word, cows of Bā'-shān who are in the mountain of Sā-mār'-ī-ā — *you* who press down the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their masters, Bring and let us drink. ²The Lord GOD has sworn by His holiness *that* the days shall come upon you that he will take you away with hooks, and your children with fishhooks. ³And you shall go out at the breaks, each *one straight* before her. And you shall cast *them* into the palace, says the LORD.

⁴Come to Bethel and transgress; to Gil'-gāl *and* multiply transgressions. And bring your sacrifices every morning *and* your tithes after three years; ⁵and offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving with leaven, and cry out *and* publish the free offerings! For so you love to do, O children of Israel, says the Lord GOD.

⁶And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and lack of bread in all your places. Yet you have not returned unto Me, says the LORD. ⁷And I have also withheld the rain from you, when *there were* yet three months to the harvest. And I caused it to rain upon one

city and caused it not to rain upon another city; one piece was rained upon, and the piece upon which it did not rain dried up. ⁸So two or three cities wandered to one city in order to drink water, but they were not satisfied – yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD. ⁹I have stricken you with blasting and mildew. When your gardens and your vineyards and your olive trees increased, the creeping locust devoured *them* – yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD. ¹⁰I have sent the plague among you in the way of Egypt; I have slain your young men with the sword, and have taken away your horses. And I have made the stink of your camps to come up into your nostrils – yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD. ¹¹I have overthrown *some* of you, as God overthrew Sodom and Gō-mōr'-rāh, and you were like a firebrand plucked out of the burning – yet you have not returned to Me, says the LORD. ¹²Therefore I will do this to you, O Israel; *and* because I will do this to you, prepare to meet your God, O Israel. ¹³For lo, He forms the mountains and creates the wind, and declares to man what his thought is – *He* who makes the morning darkness and treads upon the high places of the earth – the LORD, the God of hosts, is His name.

CHAPTER 5

¹Hear this word which I take up against you, *even* a weeping, O house of Israel. ²The virgin of Israel has fallen; she shall rise no more; she is forsaken upon her land. There is none to raise her up. ³For thus says the Lord GOD: The city that went out *by* a thousand shall leave a hundred, and that which went forth *by* a hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.

⁴For thus says the LORD to the house of Israel: Seek Me, and you shall live. ⁵But do not seek Bethel nor enter into Gil'-gāl, and do not pass to Bēer-shē'-bā; for Gil'-gāl shall surely go into captivity, and Bethel shall come to nothing. ⁶Seek the LORD, and you shall live; lest He break out like a fire in the house of Joseph and devour *it*, and *there be* none to put *it* out in Bethel. ⁷You who turn judgment to wormwood and leave off righteousness in the earth, ⁸*seek Him* who makes the Plēi'-ā-dēs and Ō-rī'-on, and who turns the shadow of death into the morning and makes the day dark with night. *Seek Him* who calls for the waters of the sea, and pours them out upon the face of the earth – the LORD is His name – ⁹who strengthens the ones who are robbed against the strong, so that the ones who are robbed shall come against the fortress. ¹⁰They hate him who rebukes in the gate, and they despise him who speaks uprightly. ¹¹Therefore, because your walking is upon the poor, and you take burdens of wheat from him – you have built houses of carved stone, but you shall not dwell in them – you have planted desirable vineyards, but you shall not drink wine from them. ¹²For I know your

many transgressions and your mighty sins. They afflict the just, they take a bribe, and they turn aside the poor in the gate. ¹³Therefore the understanding ones shall keep silent in that time; for it is an evil time. ¹⁴Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, shall be with you, as you have spoken. ¹⁵Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate. It may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph. ¹⁶Therefore the LORD, the God of hosts, the Master, says this: Wailing shall be in all streets; and they shall say in all the highways, Alas! Alas! And they shall call the husbandmen to mourning, and those who are skillful in mourning to wailing. ¹⁷And *there shall be* wailing in all vineyards; for I will pass through you, says the LORD. ¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD! To what end is it for you? The day of the LORD is darkness and not light — ¹⁹as if a man fled from a lion, and a bear met him; or went into the house and leaned his hand upon the wall, and a snake bit him. ²⁰Shall not the day of the LORD be darkness and not light? Even very dark, and no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your feast days, and I will not delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Though you offer Me burnt offerings and your meal offerings, I will not be pleased. Neither will I regard the peace offerings of your fat animals. ²³Take the noise of your songs away from Me; for I will not hear the melody of your viols. ²⁴But let judgment roll down like waters, and righteousness like a mighty stream. ²⁵Have you offered sacrifices and offerings to Me forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? ²⁶But you have carried the tent of your Mō'-lōch and Chi'-ün your images, the star of your god which you made to yourselves. ²⁷Therefore I will cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, says the LORD, whose name is the God of hosts.

CHAPTER 6

¹Woe unto them *who are* at ease in Zion, and trust in the mountain of Sā-mār'-ī-ā, *who are* named chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel came! ²Pass to Cāl'-nēh, and see; and from there go to Hā'-māth the great. Then go down to Gath of the Philistines. Are *they* better than these kingdoms, or their border greater than your border? ³You who put the evil day far away, and cause the seat of violence to come near; ⁴who lie upon beds of ivory and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock and the calves out of the midst of the stall; ⁵who chant to the sound of the viol *and* invent instruments of music for themselves, like David; ⁶who drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief ointments; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph!

⁷Therefore now they shall go captive with the first who go captive, and the banquet of those who stretch themselves shall be removed.

⁸The Lord GOD has sworn by Himself, says the LORD, the God of hosts: I despise the glory of Jacob, and hate his palaces; therefore I will deliver up the city with all that is in it. ⁹And if there remain ten men in one house, they shall die. ¹⁰And a man's uncle shall take him up, and he who burns him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say to him who is by the sides of the house, *Is there still anyone with you?* And he shall say, No. Then he shall say, Hold your tongue; for we may not make mention of the name of the LORD. ¹¹For, behold, the LORD commands, and He will strike the great house with breaks, and the little house with tears.

¹²Shall horses run upon the rock? Will *one* plow *there* with oxen? For you have turned judgment into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into hemlock — ¹³you who rejoice in a thing of nothing, who say, Have we not taken horns to ourselves by our own strength? ¹⁴But behold, I will raise a nation up against you, O house of Israel, says the Lord, the God of hosts. And they shall afflict you from the entering in of Hā-māth unto the river of the wilderness.

CHAPTER 7

¹Thus has the Lord GOD showed me. And behold, He formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and lo, *it was* the latter growth after the king's mowings. ²And when they had made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord GOD, forgive, I pray Thee. By whom shall Jacob arise? For he is small. ³The LORD repented for this; it shall not be, says the LORD.

⁴Thus the Lord GOD showed me. And behold, the Lord GOD called for fire to plead *His case*, and it devoured the great deep and ate up a part. ⁵Then I said, O Lord GOD, cease, I pray Thee. By whom shall Jacob arise? For he is small. ⁶The LORD repented for this; this also shall not be, says the Lord GOD.

⁷Thus He showed me. And behold, the Lord stood upon a wall *made* by a plumb-line, with a plumb-line in his hand. ⁸And the LORD said to me, Amos, what do you see? And I said, A plumb-line. Then the Lord said, Behold, I will set a plumb-line in the midst of My people Israel. I will not again pass by them any more. ⁹And the high places of Isaac shall be wasted, and the holy places of Israel shall be laid waste; and I will rise against the house of Jēr-ō-bō'-ām with the sword.

¹⁰Then Ām-ā-zī'-āh the priest of Bethel sent to Jēr-ō-bō'-ām king of Israel, saying, Amos has plotted against you in the midst of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹For so Amos says: Jēr-ō-bō'-ām shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of their own land. ¹²Also Ām-ā-zī'-āh said to Amos, O seer, go, flee into the land of Judah; and eat bread there, and prophesy there.

¹³But do not prophesy again any more at Bethel; for it is the king's temple, and it is the king's court.

¹⁴Then Amos answered and said to Ām-ā-zī'-āh: I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son. But I was a herdsman and a gatherer of sycamore fruit; ¹⁵and the LORD took me as I followed the flock, and the LORD said to me, Go, prophesy to My people Israel.

¹⁶Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not drop *your words* against the house of Isaac. ¹⁷Therefore thus says the LORD: Your wife shall be a harlot in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be divided by line. And you shall die in a defiled land; and Israel shall surely go into captivity out of his land.

CHAPTER 8

¹Thus the Lord GOD showed me. And behold, a basket of summer fruit. ²And He said, Amos, what do you see? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then the LORD said to me, The end has come upon My people of Israel: I will never pass by them any more. ³And the songs of the temple shall be howlings in that day, says the Lord GOD. *There shall be many dead bodies in every place; they shall cast them out with silence.*

⁴Hear this, O you who swallow up the needy, even to make the poor of the land to fail, ⁵saying, When will the new moon be gone so that we may sell grain? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ē'-phāh small and the shekel great, and perverting the balances by deceit? ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals; and sell the chaff of the wheat? ⁷The LORD has sworn by the Glory of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. ⁸Shall not the land tremble for this, and everyone who dwells in it mourn? And it shall rise up wholly like a flood; and it shall be cast out and drowned as *by* the flood of Egypt. ⁹And in that day, says the Lord GOD, I will cause the sun to go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in the third day. ¹⁰And I will turn your feast into mourning, and all your songs into weeping; and I will bring up sackcloth upon all loins, and baldness upon every head. And I will make it like the mourning of an only *son*, and the end of it like a bitter day.

¹¹Behold, the days come, says the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land — not a famine of bread nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD. ¹²And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east; they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*. ¹³In that day the fair virgins and the young men shall faint for thirst. ¹⁴They who swear by the sin of Sā-mār'-ī-ā and say, Your God, O Dan, lives; and, The way of Bēer-shē'-bā lives — even they shall fall and never rise up again.

CHAPTER 9

¹I saw the Lord standing upon the altar. And He said, Strike the capital of the door, so that the posts may shake; and break them upon the heads of all the people. And I will kill the last of them with the sword. He who flees from them shall not get away, and he who escapes from them shall not be delivered. ²Though they dig into hell, there My hand shall take them. Though they climb up to Heaven, there I will bring them down. ³And though they hide themselves in the top of Carmel, I will search and take them out from there. And though they are hidden from My sight in the bottom of the sea, I will command the serpent there, and he shall bite them. ⁴And though they go into captivity before their enemies, I will command the sword there, and it shall kill them; and I will set My eyes upon them for evil, and not for good. ⁵And the Lord GOD of hosts is he who touches the land, and it shall melt, and all who dwell in it shall mourn. And it shall rise up wholly like a flood, and shall be drowned as *by* the flood of Egypt. ⁶*It is* He who builds His upper rooms in the heavens, and has founded His vault upon the earth; He who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the face of the earth — the LORD is His name. ⁷Are you not like children of the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-āns to Me, O children of Israel? says the LORD. Have I not brought Israel up out of the land of Egypt? and the Philistines from Cāph'-tôr, and the Syrians from Kīr? ⁸Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth — except that I will not completely destroy the house of Jacob, says the LORD. ⁹For lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like *grain* is sifted in a sieve, yet not a grain shall fall upon the earth. ¹⁰All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, *those* who say, The evil shall not overtake nor go before us.

¹¹In that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David that has fallen, and close up the breaks of it; and I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old — ¹²so that they may possess the remnant of Edom and of all the heathen upon whom My name is called, says the LORD who does this. ¹³Behold, the days come, says the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes *shall overtake* him who sows seed. And the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. ¹⁴And I will again bring the captivity of My people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities and live in *them*; and they shall plant vineyards and drink the wine of them. They shall also make gardens and eat the fruit of them. ¹⁵And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, says the LORD your God.

The Book of OBADIAH

¹The vision of Ō-bā-dī'-āh. Thus says the Lord GOD concerning Ē'-dōm: We have heard a rumor from the LORD, and an ambassador is sent among the nations — arise, and let us rise up against her in battle. ²Behold, I have made you small among the nations; you are greatly despised.

³The pride of your heart has deceived you, you who dwell in the clefts of the rocks, whose dwelling is high; who say in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? ⁴Though you lift *yourself* up like the eagle, and though you set your nest among the stars, I will bring you down from there, says the LORD. ⁵If thieves came to you, if robbers *came* by night (how you are cut off!), would they not have stolen until they had enough? If the grape-gatherers came to you, would they not leave *some* grapes? ⁶How *the things* of Esau are searched out! *How* his hidden things are sought out! ⁷All the men of your covenant have brought you to the border; the men who were at peace with you have deceived you *and* have overcome you. *Those who eat* your bread have laid a snare under you; *there is* no understanding in them. ⁸Shall I not in that day even destroy the wise *men* out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau, says the LORD? ⁹And your mighty *men*, O Tē'-mān, shall be afraid, so that everyone from the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter.

¹⁰Shame shall cover you for *your* violence against your brother Jacob, and you shall be cut off forever. ¹¹In the day that you stood on the other side, in the day that the strangers carried his forces away captive, and foreigners entered into his gates and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even you were like one of them. ¹²But you should not have looked on the day of your brother in the day that he became a stranger; neither should you have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their ruin; nor should you have spoken proudly in the day of distress. ¹³You should not have entered into the gate of My people in the day of their calamity; yea, you should not have looked on their affliction in the day of their calamity, nor have laid *hands* on their possessions in the day of their calamity. ¹⁴Neither should you have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his who escape; nor should you have delivered up those of his who remained in the day of distress. ¹⁵For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations; as you have done, it shall be done to you. Your reward shall return upon your own head. ¹⁶For as you have drunk upon My holy mountain, *so* all the nations shall drink forever. Yes, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.

¹⁷But upon Mount Zion shall be those who escape, and it shall be holy; and the house of Jacob shall have their own possessions. ¹⁸And

the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau shall be for stubble. And they shall kindle in them and burn them up. And there shall be none remaining of the house of Esau; for the LORD has spoken *it*. ¹⁹And *those of* the south shall possess the mountain of Esau; and those of the plain *shall possess* the Philistines. And they shall possess the fields of Ē'-phrā-īm and the fields of Sā-mâr'-ī-ă; and Benjamin *shall possess* Gilead. ²⁰And the captivity of this army of the children of Israel *shall possess* that of the Cā'-nāan-ītes, *even* unto Zār'-ě-phāth; and the captivity of Jerusalem shall possess that which is in Sē-phâr'-ād, the cities of the south. ²¹And deliverers shall come upon Zion to judge the mountain of Esau; and the kingdom shall be the LORD's.

The Book of JONAH

CHAPTER 1

¹ Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Ā-mīt'-tai, saying, ² Arise, go to Nin'-ĕ-vēh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me. ³ But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tār'-shish from the presence of the LORD. And *he* went down to Jōp'-pā. And he found a ship going to Tār'-shish; so he paid the fare of it, and went down into it, in order to go with them to Tār'-shish, away from the presence of the LORD.

⁴ But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty storm in the sea, so that the ship was likely to be broken. ⁵ Then the seamen were afraid, and each man cried to his god and cast forth the goods that were in the ship into the sea in order to lighten *it*. But Jonah had gone down into the inside of the ship; and he lay there, and was fast asleep. ⁶ So the shipmaster came to him and said to him, What do you mean, O sleeper? Arise, call upon your God! It may be that God will think upon us so that we do not perish? ⁷ And they said, each one to his fellow, Come and let us cast lots, so that we may know who has caused this evil *to come* upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. ⁸ Then they said to him, We pray you, tell us, for what reason this evil has come upon us. What is your business? And where do you come from? Where is your country? And of what people are you? ⁹ And he said to them, I am a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who has made the sea and the dry land. ¹⁰ Then the men were afraid with a great fear. And *they* said to him, Why have you done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

¹¹ Then they said to him, What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm unto us? For the sea grew more and more stormy. ¹² And he said to them, Take me up and throw me out into the sea. And the sea shall be calm to you; for I know that this great storm has come upon you for my sake. ¹³ Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; but they could not, for the sea became more and more stormy against them. ¹⁴ Therefore they cried to the LORD and said, We pray Thee, O LORD, we pray Thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and do not lay upon us innocent blood. For Thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased Thee. ¹⁵ So they took Jonah up and threw him out into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.

¹⁷ Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

CHAPTER 2

¹Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God out of the fish's belly, ²and said, I cried because of my affliction to the LORD, and He heard me; out of the belly of hell I cried; Thou didst hear my voice. ³For Thou hadst cast me into the deep in the midst of the seas, and the floods were all around me. All Thy billows and Thy waves passed over me. ⁴Then I said, I am cast out of Thy sight; yet I will look again toward Thy holy temple. ⁵The waters were all around me, *even* to the soul; the depth closed around me; the weeds were wrapped around my head. ⁶I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was around me forever; yet Thou hast brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. ⁷When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD; and my prayer came in unto Thee, into Thy holy temple. ⁸They who take heed to lying vanities forsake their own mercy; ⁹but I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* which I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD!

¹⁰And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry *land*.

CHAPTER 3

¹And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying, ²Arise, go to Nin'-ĕ-vĕh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I commanded you. ³So Jonah arose and went to Nin'-ĕ-vĕh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'-ĕ-vĕh was a very great city of three days' journey. ⁴And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried and said, Yet forty days and Nin'-ĕ-vĕh shall be overthrown.

⁵So the people of Nin'-ĕ-vĕh believed God. And *they* called a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. ⁶For word came to the king of Nin'-ĕ-vĕh, and he arose from his throne. And he laid his robe from him, and covered *himself* with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷And he caused *it* to be cried out and published throughout Nin'-ĕ-vĕh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor animal, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed nor drink water. ⁸But let man and animal be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God. Yes, let them each one turn from his evil way, and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from His hot anger, so that we do not perish?

¹⁰And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way. And God repented of the evil that He had said He would do unto them, and He did not do it.

CHAPTER 4

¹But it displeased Jonah very much, and he was very angry. ²And he prayed unto the LORD and said, O LORD, was this not my saying when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tār'-shish. For I knew that Thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and *Thou* dost repent of the evil. ³Therefore now, O LORD, I pray Thee, take my life from me. For *it is* better for me to die than to live. ⁴Then the LORD said, Do you do well to be angry?

⁵So Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city. And he made himself a booth there and sat under it in the shadow, until he might see what would become of the city. ⁶And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made *it* to come up over Jonah, so that it might be a shadow over his head, in order to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah rejoiced with great joy because of the gourd. ⁷But God prepared a worm when the morning dawned the next day. And it struck the gourd so that it withered. ⁸And when the sun arose, God prepared a cutting east wind. And the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, so that he fainted and wished that he might die. And *he* said, *It is* better for me to die than to live. ⁹And God said to Jonah, Do you well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, *even* unto death. ¹⁰Then the LORD said, You have had pity on the gourd, for which you had not labored, neither made it grow — which came up in a night and perished in a night — ¹¹And should I not spare Nin'-ē-vēh, that great city, in which are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot tell between their right hand and their left hand, besides much cattle?

The Book of MICAH

CHAPTER 1

¹The word of the LORD that came to Mî'-câh the Mō-rās'-thîte in the days of Jō'-thām, Ahaz, *and* Hēz-ē-kî'-âh, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Sā-mâr'-î-â and Jerusalem. ²Hear, all you people; listen, O earth, and all that is in it. And let the Lord GOD be witness against you, the Lord from His holy temple. ³For behold, the LORD comes forth out of His place, and will come down and walk upon the high places of the earth. ⁴And the mountains shall be melted under *Him*, and the valleys shall tear themselves, as wax before the fire, *and* as waters poured down a steep place. ⁵All this is for the transgression of Jacob and for the sins of the house of Israel. What is the transgression of Jacob? *Is it* not Sā-mâr'-î-â? And what are the high places of Judah? *Are they* not Jerusalem? ⁶Therefore I will make Sā-mâr'-î-â like a heap of the field, *and* like plantings of a vineyard; and I will pour down the stones of it into the valley, and I will uncover its foundations. ⁷And all the graven images of it shall be beaten to pieces, and all its gifts shall be burned with the fire, and I will destroy all its idols. For she gathered *it* from the reward of a harlot, and they shall return to the reward of a harlot. ⁸Therefore I will wail and howl; I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the jackals, and mourning like the ostriches. ⁹For her wound cannot be cured; for it has come as far as Judah. He has come to the gate of my people, unto Jerusalem.

¹⁰Do not declare *it* at Gath; weep not at all; in the house of Āph'-râh roll yourself in the dust. ¹¹Pass away, O dweller of Sā'-phîr, having your shame naked. The dweller of Zā'-â-nân has not come forth; the mourning of Bēth-ē'-zēl shall take from you his standing. ¹²For the dweller of Mâr'-ōth waited carefully for good; but evil came down from the LORD to the gate of Jerusalem. ¹³O inhabitant of Lā'-chîsh, bind the chariot to the swift steed; she is the beginning of the sin to the daughter of Zion, for the sins of Israel were found in you. ¹⁴Therefore you shall give presents to Mō'-rēsh-ēth-gâth; the houses of Āch'-zîb shall be a lie to the kings of Israel. ¹⁵Yet I will bring an heir unto you, O dweller of Mā-rē'-shâh; he shall come unto Ā-dûl'-lām the glory of Israel. ¹⁶Make yourself bald, and cut off your hair for the children of your delight; make your baldness large like the eagle; for they have gone into captivity from you.

CHAPTER 2

¹Woe unto those who plot iniquity and work evil upon their beds! When the morning is light they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand. ²And they covet fields and take *them* by violence — and houses, and take *them* away. So they defraud a man and his household,

even a man and his inheritance. ³Therefore thus says the LORD: Behold, against this family I plan an evil from which you shall not remove your necks; neither shall you go proudly, for this time is evil.

⁴In that day *one* shall take up a parable against you and mourn with a mourning of mournings, saying, We shall be completely stripped. He has changed the share of my people; how He has removed *it* from me! Instead of restoring, he has divided our fields. ⁵Therefore you shall have none that shall cast a cord by lot in the congregation of the LORD. ⁶Prophecy not as they prophesy; they shall not prophesy to them, so *that* they shall not take shame.

⁷*O you who are* named the house of Jacob, is the Spirit of the LORD limited? Are these His doings? Do not My words do good to him who walks uprightly? ⁸Even yesterday, My people has risen up like an enemy; you strip off the inner robe along with the outer robe, from those who pass by trustfully, as men seeking no war. ⁹You have thrown the wives of My people out from their pleasant houses; from their children you have taken away My glory forever. ¹⁰Arise and depart! For this is not your rest; because it is defiled, it shall destroy *you* even with a grievous ruin. ¹¹If a man walks with the wind and lies falsely, *saying*, I will prophesy unto you of wine and of strong drink — he shall even be the prophet of this people.

¹²I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob; and I will surely gather the remnant of Israel. I will put them together like the sheep of Böz'-räh, like the flock in the midst of their fold. They shall make great noise because of men. ¹³The breaker has come up before them; they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and have gone out by it. And their king shall pass before them, and the LORD at the head of them.

CHAPTER 3

¹And I said, I pray you, hear, O heads of Jacob and you princes of the house of Israel. *Is it* not for you to know judgment? ²*You* who hate the good and love the evil; who pull their skin off of them, and their flesh from their bones; ³who also eat the flesh of My people, and strip their skin off of them. And they break their bones and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the pot. ⁴Then they shall cry unto the LORD, but He will not hear them. He will even hide His face from them at that time, as they have behaved themselves evilly in their doings.

⁵Thus says the LORD concerning the prophets who make My people err, who bite with their teeth and cry, Peace, when their teeth have anything to bite. And whoever does not put *something* into their mouths, they even prepare war against them. ⁶Therefore night shall be unto

you, so that you shall not have a vision; and it shall be dark to you, so that you shall not divine; and the sun shall go down over the prophets, and the day shall be dark over them. ⁷Then the seers shall be ashamed, and the diviners ashamed; yea, they shall all cover their lips; for *there is no answer from God.*

⁸But truly I am full of power by the Spirit of the LORD, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin. ⁹I pray you, hear this, you heads of the house of Jacob, and princes of the house of Israel, who hate judgment and pervert all equity. ¹⁰They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. ¹¹The heads of it judge for reward, and the priests of it teach for pay, and the prophets of it divine for money — yet they will lean upon the LORD and say, Is not the LORD among us? No evil can come upon us! ¹²Therefore, on account of you, Zion shall be plowed *as* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house shall be like the high places of the forest.

CHAPTER 4

¹But in the last days the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. ²And many nations shall come and say, Come and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD and to the house of the God of Jacob. And He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths; for the law shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

³And He shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. ⁴But they shall sit each one under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make *them* afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken *it*. ⁵For all people will walk, each one in the name of his god; and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever. ⁶In that day, says the LORD, I will gather her who is lame, and I will gather her who is driven out and her whom I have afflicted. ⁷And I will make her who limped a remnant, and her who was cast off a strong nation; and the LORD shall reign over them in Mount Zion from now on, even forever.

⁸And you, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto you it shall come, even the chief dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem. ⁹Now why do you cry aloud? *Is there* no king in you? Has your counselor perished? For pangs have taken you like a woman in labor. ¹⁰Be in pain and labor to bring forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman in labor — for now you shall go forth out of the city, and you shall dwell in the field; and you shall go to

Babylon. There you shall be delivered; there the LORD shall redeem you from the hand of your enemies.

¹¹Now also many nations are gathered against you, who say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion. ¹²But they do not know the thoughts of the LORD, neither do they understand His wisdom; for He shall gather them like the sheaves into the floor. ¹³Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; for I will make your horn iron, and I will make your hoofs brass; and you shall beat many people into pieces. And I will give their gain unto the LORD, and their wealth to the Lord of the whole earth.

CHAPTER 5

¹Now gather yourself in troops, O daughter of troops; he has laid siege against us; they shall strike the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

²And you, Bēth'-lē-hēm Ēph'-rā-tāh, you who are little among the thousands of Judah, out of you He shall come forth unto Me to be ruler of Israel, *He* whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting. ³Therefore He will give them up until the time *that* she who labors has brought forth; then the rest of His brothers shall return to the children of Israel. ⁴And He shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; and they shall remain. For now He shall be great unto the ends of the earth. ⁵And this One shall be peace.

When the Assyrian shall come into our land; and when he shall walk in our palaces, then we shall raise against him seven shepherds and eight princes from among men. ⁶And they shall devour the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nīm'-rōd with her own naked swords; so He shall deliver us from the Assyrian, when he comes into our land and when He walks within our borders. ⁷And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, which do not wait for man nor wait for the sons of men.

⁸And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people like a lion among the beasts of the forest, like a strong lion among the flocks of sheep; who both tramples down and tears in pieces if he goes through, and *there is* none to deliver. ⁹Your hand shall be lifted up upon your foes, and all your enemies shall be cut off. ¹⁰And in that day, says the LORD, I will cut off your horses out of your midst, and I will destroy your chariots. ¹¹And I will cut off the cities of your land, and throw down all your strongholds. ¹²And I will cut off witchcrafts out of your hand, and you shall have fortunetellers no *more*. ¹³I will also cut off your graven images, and your statues out of the midst of you; and you shall never again worship the work of your hands.

¹⁴And I will pluck your groves out of the midst of you; so I will destroy your cities. ¹⁵And I will execute vengeance in anger and fury upon the nations, such as they have not heard.

CHAPTER 6

¹Hear now what the LORD says: Arise, contend with the mountains and let the hills hear your voice. ²O mountains, hear the LORD's case, and you strong foundations of the earth — for the LORD has a quarrel with His people, and He will plead His case with Israel. ³O My people, what have I done to you? And in what have I made you weary? Testify against Me! ⁴For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed you out of the house of servants; and I sent Moses, Aaron, and Mīr'-ī-ām before you. ⁵O My people, remember now what Bā'-lāk king of Moab planned and what Bā'-lāam the son of Bē'-ôr answered him from Shīt'-tīm to Gil'-gāl, so that you may know the righteousness of the LORD.

⁶With what shall I come before the LORD *and* bow myself before God the Most High? Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, with calves of a year old? ⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn *for* my transgression, the fruit of my body *for* the sin of my soul? ⁸He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you but to do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God? ⁹The LORD's voice cries to the city, and *it is* sound wisdom to fear Thy name. Hear the rod and Him who has appointed it.

¹⁰Are the treasures of wickedness still in the house of the wicked, and the short measure *that is* hateful? ¹¹Shall I count *those* with the wicked scales pure, and *those* with the bag of deceitful weights? ¹²For its rich men are full of violence, and its people have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth. ¹³Therefore I also have made *you* sick by striking you, laying *you* waste because of your sins. ¹⁴You shall eat but not be satisfied; and your casting down shall be in the midst of you. And you shall take hold, but shall not deliver; and *that* which you deliver I will give up to the sword. ¹⁵You shall sow, but you shall not reap; you shall tread the olives, but you shall not anoint yourself with oil; and sweet wine, but shall not drink wine.

¹⁶For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and you walk in their counsels, so that I should make you a ruin and its people a hissing; therefore you shall bear the shame of My people.

CHAPTER 7

¹Woe is me! For I am like the gatherings of the summer fruits, like the grape-gleanings of the vintage. *There is* no cluster to eat; my soul

desires the firstripe fruit. ²The good *man* has perished from the earth, and *there is* none upright among men. For they all lie in wait for blood; each one hunts his brother with a net.

³They have both hands upon that which is evil, to do it well. The prince asks for a bribe, and the judge also; and the great man speaks the evil desire of his soul. So they weave it together. ⁴The best of them is like a briar; the most upright *is sharper* than a hedge of thorns. The day of your watchmen *and* your punishment comes; now their shame shall come.

⁵Put no trust in a friend; put no hope in a guide; keep the door of your mouth from her who lies in your bosom. ⁶For the son dishonors the father; the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. A man's enemies are the men of his own household. ⁷Therefore I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me!

⁸Rejoice not against me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light to me. ⁹I will bear the fury of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until He pleads my cause and brings forth judgment for me. He will bring me forth to the light, *and* I shall behold His righteousness. ¹⁰Then my enemy shall see it; and shame shall cover her who said to me, Where is the LORD your God? My eyes shall behold her; now she shall be trampled down like the mud of the streets. ¹¹*In* the day that your walls are to be built, *in* that day the decree shall be far removed. ¹²*In* that day he shall come even to you from Assyria, and *from* the fortified cities, and from the fortress even to the river, and from sea to sea, and *from* mountain to mountain. ¹³But the land shall be wasted because of those who dwell in it, for the fruit of their doings.

¹⁴Feed your people with your rod, the flock of your inheritance, who dwell alone *in* the woods, in the midst of Carmel; let them feed *in* Bā'-shān and Gilead, as in the days of old. ¹⁵According to the days of your coming out of the land of Egypt I will show unto him marvelous *things*.

¹⁶The nation shall see and be ashamed at all their might; they shall lay *their* hand upon *their* mouth; their ears shall be deaf. ¹⁷They shall lick the dust like a snake; they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth. They shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of Thee. ¹⁸Who is a God like Thee, who pardons iniquity and passes by the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not keep His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. ¹⁹He will turn again, He will have pity upon us. He will trample our iniquities; and Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. ²⁰Thou wilt fulfil the faithful promise to Jacob *and* the mercy to Abraham, which Thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

The Book of NAHUM

CHAPTER 1

¹The burden against Nīn'-ē-vēh. The book of the vision of Nā'-hūm the Ēl'-kō-shīte.

²God is jealous, and the LORD revenges; the LORD revenges and is full of fury. The LORD will take vengeance upon His foes, and He keeps *wrath* for His enemies. ³The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all set *the wicked* free. The LORD *has* His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet. ⁴He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers; Bā'-shān droops, and Carmel, and the flower of Lēb'-ā-non droops. ⁵The mountains quake at Him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at His presence; yes, the world and all who dwell in it. ⁶Who can stand before His fury? And who can stand up in the heat of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by Him. ⁷The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and He knows those who trust in Him. ⁸But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its city, and darkness shall pursue His enemies.

⁹What do you imagine against the LORD? He will make an utter end; affliction shall not rise up the second time. ¹⁰For while *they are* folded together *as* thorns, and while they are drunk with their drink, they shall be devoured like stubble fully dry. ¹¹There is *one* come out of you, *one* who imagines evil against the LORD, a wicked adviser. ¹²Thus says the LORD: Though *they are* quiet, and likewise many, yet they shall be cut down, and he shall pass away. And though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more. ¹³For now I will break his yoke off you, and will burst your bonds apart. ¹⁴And the LORD has given a commandment concerning you, *that* no more of your name shall be sown; I will cut off the graven image and the molten image out of the house of your gods. I will make your grave; for you are evil.

¹⁵Behold upon the mountains the feet of Him who brings good news, who cries peace! O Judah, keep your solemn feasts, fulfil your vows; for the wicked shall pass through you no more; he is completely cut off.

CHAPTER 2

¹He who breaks in pieces has come up before your face. Guard the banks, watch the way, make *your* loins strong, fortify *your* power mightily. ²For the LORD has turned away the glory of Jacob, as the glory of Israel; for the robbers have emptied them out, and have spoiled their vine branches. ³The shield of his mighty men is made red; the mighty men are in scarlet; the chariots flame like torches in the day he makes ready and the fir trees shall be made to tremble. ⁴The chariots

shall race madly in the streets; they shall run to and fro in the broad ways. They shall seem like torches; they shall run like the lightnings. ⁵He shall remember his nobles; they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to its wall, and the covering shall be prepared. ⁶The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be melted. ⁷And Hüz'-zâb shall be led away captive; she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead *her* as with the voice of doves, beating upon their breasts.

⁸But Nin'-ë-vêh is of old like a pool of water; yet they shall flee away. Halt! Halt! *they cry*, but none looks back. ⁹Take the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold; for *there is* no end of the treasure, rich with all precious vessels. ¹⁰She is empty and void and waste; and the heart melts, and the knees knock together, and much pain is in all loins, and the faces of all of them gather blackness. ¹¹Where is the dwelling of the lions, and the feeding place of the strong lions, where the lion, the old lion, walked, *and* the lion's cub, and no one made *them* afraid? ¹²The lion tore in pieces enough for his cubs, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey and his dens with torn flesh. ¹³Behold, I am against you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour your strong lions. I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall be heard no more.

CHAPTER 3

¹Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies *and* robbery; the prey never departs from her; *nor* the noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the galloping horses, and of the bounding chariots. ²The horseman lifts up both the bright sword and the shining spear. And *there is* a multitude of slain, and a great number of dead bodies and *there is* no end of *their* corpses; they stumble upon their corpses — ⁴because of the multitude of the fôr-nî-câ'-tions of the well-favored harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, who sells nations through her fornications, and families through her witchcrafts.

⁵Behold, I am against you, says the LORD of hosts; and I will uncover your skirts upon your face, and I will show the nations your nakedness, and the kingdoms your shame. ⁶And I will cast filth upon you, and will dishonor you, and will set you as a gazing-stock. ⁷And all those who look upon you shall flee from you and say, Nin'-ë-vêh is laid waste; who will weep for her? From where shall I seek comforters for you? ⁸Are you better than No Amon, who sat among the rivers, *that had* the waters all around it, whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was from the sea? ⁹E-thî-ô'-pi-â and Egypt were her strength, and *it was* without end. Püt and Lû'-bîm were your helpers. ¹⁰Yet she was carried away; she went into captivity. Her young children also were broken in

pieces at the head of all the streets; and they cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

¹¹You also shall be drunken; you shall be hidden, you also shall seek strength because of the enemy. ¹²All your strongholds shall be *like* fig trees with the firstripe figs; if they are shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater. ¹³Behold, your people in the midst of you are women. The gates of your land shall be set wide open unto your enemies; the fire shall devour your bars. ¹⁴Draw waters for the siege; fortify your strongholds; make the clay strong, and tread the mortar; make the brick kilns strong. ¹⁵There the fire shall devour you; the sword shall cut you off, it shall eat you up like the locust. Make yourself as many as the locust, multiply like the grasshoppers. ¹⁶You have multiplied your merchants above the stars of heaven; the locust spoils and flies away. ¹⁷Your crowned ones are like the locusts, and your captains like the great grasshoppers which camp in the hedges in the cold day — *but* when the sun rises they flee away, and *no one* knows the place where they are. ¹⁸Your shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria. Your nobles are at rest; your people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathers *them*. ¹⁹*There is* no healing of your hurt; your wound is grievous; all who hear the news of you shall clap the hands over you; for upon whom has your wickedness not passed continually?

The Book of HABAKKUK

CHAPTER 1

¹The burden which Hā-bāk'-kūk the prophet saw.

²O LORD, how long shall I cry and Thou wilt not hear! *I even* cry out unto Thee *of* violence, and Thou wilt not save! ³Why dost Thou show me iniquity, and why dost Thou behold wrong? For robbing and violence are before me; and there are *those who* raise up strife and contention. ⁴Therefore the law is made numb, and judgment never goes forth; for the wicked hems the righteous in, therefore perverted judgment comes from *them*.

⁵Look among the heathen, and behold and wonder marvelously; for *I* will work a work in your days *which* you will not believe, *not even* if it is declared *to you*. ⁶For lo, I raise up the Chāl-dé'-āns, *that* bitter and hasty nation, which shall march through the breadth of the land to possess the homes *that are* not theirs. ⁷They are terrible and fearful; their judgment and their glory shall come forth from themselves. ⁸Their horses also are swifter than the leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves. And their horsemen shall spread themselves, and their horsemen shall come from afar. They shall fly like the eagle *who* hurries to eat. ⁹They shall all come for violence; their faces are set eagerly *like* the east wind, and they gather captives like the sand. ¹⁰And they shall scoff at the kings, and the princes shall be a scorn unto them. They shall laugh at every stronghold, for they shall heap dust *upon it* and take it. ¹¹Then *his* mind shall change, and he shall pass over and sin, *crediting* his power *in* this to his god.

¹²Art Thou not from everlasting, O LORD my God, my Holy One? We shall not die. O LORD, Thou hast ordained them for judgment; and, O mighty God, Thou hast established them for correction. ¹³*Thou art* of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look upon iniquity — why dost Thou look upon those who deal deceitfully, *and* hold Thy tongue when the wicked devours *him who* is more righteous than he? ¹⁴*For Thou* dost make men like the fish of the sea, like the creeping things *who have* no ruler over them? ¹⁵They take up all of them with the hook; they catch them in their net and gather them in their seine. Therefore they rejoice and are glad. ¹⁶Therefore they sacrifice unto their net and burn incense unto their seine; because by them their portion is fat and their food is rich. ¹⁷Shall they therefore empty their net, and not stop slaying the nations without end?

CHAPTER 2

¹I will stand upon my watch and set myself upon the tower, and will watch to see what He will say to me, and what I shall answer when I am reproved. ²And the LORD answered me and said, Write the vision,

and make it plain upon the tablets, that he who reads it may run. ³For the vision is still for a set time, but at the end it shall speak and not lie. Though it lingers, wait for it; because it will surely come. It will not be long.

⁴Behold, the soul of him *who* is lifted up is not upright in him; but the just shall live by his faith. ⁵Moreover, because he transgresses by wine, *he is* a proud man, neither stays at home; who multiplies his desire as hell, and is like death and cannot be satisfied, but gathers all nations unto himself and heaps unto himself all people; ⁶shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a mocking poem against him, and say, Woe unto him who increases *what is* not his! How long? that he should load himself with thick clay! ⁷Shall not those who shall bite you rise up suddenly, and *those* awake who shall trouble you, and you shall be for a prize to them? ⁸Because you have stripped many nations, all the rest of the people shall strip you; because of men's blood, and *because of* the violence of the land, of the city, and of all who dwell in it.

⁹Woe unto him who gains an evil gain for his house, so that he may set his nest upon high, so that he may be delivered from the power of evil! ¹⁰You have planned shame to your house by cutting off many people, and have sinned *against* your soul. ¹¹For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

¹²Woe unto him who builds a town with blood and establishes a city by iniquity! ¹³Behold, *is it* not of the LORD of hosts that the people shall labor in the very fire, and the people shall weary themselves for very vanity? ¹⁴For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.

¹⁵Woe unto him who gives his neighbor drink, pouring out your bottle, and also making *him* drunk, that you may look upon their nakedness! ¹⁶You are filled with shame instead of glory; drink also, and let your foreskin be uncovered! The cup of the LORD's right hand shall be turned to you, and shameful vomiting shall be upon your glory. ¹⁷For the violence of Lēb'-ā-nōn shall cover you, and the spoil of beasts *which* make them afraid because of men's blood, and because of the violence of the land, of the city, and of all who dwell in it.

¹⁸What does the graven image profit its maker, that he has carved it; the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusts in it, to make dumb idols? ¹⁹Woe to him who says to the wood. Awake! to the dumb stone, Arise, it shall teach! Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and *there is* no breath at all in the midst of it. ²⁰But the LORD is in His holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before Him.

CHAPTER 3

¹A prayer of Hā-bāk'-kūk the prophet upon Shīg-ī-ō'-nōth. ²O LORD, I have heard Thy speech; I have been afraid. O LORD, give new life to Thy work in the midst of the years; in the midst of the years make known; in wrath remember mercy.

³God came from Tē'-mān, and the Holy One from Mount Pār'-ān. Sē'-lāh. His glory covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. ⁴And His brightness was as the light; He had rays *coming* out of His hand, and there was the hiding of His power. ⁵The plague went before Him, and burning coals went forth at His feet. ⁶He stood and measured the earth; He looked and made the nations tremble, and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the eternal hills bowed down. His ways are everlasting. ⁷I saw the tents of Cū'-shān in affliction; *and* the curtains of the land of Mid'-i-ān trembled. ⁸Was the LORD displeased against the rivers? Was Thy anger against the rivers? Was Thy wrath against the sea, that Thou didst ride upon Thy horses *and* Thy chariots of salvation? ⁹Thy bow was made quite naked, *according* to the oaths of the tribes, *even Thy* word. Sē'-lāh.

Thou didst cut through the earth with rivers. ¹⁰The mountains saw Thee, and they trembled; the overflowing of the water passed by. The deep uttered its voice *and* lifted up its hands upon high. ¹¹The sun *and* moon stood still in their heavens; at the light of Thy arrows they sped, *and* at the shining of Thy gleaming spear. ¹²Thou didst march through the land in fury; Thou didst thresh the nations in anger. ¹³Thou didst go forth for the salvation of Thy people, for salvation with Thy anointed; Thou didst wound the head out of the house of the wicked, by making them naked unto the neck. Sē'-lāh. ¹⁴Thou didst strike the heads of his villages through with his own staves. They came out like a whirlwind to scatter me; their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly. ¹⁵Thou didst walk through the sea with Thy horses, the foaming of mighty waters. ¹⁶When I heard, my belly trembled; my lips quivered at the voice. Rottenness entered into my bones, and I trembled in myself that I might rest in the day of trouble; when He comes up to the people, He will invade them with His troops.

¹⁷Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no food. The flocks shall be cut off from the fold, and *there shall be* no herd in the stalls; ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. ¹⁹The LORD God is my strength, and He will make my feet like hinds' feet, and He will make me to walk upon my high places.

To the chief singer on my stringed instruments.

The Book of ZEPHANIAH

CHAPTER 1

¹The word of the LORD which came to Zēph-ă-nī'-ăh the son of Cū'-shī, the son of Gēd-ă-lī'-ăh, the son of Ām-ă-rī'-ăh, the son of Hīz-kī'-ăh, in the days of Jō-sī'-ăh the son of Amon, king of Judah.

²I will completely sweep away all *things* from off the land, says the LORD. ³I will sweep away man and beast; I will sweep away the birds of the heavens, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks, even the wicked; and I will cut off man from the face of the land, says the LORD. ⁴I will also stretch out My hand upon Judah and upon all the people of Jerusalem. And I will cut off the remnant of Bā'-ăl from this place, *and* the name of the idol-worshippers, with the priests, ⁵and those who worship the host of heaven upon the housetops, and those who worship and who swear by the LORD and who swear by Māl'-chām, ⁶and those who have turned back from the LORD, and *those* who have not sought the LORD, nor sought for Him.

⁷Be still! at the presence of the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD is at hand. For the LORD has prepared a sacrifice; He has prepared His guests. ⁸And in the day of the LORD's sacrifice, I will punish the princes, and the king's children, and all who are clothed with strange clothing. ⁹Also in the same day I will punish all those who leap upon the doorstep, who fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit. ¹⁰And in that day, says the LORD, *there shall be* the noise of a cry from the Fish Gate, and a howling from the second, and a great crashing from the hills. ¹¹Howl, O people of Māk'-tēsh, for all the merchant people are cut down; all those who carry silver are cut off. ¹²And at that time I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men who are settled upon their lees; who say in their heart, The LORD will not do good, neither will He do evil. ¹³Therefore their goods shall become a prize and their houses a waste. They shall also build houses but not live in *them*, and they shall plant vineyards but not drink the wine of them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near; *it is* near and hastens greatly, *even* the voice of the day of the LORD. The mighty man shall cry there bitterly. ¹⁵That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of waste and ruin, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, ¹⁶a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities and against the high towers. ¹⁷And I will bring distress upon men, so that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against the LORD. And their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung. ¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the LORD's wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy. For He shall make even a speedy end of all those who dwell in the land.

CHAPTER 2

¹Gather yourselves together; yea, gather together, O nation not desired; ²before the decree brings forth, *before* the day passes like the chaff, before the hot anger of the LORD comes upon you, before the day of the LORD's anger comes upon you. ³Seek the LORD, all you meek of the earth who have done His judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness. It may be you shall be hidden in the day of the LORD's anger.

⁴For Gā'-zā shall be forsaken, and Āsh'-kē-lon a ruin. They shall drive out Āsh'-dōd at the noonday, and Ēk'-rōn shall be rooted up. ⁵Woe unto the people of the sea coast, the nation of the Chēr'-ē-thites! The word of the LORD is against you: O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will destroy you, that there shall be no one left. ⁶And the sea coast shall be dwellings *and* cottages for shepherds, and folds for flocks. ⁷And the coast shall be for the rest of the house of Judah; they shall feed upon it. In the houses of Āsh'-kē-lon they shall lie down in the evening, for the LORD their God shall visit them and turn away their captivity.

⁸I have heard the reproach of Moab and the curses of the children of Ammon, with which they have cursed My people and have magnified *themselves* against their border. ⁹Therefore *as* I live, says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall be like Sodom, and the children of Ammon like Gō-mōr'-rāh — a place for thorns, and salt pits, and a ruin forever. The rest of My people shall spoil them, and the remnant of My people shall possess them. ¹⁰They shall have this for their pride, because they have cursed and magnified *themselves* against the people of the LORD of hosts. ¹¹The LORD will be frightening to them; for He will make all the gods of the earth lean; and *men* shall worship Him, each one from his own place, *even* all the isles of the nations.

¹²You Ē-thī-ō'-pī-āns also, you shall be slain by My sword. ¹³And He will stretch out His hand against the north and destroy Assyria, and will make Nin'-ē-veh a desert *and* dry like a wilderness. ¹⁴And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations; both the pelican and the bittern shall roost in the upper capitals of it; a voice shall sing in the windows, *for* ruin shall be in the doorsteps, for he shall uncover the cedar work. ¹⁵This is the rejoicing city which lived carelessly — who said in her heart, I am, and *there* is none beside me. What a ruin she has become, a place for beasts to lie down in! Everyone who passes by her shall hiss *and* wag his hand.

CHAPTER 3

¹Woe unto her who is rebelling and is defiled, to the oppressing city!
²She did not obey the voice; she did not receive correction. She trusted

not in the LORD; she did not draw near to her God. ³Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves. They do not gnaw the bones until the next day. ⁴Her prophets are light and deceitful persons; her priests have defiled the sanctuary; they have done violence to the law. ⁵The just LORD is in the midst of her; He will not do iniquity. Every morning He brings His judgment to light; He fails not, but the unjust knows no shame. ⁶I have cut off the nations; their towers are deserted. I made their streets waste, so that none passes by; their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, so that there is no one in them. ⁷I said, Surely you will fear Me; you will receive instruction (so that their dwelling should not be cut off, no matter how I punished them), but they rose early, corrupting all their doings.

⁸Therefore wait upon Me, says the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey; for My judgment is to gather the nations, that I may gather the kingdoms to pour upon them My fury, all My fierce anger. For all the earth shall be burned up with the fire of My jealousy. ⁹For then I will turn a pure lip unto the people, so that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve Him with one mind. ¹⁰From beyond the rivers of Ē-thi-ō'-pī-ā My worshippers, the daughter of My scattered ones, shall bring My offering. ¹¹In that day you shall not be ashamed for all your doings in which you have transgressed against Me; for then I will take away those who rejoice in your pride out of your midst, and you shall never again be proud because of My holy mountain. ¹²I will also leave in the midst of you an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD. ¹³The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity nor speak lies, neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make *them* afraid.

¹⁴Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. ¹⁵The LORD has taken away your judgments; He has cast out your enemy. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall not see evil any more. ¹⁶In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear not; *and to Zion*, Let not your hands be idle. ¹⁷The LORD your God is mighty in the midst of you; He will save, He will rejoice over you with joy; He will rest in His love; He will rejoice over you with singing. ¹⁸I will gather for the solemn assembly *those of you who are sorrowful, to whom* its shame was a burden. ¹⁹Behold, at that time I will undo all those who afflict you. And I will save her who is lame, and gather her who was driven out. And I will gain praise and fame for them in every land where they have been put to shame. ²⁰At that time I will bring you, even in the time that I gather you; for I will gain a name and a praise for you among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, says the LORD.

The Book of HAGGAI

CHAPTER 1

¹In the second year of Dā-rī'-ūs the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, the word of the LORD came by Hāg'-gā-ī the prophet unto Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl the son of Shē-āl'-tī-ēl, governor of Judah, and to Jōsh'-ū-ā the son of Jōs'-ē-dēch, the high priest, saying, ²Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying: This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD's house should be built. ³Then came the word of the LORD by Hāg'-gā-ī the prophet, saying, ⁴*It is time for you yourselves to dwell in your finished houses, and shall this house lie waste?* ⁵Now therefore thus says the LORD of hosts: Think upon your ways — ⁶you have sown much and bring in little — you eat, but you do not have enough — you drink, but you are not filled with drink — you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm — and he who earns wages earns wages *to put them* into a bag full of holes.

⁷Thus says the LORD of hosts: Think upon your ways. ⁸Go up to the mountain and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, says the LORD. ⁹You looked for much, and lo, *it came* to little; and when you brought *it* home, I blew upon it. Why? says the LORD of hosts. Because of My house that is waste, and you run, each man to his own house. ¹⁰Therefore the heaven above you has been held back from dew, and the earth is held back *from* her produce. ¹¹And I called for a drought upon the land, and upon the mountains, and upon the grain, and upon the new wine, and upon the oil, and upon *that* which the ground brings forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labor of your hands.

¹²Then Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl the son of Shē-āl'-tī-ēl, and Jōsh'-ū-ā the son of Jōs'-ē-dēch, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, obeyed the voice of the LORD their God and the words of Hāg'-gā-ī the prophet, as the LORD their God had sent him. And the people feared before the LORD. ¹³Then Hāg'-gā-ī, the LORD's messenger in the LORD's message, spoke to the people saying, I am with you, says the LORD. ¹⁴And the LORD stirred up the spirit of Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl the son of Shē-āl'-tī-ēl, governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jōs'-ē-dēch, the high priest, and the spirit of all the rest of the people. And they came and worked in the house of the LORD of hosts, their God, ¹⁵in the twenty-fourth day of the sixth month, in the second year of Dā-rī'-ūs the king.

CHAPTER 2

¹In the seventh *month*, in the twenty-first *day* of the month, the word of the LORD came by the prophet Hāg'-gā-ī, saying, ²Now speak to

Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl the son of Shē-āl'-tī-ēl, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jōs'-ē-dēch, the priest, and to the rest of the people, saying, ³Who is left among you who saw this house in her first glory? And how do you see it now? When compared to it, *is it* not as nothing in your eyes? ⁴Yet now be strong, O Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl, says the LORD. And be strong, O Joshua, son of Jōs'-ē-dēch, the priest; and be strong, all you people of the land, says the LORD, and work; for I am with you, says the LORD of hosts. ⁵*According to* the word that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you. Fear not. ⁶For thus says the LORD of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry *land*. ⁷And I will shake all nations; and the desire of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, says the LORD of hosts. ⁸The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹The glory of this latter house shall be greater than that of the former, says the LORD of hosts. And in this place I will give peace, says the LORD of hosts.

¹⁰In the twenty-fourth *day* of the ninth *month*, in the second year of Dā-rī'-ūs, the word of the LORD came by Hāg'-gā-ī the prophet, saying, ¹¹Thus says the LORD of hosts: Now ask the priests *concerning* the law, saying, ¹²If one carries holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and touches bread or pottage or wine or oil or any food with his skirt, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No. ¹³Then Hāg'-gā-ī said, If *one who is* unclean by a dead body touches any of these, shall it be unclean? And the priests answered and said, It shall be unclean. ¹⁴Then Hāg'-gā-ī answered and said, So is this people, and so is this nation before Me, says the LORD. And so is every work of their hands; and that which they offer there is unclean. ¹⁵And now, I pray you, set your mind upon it — from this day and backward, before a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the LORD — ¹⁶since those *days* onward. When *one* came to a heap of twenty *measures*, there were *but* ten; when *one* came to the oil vat in order to draw out fifty *vessels* out of the press, there were *but* twenty. ¹⁷I struck you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labors of your hands; yet you did not *turn* to Me, says the LORD. ¹⁸Now set your mind on the time from this day and upward, from the twenty-fourth day of the ninth *month*, from the day that the foundation of the LORD's temple was laid, think of it — ¹⁹is the seed still in the barn? Yea, as yet the vine, and the fig tree, and the pomegranate, and the olive tree, has not brought forth. From this day I will bless you.

²⁰And again the word of the LORD came to Hāg'-gā-ī in the twenty-fourth *day* of the month, saying, ²¹Speak to Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl, governor of Judah, saying, I will shake the heavens and the earth. ²²And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations. And I will overthrow the chariots and those

who ride in them. And the horses and their riders shall come down, each one by the sword of his brother. ²³In that day, says the LORD of hosts, I will take you, O Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl, My servant, the son of Shē-āl'-tī-ēl, says the LORD, and will make you like a signet — for I have chosen you, says the LORD of hosts.

The Book of ZECARIAH

CHAPTER 1

¹In the eighth month, in the second year of Dă-rî'-ūs, the word of the LORD came to Zēch-ă-rî'-ăh, the son of Bēr-ē-chî'-ăh, the son of Id'-dō the prophet, saying, ²The LORD has been greatly displeased with your fathers. ³Therefore say to them, Thus says the LORD of hosts: Turn unto Me, says the LORD of hosts, and I will turn unto you, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴Be not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets have cried, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts: Turn now from your evil ways and *from* your evil doings. But they did not hear nor listen unto Me, says the LORD. ⁵Your fathers, where are they? And the prophets, do they live forever? ⁶But My words and My statutes which I commanded My servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? And they returned and said, As the LORD of hosts planned to do unto us, according to our ways and according to our doings, so He has done with us.

⁷Upon the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Sē'-băt, in the second year of Dă-rî'-ūs, the word of the LORD came to Zēch-ă-rî'-ăh, the son of Bēr-ē-chî'-ăh, the son of Id'-dō the prophet, saying, ⁸I watched by night. And behold! a Man riding upon a red horse, and He stood among the myrtle trees that were in the shade. And behind Him *there were* red horses, sorrel, and white. ⁹Then I said, O my lord, what are these? And the angel who talked with me said unto me, I will show you what these are. ¹⁰And the Man who stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These *are those* whom the LORD has sent to walk to and fro through the earth. ¹¹And they answered the Angel of the LORD who stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and behold, all the earth sits still and is at rest.

¹²Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt Thou not have mercy upon Jerusalem and upon the cities of Judah, against which Thou hast had fury these seventy years? ¹³And the LORD answered the angel who talked with me *with* good words *and* comfortable words. ¹⁴So the angel who talked with me said to me, Cry out, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. ¹⁵And I am greatly displeased with the heathen, *who are* at ease. For I was but a little displeased, and they urged *their* affliction forward. ¹⁶Therefore thus says the LORD: I have returned to Jerusalem with mercies. My house shall be built in it, says the LORD of hosts. And a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. ¹⁷Cry out again, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts: My cities shall yet be spread abroad through good, and the LORD shall yet comfort Zion and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

¹⁸Then I lifted up my eyes and saw, and behold! four horns. ¹⁹And I said to the angel who talked with me, What are these? And he answered me, These are the horns that have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. ²⁰And the LORD showed me four carpenters. ²¹Then I said, What are these coming to do? And He spoke, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, so that no man lifted up his head. But these have come to scare them, to throw out the horns of the Gentiles who lifted up *their* horn over the land of Judah to scatter it.

CHAPTER 2

¹I lifted up my eyes again and looked, and behold! a man with a measuring line in his hand. ²Then I said, Where are you going? And he said to me, To measure Jerusalem — to see what is the breadth of it and what is the length of it. ³And behold, the angel who talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him. ⁴And *he* said to him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be filled with people, *as* towns without walls for the multitude of men and cattle in it. ⁵For I, says the LORD, will be to her a wall of fire all around, and will be the glory in the midst of her.

⁶Ho, ho, flee then from the land of the north, says the LORD. For I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heavens, says the LORD. ⁷Deliver yourself, O Zion, *you* who live with the daughter of Babylon. ⁸For thus says the LORD of hosts: He has sent me after glory, unto the nations who stripped you; for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye. ⁹For behold, I will shake My hand upon them, and they shall be a prey to their servants. And you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me.

¹⁰Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion. For lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of you, says the LORD. ¹¹And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be My people; and I will dwell in the midst of you, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me unto you. ¹²And the LORD shall inherit Judah, His portion in the holy land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. ¹³Be silent, all flesh, before the LORD; for He has risen out of His holy dwelling place.

CHAPTER 3

¹And He showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the Angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. ²And the LORD said to Satan, *May* the LORD rebuke you, O Satan! *May* even the LORD who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is this not a brand plucked out of the fire? ³Now Joshua was clothed with filthy clothes, and stood before the Angel. ⁴And He answered and spoke to those who stood before him, saying, Take away the filthy clothes from

him. And to him He said, Behold, I have caused your iniquity to pass from you, and I will clothe you with change of clothing. ⁵And I said, Let them set a beautiful miter upon his head. So they set a beautiful miter upon his head and clothed him with garments. And the Angel of the LORD stood by. ⁶And the Angel of the LORD solemnly swore unto Joshua, saying, ⁷Thus says the LORD of hosts: If you will walk in My ways, and if you will keep My charge, then you shall also judge My house, and shall also keep My courts, and I will give you places to walk among these who stand by. ⁸Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your fellows who sit before you; for they are men of wonder. For behold, I will bring forth My Servant the BRANCH. ⁹For look at the stone that I have laid before Joshua. Upon one stone shall be seven eyes; behold, I will carve the writing on it, says the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. ¹⁰In that day, says the LORD of hosts, you shall call, each man his neighbor, under the vine and under the fig tree.

CHAPTER 4

¹And the angel that talked with me came again and awakened me, as a man that is awakened out of his sleep. ²And *he* said to me, What do you see? And I said, I have looked, and behold, a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it. And its seven lamps are on it, and seven pipes to the seven lamps which are on the top of it. ³And two olive trees are beside it, one upon the right *side* of the bowl and the other upon the left *side* of it. ⁴So I answered and spoke to the angel who talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? ⁵Then the angel who talked with me answered and said to me, Do you know what these are? And I said, No, my lord. ⁶Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, This is the word of the LORD to Zē-rüb'-bā-bēl, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts. ⁷Who are you, O great mountain? Before Zē-rüb'-bā-bēl *you shall become* a plain; and he shall bring forth the top stone with shoutings, Grace, grace unto it!

⁸Moreover the word of the LORD came to me, saying, ⁹The hands of Zē-rüb'-bā-bēl have laid the foundation of this house. His hands shall also finish it; and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. ¹⁰For who has despised the day of small things? For they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zē-rüb'-bā-bēl *with* those seven; they are the eyes of the LORD which run to and fro through the whole earth.

¹¹Then I answered and said to him, What are these two olive trees upon the right *side* of the lampstand and upon the left *side* of it? ¹²And I answered again and said to him, What *are these* two olive branches which empty the golden *oil* out of themselves through the two golden pipes? ¹³And he answered me and said, Do you not know what these

are? And I said, No, my lord. ¹⁴Then he said, These are the two anointed ones who stand by the LORD of the whole earth.

CHAPTER 5

¹Then I returned and lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold a flying roll. ²And he said to me, What do you see? And I answered, I see a flying roll; the length of it is twenty cubits, and the breadth of it is ten cubits. ³Then he said to me, This is the curse that goes forth over the face of the whole earth; for everyone who steals shall be cut off *as* on this side, according to it; and everyone who swears shall be cut off *as* on that side, according to it. ⁴I will bring it forth, says the LORD of hosts; and it shall enter into the house of the thief and into the house of him who swears falsely by My name. And it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall destroy it with its timber and its stones.

⁵Then the angel who talked with me went forth and said to me, Now lift up your eyes and see what this is that goes forth. ⁶And I said, What is it? And he said, This is an ē'-phäh that goes forth. He said moreover, This is their likeness through all the earth. ⁷And behold, there was lifted up a round piece of lead. And this is a woman who sits in the midst of the ē'-phäh. ⁸And he said, This is wickedness. And he cast it into the midst of the ē'-phäh. And he cast the piece of lead upon the mouth of it. ⁹Then I lifted up my eyes and looked, and behold, two women came out of it. And the wind was in their wings; for they had wings like the wings of a stork. And they lifted up the ē'-phäh between the earth and the heavens. ¹⁰Then I said to the angel who talked with me, Where are these carrying the ē'-phäh? ¹¹And he said to me, To build a house for it in the land of Shī-nār; and it shall be established and set there upon its own base.

CHAPTER 6

¹And I turned and lifted up my eyes and looked; and behold, four chariots came from between two mountains. And the mountains were mountains of brass. ²Red horses were in the first chariot; and in the second chariot were black horses; ³and in the third chariot white horses; and in the fourth chariot mottled and bay horses. ⁴Then I answered and said to the angel who talked with me, What are these, my lord? ⁵And the angel answered and said to me, These are the four spirits of the heavens who go forth from standing before the Lord of all the earth. ⁶The black horses which are in it go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the mottled go forth toward the south country. ⁷And the bay went forth and sought to go, so that they might walk to and fro through the earth. And he said, Go away from here; walk to and fro through the earth. So they walked to and fro through the earth. ⁸Then he cried to me and spoke to me,

saying, Behold, these who go toward the north country have caused My Spirit to rest in the north country.

⁹And the word of the LORD came to me saying, ¹⁰Take Hël'-daï, Tō-bī'-jäh, and Jē-daī'-äh, *from those* of the captivity who have come from Babylon; and come the same day and go into the house of Jō-sī'-äh the son of Zēph-ā-nī'-äh. ¹¹Then take silver and gold, and make crowns, and set *them* upon the head of Joshua the son of Jös'-ē-dēch, the high priest. ¹²And speak to him, saying, Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name is The BRANCH! And He shall grow up out of His place, and He shall build the temple of the LORD. ¹³Even He shall build the temple of the LORD; and He shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon His throne. And He shall be a priest upon His throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. ¹⁴And the crowns shall be for a memorial in the temple of the LORD to Hē'-lēm and to Tō-bī'-jäh and to Jē-daī'-äh, and to Hen the son of Zēph-ā-nī'-äh. ¹⁵And they *who are* far off shall come and build in the temple of the LORD, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you. And *this* shall come to pass if you will carefully obey the voice of the LORD your God.

CHAPTER 7

¹And in the fourth year of king Dä-rī'-ūs, the word of the LORD came to Zēch-ā-rī'-äh in the fourth *day* of the ninth month — in Chīs'-leū — ²when they had sent Shēr-ē'-zēr and Rē'-gēm-mēl'-ēch and their men to the house of God, to pray before the LORD — ³to speak to the priests who were in the house of the LORD of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I have done these many years? ⁴Then came the word of the LORD of hosts to me, saying, ⁵Speak to all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When you fasted and mourned in the fifth and seventh *month*, even those seventy years, did you at all fast unto Me, *even* unto Me? ⁶And when you ate, and when you drank, did you not eat and drink *for yourselves*? ⁷*Should you* not hear the words which the LORD has cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was full of people and blessing, and her cities were all around her, when *men* lived in the South and the plain?

⁸And the word of the LORD came to Zēch-ā-rī'-äh, saying, ⁹Thus speaks the LORD of hosts, saying, Do true judgment, and show mercy and pity, each man to his brother. ¹⁰And do not crush the widow or the fatherless, the stranger or the poor; and let none of you imagine evil against his brother in your heart. ¹¹But they refused to listen and pulled away the shou'lder, and stopped their ears so that they should not hear. ¹²Yes, they made their hearts hard *like* diamond, so that they should not hear the law and the words which the LORD of hosts has sent by His

spirit by the former prophets. Therefore a great wrath came from the LORD of hosts. ¹³Therefore as He cried and they would not hear, so they cried and I would not hear, says the LORD of hosts. ¹⁴But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. So the land has been wasted after them, so that no man passed through nor returned. For they laid the pleasant land waste.

CHAPTER 8

¹Again the word of the LORD of hosts came *to me*, saying, ²Thus says the LORD of hosts: I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. ³Thus says the LORD: I have returned to Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain. ⁴Thus says the LORD of hosts: There shall yet be old men and old women living in the streets of Jerusalem, and each man with his staff in his hand because of their many days. ⁵And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets of it. ⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: If it is marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvelous in My eyes? says the LORD of hosts. ⁷Thus says the LORD of hosts: Behold, I will save My people from the east country and from the west country. ⁸And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And they shall be My people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

⁹Thus says the LORD of hosts: Let your hands be strong, you who hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, who were in the day that the foundation of the house of the LORD of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built. ¹⁰For before these days there was no wages for man, nor any pay for beast; neither *was there any* peace to him who went out or came in, because of the affliction — for I set every man against his neighbor. ¹¹But now I will not be unto the rest of this people as in the former days, says the LORD of hosts. ¹²For the seed shall be blessed — the vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its increase, and the heavens shall give their dew — and I will cause the rest of this people to possess all these *things*. ¹³And as you were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah and house of Israel — so I will save you, and you shall be a blessing. Do not fear, *but* let your hands be strong. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD of hosts: As I thought to punish you when your fathers provoked Me to wrath, says the LORD of hosts, and I did not repent — ¹⁵so again I have thought in these days to do well to Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. Fear not.

¹⁶These are the things that you shall do. *Let* each man speak the truth to his neighbor; carry out the judgment of truth and peace in your gates; ¹⁷and let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his

neighbor; and love no false oath. For all these *are things* that I hate, says the LORD.

¹⁸And the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, ¹⁹Thus says the LORD of hosts: The fast of the fourth *month*, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth, shall be unto the house of Judah for joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts. Therefore love truth and peace. ²⁰Thus says the LORD of hosts: There shall yet come people, even the people of many cities; ²¹and the people of one shall go to another, saying, Let us go always to pray before the LORD and to seek the LORD of hosts. I will go also. ²²Yes, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem and to pray before the LORD. ²³Thus says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten men, out of all languages of the nations, shall take hold of the skirt of him who is a Jew, saying, We will go with you — for we have heard *that* God is with you.

CHAPTER 9

¹The burden of the word of the LORD against the land of Hā'-drāch, and Damascus shall be its resting-place (when the eyes of man, as of all the tribes of Israel, shall be toward the LORD); ²and Hā'-māth also shall join on to it; Tyre and Sī'-dōn also, though she is very wise (³therefore Tyre built herself a stronghold and heaped up silver like the dust, and fine gold like the mud of the streets; ⁴behold, the Lord will cast her out, and He will strike her power in the sea, and she shall be burned up with fire). ⁵Āsh'-kē-lōn shall see and fear; Gā'-zā also shall see and be very sorrowful, and Ēk'-rōn *also*; for her hope shall be ashamed. And the king shall perish from Gā'-zā, and Āsh'-kē-lōn shall have no people. ⁶And a bastard shall dwell in Āsh'-dōd, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. ⁷And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth; but he who remains, even he, shall be for our God. And he shall be as a governor in Judah, and Ēk'-rōn like a Jēb'-ū-sīte. ⁸And I will camp around My house because of the army, because of him who passes by and because of him who returns; and no tyrant shall pass through them any more. For now I have seen with My eyes.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, your King comes unto you. He is just, having salvation in Himself; meek and riding upon an ass, even upon a colt, the foal of an ass. ¹⁰And I will cut off the chariot from Ē'-phrā-īm, and the horse from Jerusalem. And the battle bow shall be cut off, and He shall speak peace to the nations; and his kingdom shall be from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth. ¹¹As for Thee also, by the blood of Thy covenant I have sent forth Thy prisoners out of the pit in which is no water.

¹²Turn to the stronghold, you prisoners of hope; even today I declare *that* I will give you double. ¹³when I have bent Judah for me, filled the bow with Ē'-phrā-īm, and raised up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and made you as the sword of a mighty man. ¹⁴And the LORD shall be seen over them, and His arrow shall go forth like the lightning; and the Lord GOD shall blow the trumpet, and shall go with whirlwinds of the south. ¹⁵The LORD of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour and subdue with sling stones; and they shall drink *and* make a noise as through wine. And they shall be filled like bowls, *and* like the corners of the altar. ¹⁶And the LORD their God shall save them in that day as the flock of His people; for *they shall be like* the stones of a crown, lifted up as a banner upon His land. ¹⁷For how great is His goodness, and how great is His beauty! Grain shall make the young men cheerful, and new wine the maids.

CHAPTER 10

¹Ask rain from the LORD in the time of the latter rain; *so* the LORD shall make bright clouds and give them showers of rain, grass to everyone in the field. ²For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie and have told false dreams. They comfort in vain; therefore they went their way like a flock; they were troubled because *there was* no shepherd. ³My anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats; for the LORD of hosts has visited His flock the house of Judah, and has made them as His beautiful horse in the battle. ⁴Out of Him came forth the corner, out of Him the nail, out of Him the battle bow, out of Him every ruler together.

⁵And they shall be like mighty *men* who trample down *their enemies* in the mud of the streets in the battle. And they shall fight because the LORD is with them, and they shall make the riders on horses ashamed. ⁶And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to settle them; for I have mercy upon them. And they shall be as though I had not cast them off; for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them. ⁷And Ē'-phrā-īm shall be like a mighty *man*, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine; yea, their children shall see and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD. ⁸I will hiss for them and gather them; for I have redeemed them. And they shall multiply as they have multiplied. ⁹And I will sow them among the people, and they shall remember Me in far countries; and they shall live with their children and turn again. ¹⁰I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lēb'-ā-nōn; for there shall not be *enough space* found for them. ¹¹And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall strike the waves in the sea; and all the deeps of the river shall dry up. And the pride of Assyria shall be

brought down, and the scepter of Egypt shall move away. ¹²And I will strengthen them in the LORD; and they shall walk up and down in His name, says the LORD.

CHAPTER 11

¹Open your doors, O Lēb'-ā-nōn, so that the fire may devour your cedars. ²Howl, fir tree; for the cedar has fallen; because the mighty are stripped. Howl, O oaks of Bā'-shān; for the fortified forest has come down.

³*There is* a voice of the howling of the shepherds; for their glory is destroyed. *There is* a voice of the roaring of young lions; for the pride of Jordan is destroyed. ⁴For thus says the LORD my God: Feed the flock of the slaughter, ⁵whose owners kill them and hold themselves not guilty. And those who sell them say, Blessed be the LORD, for I am rich; and their own shepherds do not pity them. ⁶For I will never again pity the people of the land, says the LORD; but lo, I will deliver the men, each one into his neighbor's hand and into the hand of his king. And they shall strike the land, and I will not deliver *them* out of their hand. ⁷And I will feed the flock of slaughter, verily the poor of the flock. And I took two staves for myself; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Binders; and I fed the flock. ⁸I also cut off three shepherds in one month; and my soul despised them, and their soul also despised me. ⁹Then I said, I will not feed you; that which dies, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let the rest eat, each one the flesh of his neighbor. ¹⁰And I took my staff Beauty, and cut it apart, so that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the people. ¹¹And it was broken in that day; and so the poor of the flock who waited upon me knew that it was the word of the LORD. ¹²And I said to them, If you think *it is* good, give *me* my price; and if not, let it go. So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver. ¹³And the LORD said to me, Throw it to the potter — the magnificent price at which I was valued by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver and threw them to the potter in the house of the LORD. ¹⁴Then I cut my other staff apart, Binders, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

¹⁵And the LORD said to me, Take unto yourself yet the instruments of a foolish shepherd. ¹⁶For lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land *who* shall not visit those who are cut off, neither seek the young one, nor heal that which is broken, nor feed that which stands still. But he shall eat the flesh of the fat and tear their claws in pieces. ¹⁷Woe to the worthless shepherd who leaves the flock! The sword shall be upon his arm and upon his right eye; his arm shall be completely dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

CHAPTER 12

¹The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, says the LORD, who stretches forth the heavens and lays the foundation of the earth, and forms the spirit of man within him. ²Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people all around, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem.

³And in that day I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people. All who burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. ⁴In that day, says the LORD, I will strike every horse with terror and his rider with madness; and I will open My eyes upon the house of Judah, and will strike every horse of the people with blindness. ⁵And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The people of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

⁶In that day I will make the governors of Judah like a hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf. And they shall devour all the people all around, on the right hand and on the left. And Jerusalem shall be full of people again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem. ⁷The LORD also shall save the tents of Judah first, so that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the people of Jerusalem do not magnify *themselves* against Judah. ⁸In that day the LORD shall defend the people of Jerusalem. And he who is feeble among them at that day shall be like David; and the house of David shall be like God, as the angel of the LORD before them.

⁹And in that day I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. ¹⁰And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the people of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of prayers. And they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for *his* only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. ¹¹In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hā-dād-rim'-mōn in the valley of Mē-gīd'-dōn. ¹²And the land shall mourn, each family apart — the family of David apart, and their wives apart — the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart — ¹³the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart — the family of Shīm'-ē-ī apart, and their wives apart — ¹⁴all the families who remain, each family apart and their wives apart.

CHAPTER 13

¹In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the people of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

²And in that day, says the LORD of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall be remembered no more. And also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. ³And when any shall yet prophesy, his father and his mother who brought him forth shall say to him then, You shall not live; for you speak lies in the name of the LORD. And his father and his mother who brought him forth shall thrust him through when he prophesies. ⁴And in that day the prophets shall be ashamed, each one of his vision, when he has prophesied. Neither shall they wear a hairy garment to deceive. ⁵But he shall say, I am no prophet; I am a man, a tiller of the ground; for man taught me to keep cattle from my youth. ⁶And *one* shall say to him, What are these wounds in your hands? Then he shall answer, *Those* with which I was wounded *in* the house of my friends.

⁷Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, and against the Man *who is* My companion, says the LORD of hosts; strike the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered. And I will turn My hand upon the little ones. ⁸And in all the land, says the LORD, two parts in it shall be cut off *and* die; but the third shall be left in it. ⁹And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried. They shall call upon My name, and I will hear them; I will say, It is My people; and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

CHAPTER 14

¹Behold, the day of the LORD comes, and your spoil shall be divided in the midst of you. ²For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women raped; and half of the city shall go into captivity, and the rest of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

³Then the LORD shall go forth and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. ⁴And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall divide in the midst of it toward the east and toward the west, making a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall move toward the north, and half of it toward the south. ⁵And you shall flee to the valley of the mountain; for the valley of the mountain shall reach to Ā'-zāl. Yes, you shall flee as you fled from before the earthquake in the days of Ūz-zī'-āh king of Judah. And the LORD my God shall come, and all the saints with you. ⁶And in that day the light shall not be clear *nor* dark. ⁷But the day shall be one which shall be known to the LORD, neither day nor night — but at evening time it shall be light. ⁸And in that day living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them shall go toward the eastern sea, and half of them toward the western sea. In summer and in winter it shall be. ⁹And the

LORD shall be king over all the earth; in that day there shall be one LORD, and His name shall be one. ¹⁰All the land shall be turned as a plain from Gē'-bā to Rīm'-mōn south of Jerusalem. And she shall be lifted up and shall dwell in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and *from* the Tower of Hān'-ā-nēel unto the king's winepresses. ¹¹And *men* shall dwell in it, and there shall never again be complete ruin; but Jerusalem shall dwell safely.

¹²And this shall be the plague with which the LORD will strike all the people who have fought against Jerusalem. Their flesh shall be eaten away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall be eaten away in their holes. And their tongue shall be eaten away in their mouth. ¹³And in that day a great destroying from the LORD shall be among them; and they shall each one lay hold upon the hand of his neighbor, and his hand shall rise up against the hand of his neighbor. ¹⁴And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem; and the wealth of all the heathen all around shall be gathered together, gold and silver and clothing in great abundance. ¹⁵And so shall be the plague of the horse, of the mule, of the camel, and of the ass, and of all the beasts who shall be in these tents, like this plague.

¹⁶And everyone who is left of all the nations which came up against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. ¹⁷And it shall be *that* whoever will not come up of *all* the families of the earth to Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. ¹⁸And if the family of Egypt does not go up, and does not come, *they shall have no rain*. Then shall be the plague with which the LORD shall strike the nations who do not come up to keep the feast of tabernacles. ¹⁹This shall be the punishment of Egypt and the punishment of all nations who do not come up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

²⁰In that day there shall be upon the bells of the horses, HOLINESS UNTO THE LORD. And the pots in the LORD's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. ²¹Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holiness unto the LORD of hosts. And all those who sacrifice shall come and take of them and boil in them; and in that day there shall be none of the Canaanites in the house of the LORD of hosts any more.

The Book of MALACHI

CHAPTER 1

¹The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Māl'ă-chî. ²I have loved you, says the LORD. But you say, In what hast Thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? says the LORD; yet I loved Jacob, ³and I hated Esau and laid his mountains and his inheritance waste for the jackals of the wilderness. ⁴But Ē'-dom says, We are made poor, but we will return and build the waste places. Thus says the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them the border of wickedness and the people against whom the LORD has fury forever. ⁵And your eyes shall see, and you shall say, The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel.

⁶A son honors *his* father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is My honor? And if I am a master, where is My fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests who despise My name. And you say, In what way have we despised Thy name? You offer defiled bread upon My altar; and you say, In what way have we defiled Thee? In that you say, The table of the LORD is a thing to be despised. ⁸And if you offer the blind for sacrifice, *is it* not evil? And if you offer the lame and the sick, *is it* not evil? Offer it now unto your governor; will he be pleased with you, or accept your person? says the LORD of hosts. ⁹And now I pray you, pray unto God that He will be gracious unto us. *If* this has been by your hands, will He regard your persons? says the LORD of hosts. ¹⁰O that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle *fire* on My altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts; neither will I be pleased with an offering at your hand. ¹¹For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the sun, My name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto My name, and a pure offering — for My name shall be great among the heathen, says the LORD of hosts.

¹²But you have made it common in that you say, The table of the LORD is defiled; and the fruit of it, *even* His food is to be despised. ¹³You also said, Behold, what a weariness *it is!* And you have puffed at it, says the LORD of hosts. And you brought *that which was* torn, and the lame, and the sick. You brought an offering this way; should I accept it from your hand? says the LORD. ¹⁴But cursed be the deceiver who has in his flock a male, and vows, and sacrifices unto the LORD a blemished thing. For I am a great king, says the LORD of hosts, and My name is fearful among the heathen.

CHAPTER 2

¹And now, O priests, this commandment is for you. ²If you will not hear, and if you will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto My name, says

the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings. Yea, I have cursed them already, because you do not lay it to heart. ³Behold, I will destroy your seed and spread dung upon your faces, *even* the dung of your solemn feasts. And *one* shall take you away with it. ⁴And you shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that My covenant might be with Levi, says the LORD of hosts. ⁵My covenant with him was Life and Peace, and I gave them to him. *He was* to fear Me; and he did fear Me, and was afraid before My name. ⁶The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips. He walked with Me in peace and uprightness, and turned away many from iniquity. ⁷For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. ⁸But you have turned out of the way; you have caused many to stumble at the law. You have corrupted the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts. ⁹Therefore I have also made you despised and low before all the people, according as you have not kept My ways but have been partial in the law. ¹⁰Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we act deceitfully, each man against his brother, by making the covenant of our fathers common?

¹¹Judah has acted deceitfully, and a hateful thing is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has defiled the holiness of the LORD which He loved, and has married the daughter of a strange god. ¹²The LORD will cut off the man who does this, the master and the scholar, out of the tents of Jacob, and him who offers an offering unto the LORD of hosts. ¹³And you have done this again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, so much so that He does not respect the offering any more, nor *does He* receive *it* with good will at your hand.

¹⁴Yet you say, Why? Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have acted deceitfully; yet she is your companion and the wife of your covenant. ¹⁵And did He not make one *only*, though He had the remaining *fullness* of the Spirit? And why one? So that He might seek a godly seed. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal deceitfully against the wife of his youth. ¹⁶For the LORD, the God of Israel, says that He hates divorce. For *one* covers his garments with violence, says the LORD of hosts. Therefore take heed to your spirit, that you do not deal deceitfully.

¹⁷You have wearied the LORD with your words. Yet you say, In what have we wearied *Him*? When you say, Everyone who does evil is good in the sight of the LORD, and He delights in them; or, Where is the God of judgment?

CHAPTER 3

¹Behold, I will send My messenger, and he shall prepare the way before Me. And the LORD, whom you seek, shall suddenly come to His temple, even the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight. Behold, he shall come, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of His coming? And who shall stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire, and like fullers' soap. ³And He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver. And He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem shall be pleasant unto the LORD, as in the days of old and as in former years. ⁵And I will come near you to judgment. And I will be a swift witness against the magicians, and against the adulterers, and against false swearers, and against those who rob the hireling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and those who turn the stranger aside, and those who do not fear Me, says the LORD of hosts. ⁶For I am the LORD, I change not — therefore you sons of Jacob are not destroyed.

⁷Even from the days of your fathers, you have gone away from My ordinances and have not kept *them*. Return unto Me, and I will return unto you, says the LORD of hosts. But you said, In what *way* shall we return? ⁸Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me. But you say, In what *way* have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings! ⁹You are cursed with a curse; for you have robbed Me, *even* this whole nation. ¹⁰Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house. And test Me now with this, says the LORD of hosts, *to see* if I will not open the windows of Heaven for you, and pour you out a blessing, so that *there shall not be room enough to receive it*. ¹¹And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast its fruit before the time in the field, says the LORD of hosts. ¹²And all nations shall call you blessed; for you shall be a delightful land, says the LORD of hosts.

¹³Your words have been hard against Me, says the LORD. Yet you say, What have we spoken against Thee? ¹⁴You have said, It is vain to serve God; and what profit *is it* that we have kept His ordinance and that we have walked mournfully before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the proud happy; yea, those who work wickedness have been built up. Yes, those who tempt God have escaped.

¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke often to one another. And the LORD listened and heard *it*. And a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who feared the LORD and thought upon His name. ¹⁷And they shall be Mine, says the LORD of hosts, in that day when I will make up My jewels. And I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him. ¹⁸Then you shall return and see the

difference between the righteous and the wicked, between him who serves God and him who does not serve Him.

CHAPTER 4

¹For behold, the day comes which shall burn like an oven. And all the proud, yes, and all who do wickedly, shall be stubble. And the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

²But unto you who fear My name, the Sun of righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings; and you shall go forth and grow up like calves of the stall. ³And you shall trample down the wicked, for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do *this*, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴Remember the law of Moses My servant, which I commanded to him in Hòr'-èb for all Israel, *with* the statutes and judgments.

⁵Behold, I will send you Ê-lí'-jäh the prophet before the coming of the great and fearful day of the LORD. ⁶And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, so that I may not come and strike the earth with a curse.

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NEW TESTAMENT

The Gospel According to MATTHEW

CHAPTER I

¹The book of the generations of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham. ²Abraham fathered Isaac, and Isaac fathered Jacob, and Jacob fathered Judah and his brothers. ³And Judah fathered Phâr'-êz and Zâ'-râh of Tâ'-mâr. And Pharez fathered Hêz'-rôn, and Hezron fathered Ram, ⁴and Ram fathered Ām-min'-ă-dăb, and Amminadab fathered Nâh'-shôn, and Nahshon fathered Săl'-môn. ⁵And Salmon fathered Bô'-ăz of Ră'-hăb, and Boaz fathered Ō'bêd of Ruth, and Obed fathered Jesse, ⁶and Jesse fathered David the king.

And David the king fathered Solomon of her *who had been wife* of Ū-rî'-ăh. ⁷And Solomon fathered Rê-hô-bô'-ăm, and Rehoboam fathered Ā-bî'-jăh, and Abijah fathered Ā'-să. ⁸And Asa fathered Je-hosh'-ă-phăt, and Jehoshaphat fathered Je-hôr'-ăm, and Jehoram fathered Ūz-zî'-ăh. ⁹And Uzziah fathered Jô'-thăm, and Jotham fathered Ā'-hăz, and Ahaz fathered Hêz'-ê-kî'-ăh. ¹⁰And Hezekiah fathered Mă-năs'-sêh, and Manasseh fathered Ā'-môn, and Amon fathered Jô-sî'-ăh. ¹¹And Josiah fathered Jê-hoi'-ă-chîn and his brothers, at the *time they were* carried away to Băb'-y-lôn.

¹²And after the carrying away to Babylon, Jê-hoi'-ă-chîn fathered Shê-ăl'-ti-êl, and Shealtiel fathered Zê-rûb'-bă-bêl. ¹³And Zerubbabel fathered Ā-bî'-üd, and Abiud fathered Ē-lî'-ă-kîm, and Eliakim fathered Ā'-zôr. ¹⁴And Azor fathered Să'-doc, and Sadoc fathered Ā'-chîm, and Achim fathered Ē-lî'-üd. ¹⁵And Eliud fathered Ēl-ê-ă'-zăr, and Eleazar fathered Măt'-thăn, and Matthan fathered Jacob. ¹⁶And Jacob fathered Joseph, the husband of Mary, of whom Jesus was born, who is called Christ. ¹⁷So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations. And from David until the carrying away into Babylon are fourteen generations. And from the carrying away into Babylon until Christ are fourteen generations.

¹⁸Now the birth of Jesus Christ was this way. (For Mary, His mother, was betrothed to Joseph.) Before they came together, she was found to be with child of *the* Holy Spirit. ¹⁹But Joseph, *betrothed to be* her husband, being righteous, and not willing to make her a public example, intended to put her away secretly.

²⁰And as he thought on these things, behold! an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary to you *as* your wife. For that which is in her is

born of *the* Holy Spirit. ²¹And she shall bring forth a son, and you shall call His name JESUS—for He shall save His people from their sins. ²²Now all this came to pass in order that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, ²³“Behold! The virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call His name Im-mān’-ū-ēl” which means God with us when translated (See [ISAIAH 7:14]). ²⁴And Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took his wife to *himself*. ²⁵And *he* did not know her until she had brought forth her first-born son. And he called His name JESUS.

CHAPTER 2

¹Now when Jesus had been born in Bēth’-lē-hēm of Jū’-dē-ā in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem. ²And *they* said, Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him. ³But hearing *this*, Herod the king was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he asked of them where the Christ should be born. ⁵And they said to him, In Bethlehem of Judea—for so it is written by the prophet, ⁶“And you, Bethlehem, *in the* land of Judah, are not the least among the princes of Judah, for out of you shall come a Governor who shall shepherd My people Israel” (See MICAH 5:2).

⁷Then secretly calling the wise men aside, Herod inquired of them the exact time the star appeared. ⁸And sending them on to Bethlehem, he said, Go and search carefully for the little child. And when you have found *him*, bring me word again so that I may come and worship him also. ⁹And hearing the king, they went away. And behold! the star which they had seen in the east went before them, until *it* had come *where it* stood right over the little child. ¹⁰And seeing the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. ¹¹And coming into the house, they found the little child with Mary, His mother. And falling down, they worshipped Him. And opening their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold and frankincense and myrrh [mērr]. ¹²Then being warned of God in a dream not to return to Herod, they went away into their own country another way.

¹³And when they were gone, behold! An angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise! Take the little child and His mother with you and flee into Egypt, and stay there until I shall tell you. For Herod is about to look for the little child in order to kill Him. ¹⁴And he arose and took the little child and His mother with him and withdrew by night into Egypt. ¹⁵And he was there until the death of Herod—so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the

prophet, saying, "Out of Egypt have I called My Son" (See HOSEA 11:1).

¹⁶Then seeing that he was fooled by the wise men, Herod was very angry. And sending men, he killed all the boys that *were* in Bethlehem, and in all of its borders, from two years old and under — according to the time which he had accurately inquired of the wise men. ¹⁷Then that was fulfilled which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet, saying, ¹⁸"A voice was heard in Rā'-māh, wailing and bitter weeping, and great mourning, Rachel weeping *for* her children, and would not be comforted because they are not *there*" (See JEREMIAH 31:15). ¹⁹But when Herod had died, behold! an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in Egypt, in a dream, ²⁰saying Arise, take the little child and His mother and go into *the* land of Israel. For they who were seeking the life of the little child have died.

²¹And he arose and took the little child and His mother with him, and came into *the* land of Israel. ²²But hearing that Archelaus [Ār-kē-lāy'-ūs] ruled over Judea, instead of Herod his father, he was afraid to go there. And being warned of God in a dream, he withdrew into a part of Galilee ²³and came and lived in a city called Nāz'-a-rēth — so that it should be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets, "He shall be called a Nāz'-ā-rēne."

CHAPTER 3

¹Now in those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea. ²And *he was* saying, Repent! for the kingdom of Heaven has come near. ³For this is he who was spoken of by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight" (See ISALAH 40:3). ⁴And John himself had his clothing of camel's hair and a girdle of leather about his loins. And his food was locusts and wild honey.

⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea went out to him and all the country around the Jordan *river*. ⁶And *they* were baptized by him in the Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees [Fāir'-i-sēes] and Sadducees [Sād'-ū-sēes] coming to his baptism, he said to them, You children of vipers, who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance! ⁹And do not think to say within yourselves, We have Abraham *as our* father. For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. ¹⁰And even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree not bringing forth good fruit is cut down, and is thrown into the fire. ¹¹I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance — but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to carry. He shall baptize you with *the* Holy Spirit and with fire.

¹²His fan is in His hand, and He will completely clear His floor and will gather His wheat into the storehouse—but the chaff He will burn up with fire that cannot be put out.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan *river*, to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴But John was forbidding Him, saying, I have need to be baptized by Thee, and dost Thou come to me? ¹⁵But answering him Jesus said to him, Let *it be so* now. For in this way it is becoming to us to fulfill all righteousness. Then he gave way to Him. ¹⁶And being baptized Jesus went up immediately out of the water. And behold! the heavens were opened to Him, and He saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove, and coming upon Him. ¹⁷And behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well-pleased.

CHAPTER 4

¹Then Jesus was led up into the wilderness by the Spirit to be tempted by the devil. ²And since he had not eaten for forty days and forty nights, He afterwards was hungry. ³And the tempter coming to Him said, If you are the Son of God, command that these stones may become bread. ⁴But answering He said, It is written, “Not by bread alone shall man live, but by every word coming out of the mouth of God” (See DEUTERONOMY 8:3). ⁵Then the devil took Him to the holy city, and he set Him upon the edge of the Temple ⁶and said to Him, If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down—for it is written, “He shall give His angels charge of Thee, and in *their* hands they shall hold Thee up lest Thou strike Thy foot against a stone” (See PSALM 91:11). ⁷Jesus said to him, Again it is written, “You shall not tempt the Lord your God” (See DEUTERONOMY 6:16). ⁸Again, the devil took Him up to a very high mountain and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, ⁹and said to Him, All these things I will give to you if you will fall down and worship me. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, Get away, Satan! for it is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him alone you shall serve” (See DEUTERONOMY 6:13). ¹¹Then the devil left Him. And behold! angels came and ministered to Him.

¹²But hearing that John was delivered up, Jesus drew back into Galilee. ¹³And leaving Nāz'-ā-rēth, He came and stayed in Cā-per'-nā-ūm, which is on the seaside, in the borders of Zē-bū'-lūn and Naphtali [Nāff'-tā-lī]: ¹⁴that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, ¹⁵“Land of Zē-bū'-lūn, and land of Nāph'-tā-lī, *by* the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations! ¹⁶The people sitting in darkness has seen a great Light, and Light has sprung up to those sitting in the region and shadow of darkness” (See ISALAH 9:2). ¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven has come near.

¹⁸And walking by the sea of Galilee, Jesus saw two brothers — Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, throwing a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And He said to them, Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men. ²⁰And they immediately left their nets *and* followed Him. ²¹And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zēb'-ē-dēe, and John his brother, in the ship with Zēb'-ē-dēe their father, mending their nets. And He called them. ²²And they immediately left the ship and their father and followed Him.

²³And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues [sin'-a-gogs] and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom. And He *was* healing every *kind of* disease and ailment among the people. ²⁴His fame went into all Syria. And they brought to Him all who were sick, pressed down by different kinds of diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, and lūn'-ā-tics, and pār-ā-lyt'-ics. And He healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed Him from Galilee and Dē-cāp'-ō-lis and Jerusalem and Judea and beyond the Jordan *river*.

CHAPTER 5

¹But seeing the multitudes, He went up into the mountain. And when He had sat down, His disciples came to Him. ²And opening His mouth, He taught them, saying,

³Blessed *are* the poor in spirit! for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

⁴Blessed *are* they who mourn! for they shall be comforted.

⁵Blessed *are* the meek! for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶Blessed *are* they who hunger and thirst after righteousness! for they shall be filled.

⁷Blessed *are* the mercifull! for they shall obtain mercy.

⁸Blessed *are* the pure in heart! for they shall see God.

⁹Blessed *are* the peacemakers! for they shall be called *the* sons of God.

¹⁰Blessed *are* they who have been persecuted for righteousness' sake! for theirs is the kingdom of Heaven.

¹¹Blessed *are* you when they shall call you names, and shall persecute, and lying shall say every evil word against you for My sake. ¹²Rejoice, and leap for joy! for great is your reward in Heaven — for so they persecuted the prophets who *were* before you.

¹³You are the salt of the earth — but if the salt loses its taste, with what shall it be salted? For *then* it no longer has its strength, but *is* to be thrown out and trampled upon by men. ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city *that is* set upon a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵Neither do they light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but upon the lampstand — and it shines for all who *are* in the house. ¹⁶Even so let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who *is* in Heaven.

¹⁷Do not think that I came to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I did not come to do away *with it*, but to fulfill *it*. ¹⁸For verily I say unto you, Until the sky and earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall pass away from the Law until all comes to pass. ¹⁹Whosoever then shall break one of these commandments, *even* the least, and shall teach men *to do so*, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of Heaven. But whoever shall practice and teach *them*, this one shall be called great in the kingdom of Heaven. ²⁰For I say to you that unless your righteousness shall be over and above that of the scribes and Phâr'-î-sêes, you shall in no way enter into the kingdom of Heaven.

²¹You have heard that it was said to the men of old, "You shall not kill." And, "Whoever shall kill shall be in danger of the Judgment" (See Exodus 20:13). ²²But I say to you that every one who is angry with his brother, without cause, shall be in danger of the Judgment. ²³And whoever shall say to his brother, Raca! shall be in danger of the Sãn-hê'-drin — but whoever shall say, Fool! shall be in danger of the fire of hell. ²³If therefore you are offering your gift at the altar and shall remember there that your brother has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go away, and first renew friendship with your brother — and then after you have come back, offer your gift.

²⁵Agree quickly with him who has a cause against you, while you are *still* in the highway with him, lest this one who has a cause against you deliver you up to the judge, and the judge deliver you up to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. ²⁶Verily I say unto you, you shall in no way come out from there until you have paid the last penny.

²⁷You have heard that it was said to the men of old, "You shall not commit adultery." (See Exodus 20:14). ²⁸But I say to you that everyone who looks upon a woman to lust after her has committed adultery with her already in his heart. ²⁹But if your right eye cause you to sin, pluck it out and throw *it* from you. For it is *more* profitable for you that one of your members should be lost, and not *that* your whole body should be thrown into hell. ³⁰And if your right hand cause you to sin, cut it off and throw *it* from you. For it is *more* profitable for you that one of your members should be lost, and not *that* your whole body be thrown into hell.

³¹It was also said, Whoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorce. ³²But I say to you that whoever shall put away his wife, except on account of fôr-ni-cã'-tion, causes her to commit adultery. And whoever shall marry her that has been put away commits adultery.

³³Again, you have heard that it was said to the men of old, "You shall not swear falsely, but you shall perform your oaths to the Lord" (See LEVITICUS 19:12). ³⁴But I say to you, Do not swear at all, neither by

Heaven (because it is God's throne); ³⁵nor by the earth (because it is *the* footstool of His feet), nor by Jerusalem (because it is *the* city of the great King). ³⁶Neither shall you swear by your head, because you are not able to make one hair white or black. ³⁷But let your word be, yes, yes, no, no. But what is more than these is from evil.

³⁸You have heard that it was said, "Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth" (See Exodus 21:24). ³⁹But I say to you, Do not resist evil—but whoever shall strike you on your right cheek, turn the other to him also. ⁴⁰And to him who would go to law with you, and take your vest, let him have *your* coat also. ⁴¹And whoever will force you to go one mile, go two miles with him. ⁴²To him who asks of you, give, and you shall not turn away from him that wishes to borrow from you.

⁴³You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless those who curse you. Do good to those that hate you. And pray for those who insult you and persecute you: ⁴⁵so that you may be sons of your Father who *is* in Heaven—for He makes His sun to rise on evil and good, and He sends rain on just and unjust. ⁴⁶For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not the tax-collectors do the same? ⁴⁷And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more *than others*? Do not the tax-collectors also do so? ⁴⁸Therefore, you shall be perfect, even as your Father who *is* in Heaven is perfect.

CHAPTER 6

¹Be careful that you do not do your good deeds before men in order to be seen by them. Otherwise you do not have any reward with your Father who *is* in Heaven. ²Therefore when you do good deeds, do not sound a trumpet before you, like the hypocrites do in the syn'-ā-gōgues and in the streets, so that they may have glory from men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward. ³But when you are doing good deeds, do not let your left hand know what your right hand does—⁴so that your good deeds may be in secret. And your Father, who is seeing in secret, shall Himself reward you openly.

⁵And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the syn'-ā-gōgues and in the corners of the streets, so that they may be seen by men. Verily I say unto you that they have their reward. ⁶But when you pray, go into your inner room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who *is* in secret. And your Father, who sees in secret, shall reward you openly. ⁷But when you pray, do not vainly babble words as the heathen do—for they think that in their much speaking they shall be heard. ⁸Be not like them then, for your Father

knows what things you need before you ask Him. ⁹Therefore, pray in this way:

Our Father, who art in Heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
¹⁰Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as *it is* in Heaven.
¹¹Give us this day our daily bread, ¹²and forgive
us our debts as we also forgive our debtors.
¹³And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

¹⁴For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you too. ¹⁵But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

¹⁶And when you fast, do not be as the hypocrites of a sad face, for they darken their faces that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you that they have their reward. ¹⁷But you, when you fast, oil your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that you may not appear to men to fast. But *fast* to your Father who *is* in secret—and your Father who sees in secret shall reward you openly.

¹⁹Do not store up for yourselves treasures on the earth, where moth and rust spoil, and where thieves break through and steal. ²⁰But store up treasures for yourselves in Heaven, where neither moth nor rust spoil, and where thieves do not break through nor steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, your heart will be there also. ²²The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore if your eye is single, your whole body will be light. ²³But if your eye is evil, your whole body will be dark. Therefore, if the light that *is* in you is darkness, how great *is* the darkness!

²⁴No one is able to serve two lords—for either he will hate the one, and he will love the other—or, he will hold to one, and he will despise the other. You are not able to serve God and mammon. ²⁵Because of this I say to you, Do not be anxious as to your life, what you should eat and what you should drink—nor for your body, what you should put on. Is not the life more than the food? and the body than the clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the sky, that they do not sow, nor do they reap, nor do they gather into barns—yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much better than they? ²⁷But which of you by being anxious is able to add one cubit to his height? ²⁸And why are you worried about clothing? Look at the lilies of the field, how they grow. They do not work, neither do they spin. ²⁹But I say to you that not even Solomon in

all his glory was clothed like one of these! ³⁰But if God so clothe the grass of the field (which is *here* today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow,) will He not much rather *clothe* you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore, do not be anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, With what shall we be clothed? ³²For the heathen seek all these things. For your heavenly Father knows that you have need of all these things. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. ³⁴Therefore, do not be anxious for tomorrow—for tomorrow shall be anxious for its own *things*. Enough *for each day* is its own evil.

CHAPTER 7

¹Judge not, so that you may not be judged. ²For with what judgment you judge, you shall be judged. And with what measure you measure out, it shall be measured to you again. ³But why do you look upon the twig that *is* in your brother's eye, but do not see the log in your own eye? ⁴Or how will you say to your brother, Let me pull the twig out of your eye: and behold! the log *is* in your eye? ⁵Hypocrite! First pull the log out of your own eye, and then you shall see clearly to pull the twig out of your brother's eye.

⁶Do not give that which is holy to the dogs, nor throw your pearls before the hogs—lest they should trample upon them with their feet, and then turn and tear you. ⁷Ask and it shall be given to you. Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened to you. ⁸For everyone that asks does receive—and he that seeks does find—and to him that knocks, it shall be opened. ⁹Or what man is there of you, who if his son should ask bread, will he give him a stone? ¹⁰Or if he should ask a fish, will he give him a snake? ¹¹If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more your Father who is in Heaven will give good things to those who ask Him! ¹²Therefore all things whatever you desire men to do to you, you do also to them—for this is the Law and the Prophets.

¹³Go in through the narrow gate—for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to death, and many are they who enter through it. ¹⁴Because narrow *is* the gate and narrow *is* the way that leads to life, and few are they who find it.

¹⁵But beware of the false prophets who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inside they are plundering wolves. ¹⁶By their fruits you shall know them. Do *men* gather grapes from thorns, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit, but the worthless tree brings forth evil fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit. Neither *can* a worthless tree bring forth good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree not bringing

forth good fruit is cut down and is thrown into the fire. ²⁰Then surely by their fruits you shall know them.

²¹Not everyone who says to Me, Lord! Lord! shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven. But he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven *shall enter in*. ²²Many will say to Me in that day, Lord! Lord! did we not prophesy through Thy name, and through Thy name throw out demons, and through Thy name do mighty works? ²³And then I will say to them, I never knew you! Depart from Me, you who work lawlessness!

²⁴Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on a rock—²⁵and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and struck against that house—and it did not fall. For it had been founded upon a rock. ²⁶And everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not do them, he shall be likened to a foolish man who built his house upon the sand—²⁷and the rain came down, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat upon that house—and it fell. And great was the fall of it.

²⁸And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these words, the people were astonished at His teaching—²⁹for He was teaching them as *One* who had authority, and not like the scribes.

CHAPTER 8

¹And when He had come down from the mountain, great crowds followed Him. ²And behold! a leper came and worshiped Him, saying, Lord, if Thou dost desire, Thou art able to make me clean. ³And stretching out *His* hand, Jesus touched him, saying, I will! Be clean! And instantly his leprosy was gone. ⁴And Jesus said to him, See that you do not tell anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest, and offer the gifts which Moses commanded, for a witness to them.

⁵And when Jesus had entered into Că-pěr'-nă-ŭm, a centurion came to Him begging Him, ⁶and saying, Lord, my servant has been laid out in the house, a paralytic, fearfully tormented. ⁷And Jesus said to him, I will come and heal him. ⁸The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof. But only speak a word and my servant shall be healed. ⁹For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, Go! and he goes; and to another, Come! and he comes; and to my servant, Do this! and he does *it*. ¹⁰And hearing this, Jesus marveled, and said to those following, Verily I say unto you, Not even in Israel have I found so great faith. ¹¹But I say to you that many shall come from the east and west and shall sit down with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom

of Heaven — ¹²but the children of the kingdom shall be thrown out into outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ¹³And Jesus said to the centurion, Go! and as you have believed, so be it done to you. And his servant was healed in that hour.

¹⁴And when Jesus had come to Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother laid out *in bed* and sick of a fever. ¹⁵And He touched her hand, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them.

¹⁶And as evening was coming *on*, they brought to Him many that were demon-possessed. And He threw out the spirits by a word and healed all who were sick — ¹⁷so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, "He took upon Himself our weaknesses and bore *our* sicknesses" (See ISALAH 53:4).

¹⁸And seeing great crowds around Him, Jesus gave orders to go away to the other side. ¹⁹And a certain scribe came and said to Him, Master, I will follow you wherever you go. ²⁰And Jesus says to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the sky *have* nests, but the Son of man has nowhere He may lay His head. ²¹And another of His disciples said to Him, Lord, allow me first to go and bury my father. ²²But Jesus said to him, Follow Me, and leave the dead to bury their own dead.

²³And when He had gone into the ship, His disciples followed Him. ²⁴And behold! a great tempest occurred in the sea — so that the ship was covered by the waves. But He was asleep. ²⁵And His disciples came to *Him and* awoke Him, saying, Lord, save us! We perish! ²⁶And He said to them, Why are you afraid, O you of little faith? Then rising up, He rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷And the men marveled, saying, What kind of man is this? that even the winds and the sea obey Him!

²⁸And when He had come to the other side into the country of the Ger'-gē-sēnes, two demon-possessed *men* met Him, coming out of the tombs. *They were* so very violent that no man was able to pass by that way. ²⁹And behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with Thee, Jesus, Thou Son of God? Art Thou come here before *the* time to torment us? ³⁰Now there was far off from them a herd of many hogs feeding. ³¹And the demons begged Him, saying, If Thou cast us out, allow us to go away into the herd of hogs. ³²And He said to them, Go! And they came out and entered into the herd of hogs. And behold! the whole herd of hogs rushed down the steep into the sea and died in the waters. ³³And those who fed *them* ran away. And going into the city, *they* told everything, and the *things* about the demon-possessed. ³⁴And behold, the whole city went out to meet Jesus. And seeing Him, they begged *Him* that He would go away from their countryside.

CHAPTER 9

¹And entering into the ship, He passed over and came to His own city. ²Lo and behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. And seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralytic, Be of good courage, child, your sins are forgiven you. ³And behold! Some of the scribes said within themselves, This *man* blasphemeth. ⁴And knowing their thoughts, Jesus said, Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier? to say, Your sins are forgiven, or to say, Arise and walk? ⁶But so that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins, He then said to the paralytic, Arise! Take up your bed and go to your house. ⁷And rising up, he went away to his house. ⁸And seeing *this*, the multitudes marveled and glorified God, who had given such authority to men.

⁹And passing on, Jesus saw there a man named Matthew sitting at the tax-office. And *He* says to him, Follow Me! And rising up, he followed Him. ¹⁰And it came to pass *as* He was dining in the house, behold, many tax-collectors and sinners came and dined with Jesus and His disciples. ¹¹And the Phâr'-î-sêes seeing *it* said to His disciples, Why does your Master eat with tax-collectors and sinners? ¹²But Jesus hearing them, He said to them, They who are strong have no need of a doctor, but they who are sick. ¹³But go and learn what this *means*, "I will have mercy, and not sacrifice" (See HOSEA 6:6). For I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

¹⁴Then the disciples of John came near to Him saying, Why do we and the Phâr'-î-sêes fast often, but Thy disciples do not fast at all? ¹⁵And Jesus said to them, Can the children of the bride chamber mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them? But the days will come when the bridegroom will have been taken away from them, and then they will fast. ¹⁶But no one puts a piece of new cloth onto an old piece of clothing, for filling it up *with new cloth* takes away from the clothing, and the tear is made worse. ¹⁷Neither do men put new wine into old wineskins, otherwise the wineskins burst, and the wine runs out, and the wineskins will be ruined. But they put new wine into new wineskins, and both are preserved together.

¹⁸While He was speaking these things to them, behold, a ruler came and worshiped Him, saying, Just now my daughter has died. But come and lay Thy hand upon her and she shall live. ¹⁹And rising up, Jesus followed him, also His disciples.

²⁰Lo and behold! a woman who had a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind *Him and* touched the hem of His robe. ²¹For she said within herself, If only I shall touch His robe, I shall be cured. ²²But turn-

ing and seeing her, Jesus said, Be of good courage, daughter, your faith has cured you. And the woman was cured from that hour.

²³And coming to the house of the ruler, and seeing the flute-players and the crowd making a great noise, ²⁴Jesus said to them, Go back, for the little girl is not dead, but is asleep. And they scornfully laughed at Him. ²⁵But when the crowd had been put out, He went in and took hold of her hand. And the little girl rose up. ²⁶And this tale went out into all that land.

²⁷And as Jesus was passing on from there, two blind men followed Him, crying and saying, Have mercy on us, Son of David. ²⁸And coming into the house, the blind men came to Him. And Jesus said to them, Do you believe that I am able to do this? They said to Him, Yes, Lord. ²⁹Then He touched their eyes saying, According to your faith be it to you. ³⁰And their eyes were opened. And Jesus strictly commanded them, saying, See *that you* let no one know. ³¹But after they left, they made Him known in all that land. ³²And as they were going out, behold, they brought to Him a man dumb, demon-possessed. ³³And when the demon had been thrown out, the dumb one spoke. And the multitudes marveled, saying, Never was it seen like this in Israel. ³⁴But the Phâr'-î-sêes said, He throws out demons by the prince of demons.

³⁵And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom. And He *was* healing every sickness and weakness of body among the people. ³⁶And seeing the crowds, He was moved with compassion for them because they were tired and scattered as sheep having no shepherd. ³⁷Then He said to His disciples, The harvest truly is great, but the workers *are* few. ³⁸Pray then that the Lord of the harvest may send out workers into His harvest.

CHAPTER 10

¹And calling His twelve disciples, He gave to them authority over unclean spirits so as to throw them out, and *also power* to heal every kind of sickness and every kind of weakness of body.

²Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother — James the *son* of Zêb'-ê-dêe, and John his brother — ³Philip and Bâr-thol'-ô-mew — Thomas and Matthew the tax-collector — James the *son* of Alpheus [Al-fêe'-ûs], and Lêb-bê'-ûs who was surnamed Thâd-dê'-ûs — ⁴Simon the Canaanite [Kây'nân-îte], and Judas Is-câr'-î-ôt, who also betrayed Him.

⁵Jesus sent out these twelve, commanding them, saying, Do not go into *the* way of the Gentiles, and do not enter into a city of *the* Sâ-mâr'-î-

tāns. ⁶But go rather to the lost sheep of *the* house of Israel. ⁷And as you go, preach, saying, The kingdom of Heaven has come near. ⁸Heal *the* sick, cleanse *the* lepers, raise *the* dead, throw out demons. You have freely received, so freely give. ⁹Do not take either gold or silver, or money in your purses — ¹⁰nor a bag for *the* journey, nor two coats, nor shoes, nor a staff. For the workman is worthy of his food. ¹¹And into whatever city or village you enter, ask who in it is worthy. And stay there until you go forth. ¹²And when you come into the house, greet it. ¹³And if the house truly is worthy, let your peace come upon it. But if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴And whosoever will not receive you, nor will hear your words, come out of that house or city — shake off the dust from your feet. ¹⁵Verily I say to you, it shall be more bearable for the land of Sod'-ūm and Gō-mōr'-rāh in the day of judgment than for that city.

¹⁶Behold! I send you forth as sheep in the middle of wolves. Therefore show yourselves wise as serpents and harmless as doves. ¹⁷But beware of men; for they will deliver you up to the sãn-hé'-drĩns, and they will beat you in their syn'-ã-gōgues. ¹⁸And also you shall be brought before governors and kings for My sake — for a witness to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹But when they deliver you up, do not be anxious how or what you should speak: for it shall be given you in that hour what you should say. ²⁰For it is not you that speak, but the Spirit of your Father who speaks in you. ²¹And brother will deliver up brother to death, and *the* father *his* child. And children will rise up against parents and will put them to death. ²²And you shall be hated by all men on account of My name. But he that endures to *the* end shall be saved.

²³But when they persecute you in this city, flee into another. For verily I say to you, In no way will you have finished the cities of Israel until the Son of man has come. ²⁴The disciple is not above *his* master, nor the servant above his lord. ²⁵It is enough that the disciple become like his master, and the servant like his lord. If they have called the Master of the house Bē-ēl'-zē-būb, how much more *shall they call* those of His household? ²⁶You should not therefore fear them. For there is nothing covered that shall not be uncovered, and nothing hidden which shall not be known. ²⁷What I tell you in the darkness, speak in the light. And what you hear in the ear, preach it upon the housetops.

²⁸And you should not be afraid of those who kill the body, but *who* are not able to kill the soul. But rather you should fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? and one of them shall not fall to the ground without your Father. ³⁰But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹You should not fear then, *for* you are of more value than many sparrows. ³²Therefore, everyone who shall confess me before men, I will also confess him before My

Father who is in Heaven. ³³But whosoever shall deny Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in Heaven.

³⁴Do not think that I have come to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I came to set a man against his father — and a daughter against her mother — and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. ³⁶And a man's foes *shall be* his own household. ³⁷He that loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me! And he that loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me! ³⁸And he that does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me! ³⁹He that has found his life shall lose it. And he that has lost his life on account of Me shall find it. ⁴⁰He that receives you receives Me. And he that receives Me receives Him who sent Me. ⁴¹He that receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward. And he that receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. ⁴²And whoever shall give to one of these little ones only a cup of cold *water* to drink, in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no way lose his reward!

CHAPTER 11

¹And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished commanding His twelve disciples, He left there in order to teach and to preach in their cities.

²Now hearing in the prison of the works of the Christ, John sent two of his disciples. ³And *they* said to Him, Art Thou the coming One? or are we to look for another? ⁴And answering, Jesus said to them, Go! Tell John what you hear and see: ⁵*The* blind receive sight and *the* lame walk. Lepers are cleansed and *the* deaf hear. *The* dead are raised, and *the* poor have the Gospel preached to them. ⁶And blessed is *he* who shall not be offended in Me.

⁷And as these were going away, Jesus began to say to the multitude concerning John, What did you go out into the wilderness to see? a reed shaken with the wind? ⁸But what did you go out to see? a man clothed in soft clothing? Behold! they that wear soft *clothing* are in the houses of kings. ⁹But what did you go out to see? a prophet? Yes, I say to you, and *one* more excellent than a prophet! ¹⁰For this is *he* of whom it has been written, "Behold! I send My messenger before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee" (See MALACHI 3:1). ¹¹Verily I say unto you, There has not ever risen among *those* born of women any greater than John the Baptist. But he that *is* least in the kingdom of Heaven is greater than he *is*. ¹²And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of Heaven is taken by violence, and the violent take it by force. ¹³For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John. ¹⁴And if you are willing to receive *it*, he is E-li'-jäh who is to come. ¹⁵He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁶But to what shall I liken this generation? It is like little children sitting in the markets and calling to their playmates, ¹⁷saying, We played the flute to you, and you did not dance! We mourned to you, but you did not wail! ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He has a demon. ¹⁹The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold! a man *who is* a glutton and a wine-drinker, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners. But wisdom was justified by her children.

²⁰Then He began to shame the cities in which most of His mighty works had taken place, because they did not repent. ²¹Woe to you, Chorazin [Kō-rāy'-zīn]! Woe to you, Bēth-sā'-ī-dā! For if the mighty works which have taken place in you had happened in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. ²²But I say to you, It shall be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment than for you. ²³And you, Cā-per'-nā-ūm, who have been lifted up to Heaven, shall be brought down into hell. For if the mighty works which have taken place in you had happened in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. ²⁴But I say to you that it shall be more bearable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment than for you.

²⁵Answering at that time Jesus said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and earth, because Thou didst hide these things from the sophisticated and cunning and didst reveal them to babes. ²⁶Even so, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight. ²⁷All things are delivered to Me by My Father. And no one knows the Son except the Father—nor does anyone know the Father except the Son, and he to whom the Son may desire to reveal *Him*.

²⁸Come unto Me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me—for I am meek and lowly in heart—and you shall find rest unto your souls. ³⁰For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light.

CHAPTER 12

¹At that season Jesus went through the grainfield on the Sabbath day. And His disciples were hungry. And they began to pluck the ears of grain and to eat. ²But seeing this, the Phâr'-ī-sēes said to Him, Behold! your disciples are doing what it is not lawful to do on the Sabbath day. ³But He said to them, Have you never read what David did when he himself was hungry, and those with him? ⁴how he went into the house of God and ate the showbread, which it was not lawful for him to eat, neither for those with him, but only for the priests? ⁵Or have you never read in the Law how on the sabbaths the priests in the Temple profane the sabbath, and are not guilty? ⁶But I say to you that One greater than the Temple is here. ⁷But if you had known what *this means*, "I desire

mercy and not sacrifice" (See HOSEA 6:6), you would not have condemned those who are not guilty. ⁸For the Son of man is Lord even of the Sabbath day.

⁹And going away from there, He went into their syn'-ă-gogue. ¹⁰And behold! there was a man *there* with a withered hand. And they asked Him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbaths? (so that they might accuse Him). ¹¹But He said to them, What! shall there be a man of you who shall have one sheep, and if it fall into a pit on the sabbaths, will he not lay hold on it and lift it out? ¹²How much better, then, is a man than a sheep? So it is lawful to do well on the sabbath. ¹³Then He says to the man, Stretch out your hand! And he stretched it out. And it was made whole again, just like the other.

¹⁴But after they went out, the Phâr'-î-sêes held a meeting against Him, how they might do away with Him. ¹⁵And knowing *this*, Jesus withdrew from there, and great crowds followed Him. And He healed them all, ¹⁶and He strictly commanded them that they should not make Him known — ¹⁷so that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Ī-sâ'-î-âh the prophet, saying, ¹⁸"Behold My Servant, whom I have chosen: My Beloved in whom My soul is well-pleased. I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He shall show judgment to the Gentiles. ¹⁹He shall not strive or cry out, neither shall anyone hear His voice in the streets. ²⁰A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoking wick He will not put out, until He bring forth judgment to victory. ²¹And in His name the Gentiles shall trust" (See ISAIAH 42:1).

²²Then a demon-possessed man was brought to Him, *who was* blind and dumb. And He healed him, so that the blind and dumb one both spoke and saw. ²³And all the people were amazed, and said, This is the son of David! ²⁴But hearing *this* the Phâr'-î-sêes said, This one does not throw out demons except by Bē-ēl'-zē-būb the prince of the demons. ²⁵But knowing their thoughts Jesus said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is made helpless. And every city or house divided against itself will not stand. ²⁶And if Satan does throw out Satan, he has been divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? ²⁷And if I throw out the demons by Bē-ēl'-zē-būb, by whom do your children throw them out? Because of this they shall be your judges. ²⁸But if I throw out demons by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²⁹Or else how is anyone able to enter into the house of the strong man and take his goods — unless he first ties up the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. ³⁰He that is not with Me is against Me! and he who does not gather with Me scatters. ³¹Because of this I say to you, Every kind of sin and blasphemy [blās'-fē-mē] shall be forgiven to men, but blasphemy against the *Holy* Spirit shall not be forgiven to men. ³²And whoever speaks a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven

him. But whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him — neither in this world, nor in the *world* to come. ³³Either make the tree good and its fruit good — or else make the tree evil and its fruit evil — for the tree is known from the fruit.

³⁴You children of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For the mouth speaks out of the overflowing of the heart. ³⁵The good man brings forth good things out of the good treasure of the heart. And the evil man brings forth evil things out of the evil treasure. ³⁶But I say to you that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give an account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷For by your words you shall be justified, and by your words you shall be condemned.

³⁸Then some of the scribes and Phâr'-i-sêes answered, saying, Master, we want to see a sign from you. ³⁹But answering He said to them, A generation *full of evil and adultery* seeks for a sign. And a sign shall not be given to it, except the sign of Jonah the prophet. ⁴⁰For even as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the whale, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹*The men of Nîn'-ê-vêh* shall stand up in the Judgment with this generation and shall condemn it. For they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold! One greater than Jonah is here. ⁴²The queen of *the south* shall rise up in the Judgment with this generation and shall condemn it. For she came from the other side of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold! One greater than Solomon is here.

⁴³When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he walks through dry places looking for rest and does not find *it*. ⁴⁴Then he says, I will go back into my house from where I came out. And coming back he finds *it* empty, swept, and decorated. ⁴⁵Then he goes and takes with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself. And entering in, they live there — and the last *condition* of that man becomes worse than the first. So also shall it be to this wicked generation.

⁴⁶While He was still speaking to the people, lo, *His* mother and His brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to Him. ⁴⁷Then someone said to Him, Behold! Thy mother and Thy brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to Thee. ⁴⁸But answering He said to *the one* who spoke to Him, Who is My mother? and who are My brothers? ⁴⁹And stretching out His hand toward His disciples He said, Behold, My mother and My brothers! ⁵⁰For whoever shall do the will of My Father who is in Heaven, the same is My brother and sister and mother.

CHAPTER 13

¹And in that day, going out from the house, Jesus sat down by the sea. ²And great multitudes were gathered to Him, so that He entered into a

boat and sat down. And all the crowd stood on the shore. ³And He spoke to them many things in parables, saying, Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell by the road side, and the birds came and ate them. ⁵And others fell upon the stony places, where they did not have much earth. And they sprang up immediately because they had no deepness of earth. ⁶And when the sun came up they were scorched. And because they did not have any root, they dried up. ⁷And some fell upon the thorns. And the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸And some fell upon the good ground, and brought forth fruit — some a hundred times, another sixty and another thirty. ⁹He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁰And coming to Him, the disciples said to Him, Why do you speak to them in parables? ¹¹He answered and said to them, Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of Heaven, but it is not given to them. ¹²For whoever has, *more* shall be given to him — and he shall have plenty. But whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. ¹³Because of this I speak to them in parables — because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand. ¹⁴And the prophecy of Ī-sā'-ī-āh is fulfilled in them, which says, “In hearing you shall hear and shall in no way understand. And seeing you shall see and in no way see. ¹⁵For the heart of this people has grown fat, and with their ears they have heard sluggishly — and they have closed their eyes, lest they should see with their eyes, and they should hear with their ears, and they should understand with their heart and should be converted, and I should heal them” (See ISAIAH 6:9). ¹⁶But your eyes *are* blessed because they see, and your ears because they hear. ¹⁷For truly I say to you that many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what you see, and saw not; and to hear what you hear, and heard not.

¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand *it*, the wicked one comes and catches away that which was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the road side.

²⁰And he who received seed upon the stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy. ²¹But he has no root in himself, and is *only* temporary. And when trouble or persecution rises on account of the word, he immediately stumbles.

²²And he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the care of this life and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

²³But he that received seed on the good ground is he who hears the word and understands. He indeed brings forth fruit and produces one a hundred times, another sixty, another thirty.

²⁴He put forth another parable to them, saying, The kingdom of Heaven has become like a man sowing good seed in his field. ²⁵But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went away. ²⁶And when the blade sprouted, and fruit was brought forth, then the tares appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the master of the house said to him, Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? From where then does it have the tares? ²⁸And he said to them, A man, an enemy, has done this. And the servants said to him, Then do you want us to go and gather them up? ²⁹But he said, No! lest gathering the tares you should root up the wheat with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest. And in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, First gather the tares and bind them into bundles to burn them — but gather the wheat into my barn.

³¹He put forth another parable to them, saying, The kingdom of Heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man has taken *and* sowed in his field. ³²*It* is indeed less than all the seeds, but when it is grown it is greater than the *other* plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and roost in the branches of it.

³³He spoke another parable to them. The kingdom of Heaven is like leaven, which a woman took *and* hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened.

³⁴Jesus spoke all these things to the multitudes in parables. And without a parable He spoke nothing to them — ³⁵so that that which was spoken by the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, “I will open My mouth in parables. I will say things hidden from *the* foundation of *the* world” (See PSALM 78:2).

³⁶Then sending the crowds away, Jesus went into the house. And His disciples came to Him, saying, Explain to us the parable of the tares of the field. ³⁷And answering He said to them, He who sows the good seed is the Son of man. ³⁸And the field is the world. And the good seed are the children of the kingdom. But the tares are the children of the evil *one*. ³⁹And the enemy who sowed them is the devil. And the harvest is the end of the world. And the reapers are the angels. ⁴⁰Therefore just as the tares are gathered and burned in the fire, so it shall be at the end of the world. ⁴¹The Son of man shall send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness. ⁴²And they shall throw them into a furnace of fire. There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous shall shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

⁴⁴Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid. And from the joy of it, *he* goes and sells all things, as many things as he has, and buys that field.

⁴⁵Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like a man, a merchant, looking for beautiful pearls. ⁴⁶And having found one very precious pearl, going away, he sold all, as many things as he had, and bought it.

⁴⁷Again, the kingdom of Heaven is like a drag net that is thrown into the sea, and gathers together some of every kind. ⁴⁸And when it was filled, after drawing *it* up on the shore, and after sitting down, they gathered the good into vessels, and threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it shall be at the end of the world. The angels shall go out and shall separate the wicked from among the righteous ⁵⁰and shall throw them into the furnace of fire. There shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹Jesus said to them, Have you understood all these things? They say to Him, Yes, Lord. ⁵²And He said to them, Because of this every scribe schooled unto the kingdom of Heaven is like a man, a master of a house, who puts forth out of his treasure *things both* new and old.

⁵³And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these parables, He went away from there. ⁵⁴And coming to His own country, He taught them in their syn'-ă-gogue, so that they were astonished. And *they* said, Where does this one have this wisdom and these mighty works from? ⁵⁵Is this not the son of the carpenter? *Is* his mother not called Mary, and his brothers James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas? ⁵⁶And his sisters, are they not all with us? Where then does this one have all these things from? ⁵⁷And they were offended in Him. But Jesus said to them, A prophet is never without honor except in his own country, and in his own house. ⁵⁸And He did not do many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

CHAPTER 14

¹At that time Herod the têt'-rärch heard the fame of Jesus, ²and said to his servants, This is John the Baptist! He is risen from the dead. And because of this, mighty works show themselves in him. ³For after Herod had caught John, he bound him and put him in prison, on account of Hë-rō'-dī-ās the wife of his brother Philip. ⁴For John said to him, It is not lawful for you to have her. ⁵And *when he* would have killed him, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet.

⁶But *the* birthday of Herod being celebrated, the daughter of Hë-rō'-dī-ās danced in the middle of *them* and pleased Herod. ⁷So he promised with an oath to give her whatever she should ask. ⁸And she had been urged on by her mother beforehand, and said, Give me here the head of John the Baptist on a platter. ⁹And the king grieved. But on account of

the oaths, and those who reclined with *him* at table, he commanded *it* to be given. ¹⁰And he sent, and had John beheaded in the prison. ¹¹And his head was brought on a platter and was given to the girl, and she brought *it* to her mother. ¹²And his disciples came and took the body and buried it. And they came and told Jesus.

¹³And hearing *this*, Jesus went by ship to a desert place apart. And when the people heard of *it*, they followed Him on foot, out of the cities. ¹⁴And going out, Jesus saw a multitude and was moved with compassion toward them, and He healed their sick. ¹⁵And since evening had come, His disciples came to Him, saying, *This* is a desert place, and the time has already gone by. Send away the multitude, that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.

¹⁶But Jesus said to them, They have no need to go away. You give them *food* to eat. ¹⁷But they said to Him, We have here *nothing* except five loaves and two fishes. ¹⁸And He said, Bring them here to Me. ¹⁹And after commanding the multitude to lie on the grass, and after He had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, and had looked up to Heaven, He blessed *them*. And breaking *them*, He gave the loaves to the disciples, and the disciples *gave them* to the multitude. ²⁰And all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the pieces that were left over. ²¹And those men who ate were about five thousand, besides women and children.

²²And immediately Jesus made His disciples get into a ship, and to go before Him to the other side, until He had sent the multitudes away. ²³And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up alone into a mountain to pray. And after evening had come, He was there alone. ²⁴But the ship now was in the middle of the sea being tossed by the waves, for the wind was against *them*. ²⁵But in *the* fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶And seeing Him walking on the sea, the disciples were troubled, saying, It is a ghost! And they cried out from fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them saying, Be of good courage, I am He! Do not fear. ²⁸And answering Him Peter said, Lord, if it is Thee, tell me to come to Thee upon the waters. ²⁹And He said, Come! And Peter, coming down out of the ship, walked upon the waters to go to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind *was* violent, he was afraid. And beginning to sink, he cried out, saying, Lord, save me! ³¹And immediately, stretching out *His* hand, Jesus took hold of him. And He said to him, O *you* of little faith, why did you doubt? ³²And after *they* had come into the ship, the wind stopped. ³³And those in the ship came and worshipped Him saying, Truly Thou art the Son of God.

³⁴And after they had passed over, *they* came to the land of Gën-ēs'-ă-rēt. ³⁵And when the men of that place recognized Him, they sent out to

all the country round about, and brought to Him all that were diseased. ³⁶And they begged Him that they might only touch the hem of His garment. And as many as touched were made perfectly well.

CHAPTER 15

¹Then scribes and Pharisees from Jerusalem came to Jesus saying, ²Why do your disciples violate the tradition of the elders? for they do not wash their hands when they eat bread. ³But answering, He said to them, Why do you also violate the commandment of God on account of your tradition? ⁴For God commanded, saying, "Honor your father and mother;" and, "He who speaks evil of father or mother, by death let him die" (See Exodus 20:12 and 21:17). ⁵But you say, Whoever shall say to *his* father or mother, Whatever you might have gained from me *is a gift to God!* — and so in no way honor his father or his mother. ⁶And you have made the commandment of God worthless on account of your tradition. ⁷Hypocrites! well did Isaiah prophesy about you saying, ⁸"This people draws near to Me with their mouth, and with their lips honor Me, but their heart is far from Me: ⁹but in vain they worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (See ISALAH 29:13). ¹⁰And calling the multitude, He said to them, Hear and understand. ¹¹Not that which enters into the mouth defiles a man, but that which goes forth out of the mouth, this *is what* defiles a man.

¹²Then coming up to *Him*, His disciples said to Him, Dost Thou know that the Pharisees were offended when *they* heard this saying? ¹³But answering He said, Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted shall be rooted up. ¹⁴Leave them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch. ¹⁵Then answering, Peter said to Him, Explain this parable to us. ¹⁶But Jesus said, Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷Do you not yet understand that everything which enters into the mouth goes into the belly, and is cast out into the waste-bowl? ¹⁸But the things which go forth out of the mouth come forth from the heart, and they defile a man. ¹⁹For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, lies, blasphemies. ²⁰These things are they which defile a man, but eating with unwashed hands does not make a man unclean *before God*.

²¹And leaving there, Jesus withdrew into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon. ²²And behold, a woman of Cā'-nāan coming out of those borders cried to Him saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David. My daughter is miserably demon-possessed. ²³But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and asked Him, saying, Send her away, for she cries after us. ²⁴But answering, He said, I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ²⁵But coming up, she worshipped Him, saying,

Lord, help me. ²⁶But answering He said, It is not good to take the children's bread and to throw it to the little dogs. ²⁷But she said, True, O Lord, but even the little dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from the table of their masters. ²⁸Then answering, Jesus said to her, O woman, great is your faith! So be it to you even as you wish. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

²⁹And going away from there, Jesus came towards the sea of Galilee. And going up into a mountain, He sat down there. ³⁰And a great multitude came to Him, having with them lame, blind, dumb, maimed and many others. And *they* flung them down at Jesus' feet. And He healed them, ³¹so that the multitude wondered, seeing the dumb speaking, the maimed *made* sound, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel. ³²But calling His disciples, Jesus said, I am moved with compassion for the multitude because *it is* three days they have been with Me, and have nothing to eat. And I am not willing to send them away fasting lest they faint in the way. ³³And His disciples said to Him, Where could we get so many loaves in a wilderness, so as to satisfy so great a multitude? ³⁴And Jesus said to them, How many loaves have you? And they said, Seven, and a few little fishes. ³⁵And He commanded the crowds to lie on the ground; ³⁶and taking the seven loaves and the fishes, giving thanks, He broke *them* and gave to His disciples. And the disciples *gave them* to the multitude. ³⁷And all ate and were satisfied. And they took up seven baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ³⁸And they who ate were four thousand men, besides women and children. ³⁹And after sending away the multitudes, He entered into the ship, and came to the borders of Mäg'-dā-lā.

CHAPTER 16

¹And the Pharisees and Sād'-dū-cēes came to *Him* tempting *Him*, asking Him to show them a sign out of Heaven. But answering He said to them, ²When evening has come, you say, Fair weather: for the sky is red. ³And in the morning, A storm today: for the sky is red and gloomy. Hypocrites! Indeed you know *how* to tell the face of the sky, but you cannot *see* the signs of the times! ⁴A generation full of wickedness and adultery seeks a sign, *but* there shall be no sign given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. And leaving them, He went away.

⁵And when His disciples came to the other side, they forgot to take loaves. ⁶And Jesus said to them, Beware and take heed of the leaven of the Phâr'-î-sēes and Sād'-dū-cēes. ⁷And they reasoned among themselves, saying, *It is* because we have taken no bread. ⁸And knowing this Jesus said to them, O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread? ⁹Do you not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets

you took up? ¹⁰Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets you took up? ¹¹How is it that you do not understand that I spoke not to you about bread, *but* to beware of the leaven of the Phâr'-i-sées and Sâd'-dû-cées? ¹²Then they understood that He was not saying to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Phâr'-i-sées and Sâd'-dû-cées.

¹³And when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi [Sêe'-zâ-rê-a Fill'-îp-î], He questioned His disciples, saying, Who do men say that I the Son of man am? ¹⁴And they said, Some *say* John the Baptist, and others *say* Ê-lî'-jâh, and others, Jer-ê-mî'-âh, or one of the prophets. ¹⁵He said to them, But you, who do you say that I am? ¹⁶And answering, Simon Peter said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God! ¹⁷And answering Jesus said to him, Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed *it* to you, but My Father who is in Heaven. ¹⁸And I say to you, that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹And I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of Heaven: and whatever you may bind on earth shall come to pass, having been already bound in Heaven. And whatever you may loose on earth shall come to pass, having been already loosed in Heaven. ²⁰Then He charged His disciples that they should say to no one that He is Jesus the Christ.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that it was necessary for Him to go away to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes — and to be killed, and to be raised the third day ²²But taking Him aside, Peter began to rebuke Him, saying, *God be* gracious to Thee, Lord, this shall never be done to Thee. ²³But turning around He said to Peter, Get behind Me, Satan: you are a scandal to Me, for you do not think of the things of God, but *only* the things of men. ²⁴Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. ²⁵For whosoever wants to save his life shall lose it, but whosoever may lose his life on account of Me shall find it. ²⁶For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? For what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? ²⁷For the Son of man is going to come in the glory of His Father, with His angels: and then He will give to each *man* according to his works. ²⁸Verily I say unto you, There are some of those standing here who in no way shall taste of death until they have seen the Son of man coming in His kingdom.

CHAPTER 17

¹And after six days Jesus took with *Him* Peter and James, and John his brother, and brought them up into a high mountain apart. ²And He was gloriously changed before them! And His face shone as the sun, and His

clothes became white as the light. ³And behold! there appeared to them Moses and Ē-li'-jäh talking with Him. ⁴And answering, Peter said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here. If it pleases Thee, let us make here three tabernacles: one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Ē-li'-jäh. ⁵While he was yet speaking, lo and behold! a bright cloud overshadowed them. And behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased, hear Him. ⁶And hearing *it* the disciples fell upon their face, and they were greatly terrified. ⁷And coming to *them*, Jesus touched them and said, Rise up, and do not be afraid. ⁸And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus alone.

⁹And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, Tell the vision to no one until the Son of man has risen from among *the* dead. ¹⁰And His disciples asked Him, saying, Why then do the scribes say that Ē-li'-jäh must come first? ¹¹And answering, Jesus said to them, Ē-li'-jäh indeed comes first and shall restore all things. ¹²But I say to you that Ē-li'-jäh already has come, and they did not know him, but did to him whatever they desired. In like manner also the Son of man is going to suffer from them. ¹³Then the disciples understood that He spoke to them of John the Baptist.

¹⁴And when they came to the multitude, there came to Him a man kneeling down to Him and saying, ¹⁵Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is a lün'-ă-tic and suffers miserably: for many times he falls into the fire, and often into the water. ¹⁶And I brought him to Thy disciples, and they were not able to heal him. ¹⁷And answering, Jesus said, O faithless and crooked generation, how long shall I be with you? How long will I suffer you? Bring him here to Me. ¹⁸And Jesus rebuked him, and the demon departed from him, and the boy was healed from that very hour. ¹⁹Then coming aside to Jesus, the disciples said, Why were we not able to throw him out? ²⁰And Jesus said to them, Because of your unbelief. For verily I say unto you, If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, Move from here to there, and it shall move: and nothing shall be impossible to you. ²¹But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.

²²And while they were staying in Galilee, Jesus said to them, The Son of man is about to be betrayed into *the* hands of men, ²³and they shall kill Him, and the third day He shall be raised up. And they were made very sad.

²⁴And after they had come to Că-pěr'-nă-üm, those who collected the tax-money came to Peter and said, Your master — does he not pay the tax money? ²⁵He said, Yes. And when he went into the house, Jesus spoke before him, saying, What do you think, Simon — from whom do the kings of the earth receive custom or tribute? from their sons, or from strangers?

²⁶Peter said to Him, From the strangers. Jesus said to him, Then truly the sons are free. ²⁷But that we may not offend them, when you go down to the sea, throw out a hook and take the first fish coming up. And when you have opened its mouth, you shall find a piece of money. Take that and give *it* to them for Me and you.

CHAPTER 18

¹In that hour the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Who then is greatest in the kingdom of Heaven? ²And after Jesus had called to *Him* a little child, He set him in the middle of them. ³And *He* said, Verily I say unto you, unless you are converted and become as the little children, you shall in no way enter into the kingdom of Heaven. ⁴Whoever therefore will humble himself as this little child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of Heaven. ⁵And whoever shall receive one such little child in My name receives Me. ⁶But whoever shall cause one of these little ones who believe in Me to stumble, it is better for him that a millstone should be hung upon his neck and that he be sunk in the depth of the sea. ⁷Woe to the world because of offences! For it is necessary for the offences to come, but woe to that man by whom the offence comes. ⁸And if your hand or your foot cause you to offend, cut them off and throw *them* from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed than to have two hands or two feet to be thrown into everlasting fire. ⁹And if your eye cause you to offend, pluck it out and throw *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life one-eyed than to have two eyes to be thrown into hell fire. ¹⁰Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in Heaven continually behold the face of My Father who is in Heaven. ¹¹For the Son of man has come to save that which has been lost. ¹²What do you think? If a man should have a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go upon the mountains *to* seek that which has gone astray? ¹³And if it comes about that he finds it, verily I say to you that he rejoices more over it than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. ¹⁴Even so it is not *the* will of your Father who *is* in Heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

¹⁵And if your brother sin against you, go and show him his fault between you and him alone. If he will hear you, you have gained your brother. ¹⁶But if he will not hear, take one or two more with you, so that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may stand. ¹⁷But if he fails to listen to them, tell *it* to the church. And if he also fails to listen to the church, let him be to you as the heathen and the tax-collector. ¹⁸Verily I say unto you, Whatever you shall bind on earth shall come to pass, having been already bound in Heaven. And whatever you shall loose on the earth shall come to pass, having been already loosed in Heaven. ¹⁹Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about

anything, whatever they shall ask shall be done for them by My Father who is in Heaven. ²⁰For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I *in the midst* of them.

²¹Then coming to Him, Peter said, Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? until seven times? ²²Jesus said to him, I do not say to you, Until seven times, but, Until seventy times seven. ²³Because of this the kingdom of Heaven has been likened to a man, a king who would make an accounting with his servants. ²⁴And when he had begun to count, there was brought to him one debtor *who owed him* ten thousand talents. ²⁵But *as* he had nothing to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and the children, and all, as much as he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶The servant then fell down and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me and I will pay you all. ²⁷And being moved with compassion, the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But going out the same servant found one of his fellow-servants who owed him a hundred denaries. And when he had caught him, he took him by the throat, saying, Pay me what you owe. ²⁹His fellow-servant then fell down and begged him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay you all. ³⁰But he would not, but he went out and threw him into prison, until he should pay that which was owing. ³¹But when his fellow-servants saw what things had taken place, they were very sorry and came and told their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then calling him, his lord said to him, O wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. ³³Shouldn't you also have pitied your fellow-servant, even as I had mercy on you? ³⁴And his lord being angry delivered him up to the tormentors, until he should pay all that was owing to him. ³⁵Even so shall My heavenly Father do to you unless every one of you from your heart forgives his brother their offences.

CHAPTER 19

¹And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these words, He departed from Galilee and came into the borders of Judea beyond Jordan. ²And great multitudes followed Him, and He healed them there.

³And the Pharisees came to Him, tempting Him, and saying to Him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? ⁴But answering He said to them, Have you not read that He who made *them* from *the* beginning made them male and female, ⁵and said, "For this cause a man shall leave father and mother and shall cleave to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh?" ⁶So that they no longer are two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate. ⁷They said to Him, Why did Moses then command to give a bill of divorce and to put her away? ⁸He said to them, Because of the hardness of your heart Moses allowed you to put away your wives, but from the beginning it

was not so. ⁹And I say to you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, if not for fornication, and shall marry another, commits adultery. And he who marries her *who is* put away commits adultery. ¹⁰His disciples said to Him, If this is the case of the man with *his* wife, it is not helpful to marry. ¹¹But He said to them, Not all receive this word, but *those* to whom it has been given. ¹²For there are eunuchs who from the mother's womb were born that way, and there are eunuchs who were made eunuchs by men. And there are eunuchs who have made themselves eunuchs for the sake of the kingdom of Heaven. He who is able to receive *it*, let him receive it.

¹³Then little children were brought to Him so that He might lay *His* hands on them and might pray, but the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴But Jesus said, Allow the little children, and do not forbid them to come to Me, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven. ¹⁵And laying *His* hands upon them, He went away from there.

¹⁶And behold, coming up, one said to Him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life? ¹⁷And He said to him, Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good, except One, *that is* God! But if you desire to enter into life, keep the commandments. ¹⁸He said to Him, Which? Jesus said, You shall not commit murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not bear false witness, ¹⁹honor your father and mother, and you shall love your neighbor as yourself. The young man said to Him, ²⁰All these I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack? ²¹Jesus said to him, If you desire to be perfect, Go sell what you have and give to *the* poor, and you shall have treasure in Heaven. And come follow Me. ²²But hearing that saying, the young man went away sorrowful, for he had a great many possessions.

²³And Jesus said to His disciples, Verily I say unto you that a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of Heaven. ²⁴And again I say to you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. ²⁵And hearing this, His disciples were much amazed, saying, Who then can be saved? ²⁶But looking on *them* Jesus said to them, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.

²⁷Then answering, Peter said to Him, Behold! we left all things and followed Thee. What then shall we have? ²⁸And Jesus said to them, Verily I say unto you that in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit upon the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me shall also sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹And everyone who has left houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for the sake of My name, shall receive a hundredfold and shall inherit everlasting life. ³⁰But many *who are now* first shall be last, and *the last shall be first*.

CHAPTER 20

¹For the kingdom of Heaven is like a man, a master of a house, who went out in *the* morning to hire workers for his vineyard. ²And after agreeing with the workers for a denary a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace. ⁴And he said to them, You go also into the vineyard, and whatever is right I will give you. And they went. ⁵Going out again about the sixth and ninth hour, he did likewise. ⁶And going out about the eleventh hour, he found others standing idle, and said to them, Why do you stand here all the day idle? ⁷They answered him, Because no man has hired us. He said to them, You go also into the vineyard, and whatever may be right, you shall receive. ⁸And evening coming on, the lord of the vineyard said to his steward, Call the workers and pay them *their* wages, beginning from the last to the first. ⁹And when those *hired* about the eleventh hour came, they each received a denary. ¹⁰And *when* the first ones had come, they thought that they would receive more, and they also each one received a denary. ¹¹And when they received *it*, they grumbled against the master of the house, ¹²saying, These last have worked one hour, and you have made them equal to us, who have borne the burden and the heat of the day. ¹³But answering he said to one of them, Friend, I do you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denary? ¹⁴Take your own and go. But I intend to give to this last *the same* as to you. ¹⁵Is it not lawful for me to do what I wish in that which is mine? Is your eye evil because I am good? ¹⁶So the last shall be first, and the first last: for many are called, but few chosen.

¹⁷And Jesus going up to Jerusalem took the twelve disciples aside in the highway and said to them, ¹⁸Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man will be betrayed to the chief priests and scribes. And they will condemn Him to death, ¹⁹and they will deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again.

²⁰Then the mother of the sons of Zēb'-ē-dēe came to Him with her sons, worshipping, and asking something from Him. ²¹And He said to her, What do you desire? She says to Him, Say that these my two sons may sit one on Thy right hand and one on *Thy* left in Thy kingdom. ²²But answering, Jesus said, You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup which I am about to drink, and to be baptized with the baptism with which I am to be baptized? They said to Him, We are able. ²³And He said to them, Indeed My cup you shall drink, and you will be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized; but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but *to those* for whom it has been prepared by My Father. ²⁴And when the ten heard this, *they* were very indignant about the two brothers. ²⁵But calling them to *Him*,

Jesus said, You know that the rulers of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and the great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶However, it shall not be so among you. But whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. ²⁷And whoever wants to be first among you, let him be your bondslave; ²⁸even as the Son of man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

²⁹And as they were going out from Jer'-i-chō, a great multitude followed Him. ³⁰And behold, two blind *men* sitting by the road side, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David! ³¹But the multitude commanded them that they should be quiet. But they cried out the more, saying, Have mercy on us, O Lord, Son of David! ³²And stopping, Jesus called them and said, What do you desire that I should do for you? ³³They say to Him, Lord, that our eyes may be opened. ³⁴And moved with compassion Jesus touched their eyes. And immediately their eyes received sight, and they followed Him.

CHAPTER 21

¹And when they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage [Bēth'-fā-jēe] towards the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, Go into the village across from you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her. Untie *them* and bring *them* to Me. ³And if one say anything to you, you shall say, The Lord has need of them. And immediately he will send them. ⁴But all this came to pass that that which was spoken by the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your King comes to you, meek and mounted on an ass, even a colt, *the foal of a beast of burden*" (See ISALAH 62:11; ZECHARIAH 9:9). ⁶And the disciples went, and they did as Jesus commanded them ⁷and brought the ass, even the colt. And they put upon them their coats, and He sat on them. ⁸And the greater part *of the* multitude spread their coats on the road. ⁹And others were cutting down branches from the trees and were spreading *them* on the road. And the multitudes, *both* those going before and those following, were crying out, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed *is* He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! ¹⁰And as He entered into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? ¹¹And the multitudes said, This is Jesus the Prophet, He who *is* from Nāz'-ār-ēth of Galilee.

¹²And Jesus entered into the Temple of God and threw out all those selling and buying in the Temple. And He overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of those selling the doves. ¹³And He said to them, It is written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer," but you have made it a den of thieves (See ISALAH 56:7). ¹⁴And the blind and the lame came to Him in the Temple, and He healed them. ¹⁵But

when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonders which He did, and the children crying in the Temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David! they were angry. ¹⁶And *they* said to Him, Do you hear what these say? And Jesus said to them, Yes, have you never read, "Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings Thou hast perfected praise" (See PSALM 8:2)? ¹⁷And leaving them He went out of the city to Bêth-â-ny and passed the night there.

¹⁸Now early in the morning, coming back into the city, He was hungry. ¹⁹And seeing a fig tree by the road side, He came to it and found nothing on it, but leaves only. And He said to it, Let there be no more fruit from you forever. And immediately the fig tree dried up. ²⁰And seeing *it* the disciples wondered, saying, How soon is the fig tree withered away! ²¹Answering, Jesus said to them, Verily, I say unto you, If you have faith and do not doubt, not only the *miracle* of the fig tree shall you do, but even if you should say to this mountain, Be removed, and be tossed into the sea it shall come to pass. ²²And all things whatever you may ask in prayer, believing, you shall receive.

²³And on his coming into the Temple, there came up to Him as He was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people, saying, By what authority do you do these things? and, Who gave to you this authority? ²⁴And answering, Jesus said to them, I will ask you one thing also, which if you tell Me, I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The baptism of John, where was it from? from Heaven? or from men? ²⁶And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we should say, From Heaven, He will say to us, Then why did you not believe him? But if we should say, From men, we fear the multitude — for all of *them* hold John as a prophet. ²⁷And answering Jesus, they said, We do not know. He also said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸But what do you think? A man had two children, and coming to the first he said, Child, go work today in my vineyard. ²⁹And answering he said, I will not. But repenting afterwards, he went. ³⁰And coming to the second, he said likewise. And answering he said, I go, sir, and did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of the father? They say to him, The first *one*. Jesus says to them, Verily I say to you that the tax-collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him — but the tax-collectors and harlots believed him. And you, when you had seen *it*, did not repent afterwards so that you might believe him.

³³Hear another parable: There was a certain man, a master of a house, who planted a vineyard and placed a hedge around it. And *he* dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And He let it out to vinedressers and left the country. ³⁴And when the fruit season drew near, he sent his

servants to the vinedressers to receive his fruits. ³⁵And after the vinedressers took his servants, they beat one, and another they killed, and another they stoned. ³⁶Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did to them in the same way. ³⁷And at last he sent to them his son, saying, They will have respect for my son. ³⁸But seeing the son, the vinedressers said among themselves, This is the heir! Come, let us kill him and get hold of his inheritance. ³⁹And taking him, they threw *him* out of the vineyard and killed *him*. ⁴⁰When therefore the lord of the vineyard shall come, what will he do to those vinedressers? ⁴¹They say to him, Evil *men!* He will miserably destroy them, and he will let out the vineyard to other vinedressers who will give him the fruits in their seasons. ⁴²Jesus said to them, Have you never read in the Scriptures, "*The Stone which the builders rejected, the same has become head of the corner: this was from the Lord, and it is wonderful in our eyes*" (See PSALM 118:22)? ⁴³Because of this I say to you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and it shall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits of it. ⁴⁴And he who falls on this Stone shall be broken, and on whomever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder. ⁴⁵And the chief priests and the Phâr'-i-sées hearing His parables knew that He spoke about them. ⁴⁶And seeking to lay hold of Him, they feared the multitude, because they held Him as a prophet.

CHAPTER 22

¹And answering, Jesus again spoke to them in parables, saying, ²The kingdom of Heaven has been compared to a man, a king, who made a wedding feast for his son. ³And *he* sent his servants to call those who had been invited to the wedding feast, and they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, Tell those who have been invited, Behold, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and the fatlings are killed, and all things *are* ready. Come to the wedding feast. ⁵But paying no attention, they went away, one to his own field, and another to his business. ⁶And the rest, catching hold of his servants, insulted and killed *them*. ⁷And hearing it, the king was angry, and sending forth his armies he destroyed those murderers, and he burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, The wedding feast indeed is ready, but those who had been invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the highways, and as many as you shall find, invite to the wedding feast. ¹⁰And going out into the highways, those servants brought together as many as they found, both evil and good. And the wedding feast was full of guests. ¹¹And coming in to see the guests, the king saw there a man not clothed with a wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment? But he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the servants, After binding his feet and hands, take him away and throw *him* out into the outer darkness. There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ¹⁴For many are called, but few chosen.

¹⁵Then after they had left, the Phâr'-î-sêes planned how they might trap *Him* in words. ¹⁶And they sent to Him their disciples, with the He-rô'-dî-âns, saying, Master, we know that you are true and teach the way of God in truth; neither do you care for anyone, for you do not look on the appearance of men. ¹⁷Tell us therefore, what do you think? Is it lawful to give tribute to Caesar [Sêe'-zâr] or not? ¹⁸But knowing their wickedness Jesus said, Why do you tempt Me, hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the tribute money. And they brought a coin to Him. ²⁰And He said to them, Whose image and writing is this? ²¹They said to Him, Caesar's. Then He says to them, then give to Caesar the things of Caesar and to God the things of God. ²²And hearing *this*, they marveled, and leaving Him they went away.

²³On that same day Săd'-dû-cêes came to Him (who say there is not a resurrection). And they asked Him, ²⁴saying, Master, Moses said, If any one should die not having *any* children, his brother shall marry his wife and raise up seed to his brother. ²⁵Now there were with us seven brothers. And after he had married, the first one died, and having no seed, he left his wife to his brother. ²⁶In like manner the second also died, and the third, unto the seventh. ²⁷And last of all the woman died also. ²⁸Therefore in the resurrection, of the seven, whose wife shall she be? for they all had her. ²⁹And answering, Jesus said to them, You err, not knowing the Scriptures, nor the power of God. ³⁰For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as *the* angels of God in Heaven. ³¹But concerning the resurrection of the dead, have you not read that which was spoken to you by God, saying, ³²"I am the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob?" (See Exodus 3:6). God is not God of *the* dead, but of *the* living. ³³And hearing *this*, the multitudes were astonished at His teaching.

³⁴But the Phâr'-î-sêes, hearing that He had silenced the Săd'-dû-cêes, were gathered together. ³⁵And one of them, a doctor of the Law, questioned *Him*, tempting Him and saying, ³⁶Master, which *is the* great commandment in the Law? ³⁷And Jesus said to him, You shall love *the* Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸This is the first and great commandment. ³⁹And the second *is* like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. ⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

⁴¹But the Phâr'-î-sêes being gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴²saying, What do you think about the Christ? Whose son is He? They say to Him, *The son* of David. ⁴³He said to them, How then does David in Spirit call him Lord? saying, ⁴⁴"The LORD said to my Lord, Sit Thou on My right hand, until I place Thy enemies as a footstool for Thy feet" (See Psalm 110:1)? ⁴⁵If therefore David calls him Lord, how is He his son? ⁴⁶And no one was able to answer Him a word, nor did anyone dare from that day to question Him any more.

CHAPTER 23

¹Then Jesus spoke to the multitudes, and to His disciples, saying, ²The scribes and the Phâr'-i-sêes have sat down on Moses' seat. ³All things whatever they may tell you to keep, *you* keep and do. But do not *follow* after their works—for they say, and do not. ⁴For they bind together heavy loads, and hard *ones* to bear, and lay *them* on men's shoulders. But with their own fingers they will not move them. ⁵And all their works they do to be seen by men. And they make their prayer-bands broad and enlarge the borders of their robes. ⁶And *they* love the chief place at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, ⁷and the greetings in the market-places, and to be called by men, Rabbi, Rabbi. ⁸But you must not be called Rabbi; for one is your Teacher, the Christ, and you are all brothers. ⁹And do not call *anyone* your father upon the earth; for one is your Father, who *is* in Heaven. ¹⁰Neither be called masters, for one is your Master, the Christ. ¹¹And *he that is* greater among you shall be your servant. ¹²And whoever desires to exalt himself shall be brought low; and whoever shall humble himself shall be exalted.

¹³But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you shut up the kingdom of Heaven in front of men. For you do not enter, nor do you allow even those who are going in to enter. ¹⁴Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you devour the houses of widows, and for a pretense make long prayers. Because of this you shall receive a greater judgment. ¹⁵Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you go about the sea and the dry land to make one convert. And when he becomes *a convert*, you make him twofold more a child of hell than yourselves. ¹⁶Woe to you, blind guides, who say, Whoever shall swear by the Temple, it is nothing—but whoever shall swear by the gold of the Temple is duty bound. ¹⁷Fools and blind! for which is greater? the gold, or the Temple which sanctifies the gold? ¹⁸And, Whoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing—but whoever shall swear by the gift that *is* upon it is duty bound. ¹⁹Fools and blind! for which *is* greater? the gift, or the altar which sanctifies the gift? ²⁰He therefore that swears by the altar swears by it and by all things on it. ²¹And he that swears by the Temple swears by it and by Him who dwells in it. ²²And he that swears by Heaven swears by the throne of God and by Him who sits upon it.

²³Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you pay tithes of mint and dill and cummin, and you have left undone the weightier *matters* of the Law—judgment, and mercy and faith. *You* ought to have done these, and not leave those undone. ²⁴Blind guides! who strain out the gnat, but swallow the camel. ²⁵Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you cleanse the outside of the cup and the plate, but within they are full of robbery and excess. ²⁶Blind Pharisee! cleanse first the inside of the cup and of the plate so that the

outside of them may also become clean. ²⁷Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for you are like white-washed tombs, which indeed appear beautiful *on the* outside, but within are full of dead bones, and of all uncleanness. ²⁸Even so you also appear righteous to men on the outside, but inside you are full of hypocrisy [hī-pok'-rī-sēe] and lawlessness.

²⁹Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the tombs of the righteous. ³⁰And you say, If we had been *there* in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. ³¹So you bear witness to yourselves, that you are the children of those who murdered the prophets, ³²and you fill up the measure of your fathers. ³³Serpents! Offspring of vipers! how shall you escape the judgment of hell? ³⁴Because of this, behold! I send to you prophets and wise men and scribes. And *some* of them you will kill and crucify, and *some* of them you will scourge in your synagogues, and you will persecute them from city to city. ³⁵So that on you may come the righteous blood poured out upon the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous to the blood of Zēch-ā-rī'-ah *the* son of Ber-ē-chī'-āh, whom you murdered between the Temple and the altar. ³⁶Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation.

³⁷O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! who kill the prophets and stone those who have been sent to her. How often would I have gathered your children together, like a hen gathers her chickens under *her* wings, and you did not desire it. ³⁸Behold! your house is left to you deserted. ³⁹For I say to you, In no way shall you see Me from now on until you say, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of *the* Lord" (See PSALM 118:26).

CHAPTER 24

¹And going forth, Jesus departed from the Temple, and His disciples came to *Him* to point out to Him the buildings of the Temple. ²But Jesus said to them. Do you not see all these things? Verily I say to you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

³And as He was sitting upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things happen? and what *is* the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the world? ⁴And answering, Jesus said to them, Take care lest any one fool you. ⁵For many will come in My name, saying, I am the Christ, and they will fool many. ⁶And you shall begin to hear of wars, and rumors of wars. See, be not troubled, for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet. ⁷For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom. And there shall be famines and plagues and earthquakes in many different

places. ⁸But all these *are* the beginning of sorrows. ⁹Then they will deliver you up to trouble and will kill you. And you will be hated by all the nations on account of My name. ¹⁰And then many will be offended and will deliver up one another and will hate one another. ¹¹And many false prophets will rise up and will fool many. ¹²And because lawlessness shall abound, the love of many shall grow cold. ¹³But he who endures to the end, he shall be saved. ¹⁴And this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to all the nations — and then the end shall come.

¹⁵When therefore you shall see the *ă-bom'-i-nā'-tion* of *dēs'-ō-lā'-tion* (which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet) standing in the holy place, (he who reads let him understand) ¹⁶then let those in Judea flee into the mountains. ¹⁷He *that is* on the housetop — let him not come down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸And he *that is* in the field — let him not go back to take his clothes. ¹⁹And woe to those that are with child, and to those that give suck in those days! ²⁰And pray that your flight is not in winter, nor on a sabbath. ²¹For there shall then be great trouble, such as has not been from *the* beginning of *the* world until now — no, nor ever shall be. ²²And unless those days had been shortened, there would have been no flesh saved — but on account of the elect those days shall be shortened.

²³Then if any one says to you, Behold! here *is* the Christ! or here! Do not believe it. ²⁴For there will arise false christs and false prophets, and they will give great miracles and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the elect. ²⁵Behold! I have told you beforehand. ²⁶If therefore they shall say to you, Behold, He is in the wilderness, go not forth. Behold, *He is in* the inner rooms. Do not believe it. ²⁷For as the lightning comes from *the* east and appears as far as *the* west, so shall be also the coming of the Son of man. ²⁸For wherever the dead body may be, there the eagles will be gathered together.

²⁹And immediately after the trouble of those days, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give its light. And the stars shall fall from the sky, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. ³⁰And then the sign of the Son of man shall appear in the sky: and then all the tribes of the earth shall mourn. And they shall see the Son of man coming on the clouds of the sky with power and great glory. ³¹And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

³²Now from the fig-tree learn a parable. When its branch has already become tender, and it puts forth the leaves, you know that summer is near. ³³So also when you see all these things, you know that it is near,

even at the doors. ³⁴Verily I say unto you, in no way will this generation have passed away until all these things shall have come to pass. ³⁵The sky and the earth shall pass away, but My words in no way shall pass away. ³⁶But concerning that day and the hour, no one knows, not even the angels of Heaven, but My Father only. ³⁷But as the days of Noah, so shall be also the coming of the Son of man. ³⁸For as they were in the days which *were* before the flood — eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, ³⁹and they knew not until the flood came and took away all — so shall be also the coming of the Son of man. ⁴⁰Then two will be in the field, the one is taken and the other left. ⁴¹Two *shall be* grinding at the mill, one is taken and the other left.

⁴²Watch therefore, for you do not know in what hour your Lord comes. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched and not have allowed his house to be dug through. ⁴⁴So also, you be ready, for in an hour that you think not the Son of man comes. ⁴⁵Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his lord has set over his household, to give to them food in due time? ⁴⁶Happy *is* that servant whom his lord, when he comes, shall find so doing. ⁴⁷Verily I say unto you that he will set him over all his goods. ⁴⁸But if that evil servant should say in his heart, My lord delays to come, ⁴⁹and should begin to beat his fellow-servants, and to eat and drink with the drunken, ⁵⁰the lord of that servant shall come in a day when he does not expect *him*, and in an hour he knows not, and will cut him in two, ⁵¹and will give *him* his part with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

CHAPTER 25

¹Then shall the kingdom of Heaven be compared to ten virgins, who taking their lamps went out to meet the bridegroom. ²And five of them were wise, and five foolish. ³When they took their lamps, the foolish *ones* did not take oil with them, ⁴but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. ⁵And as the bridegroom stayed, they nodded and went to sleep. ⁶And in *the* middle of *the* night there was a cry, Behold! the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him. ⁷Then all those virgins rose up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish *ones* said to the wise, Give us *some* of your oil, for our lamps are going out. ⁹But the wise *virgins* answered, saying, *No*, lest there be not enough for us and you. But go rather to those who sell and buy for yourselves. ¹⁰But as they went away to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹And afterwards the other virgins came also, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. ¹²But answering he said, Verily I say unto you, I do not know you. ¹³Watch therefore, for you do not know the day or the hour in which the Son of man comes.

¹⁴For *it is as if* a man leaving the country called his own servants and gave them his goods. ¹⁵And to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his own ability. And he left the country immediately. ¹⁶And he who received the five talents went out *and* traded with them and made another five talents. ¹⁷In the same way also he who *received* the two: he also gained another two. ¹⁸But going out, he who received the one *talent* dug in the ground and buried his lord's money. ¹⁹And after a long time the lord of those servants came and took account with them. ²⁰And coming up, he who received the five talents brought to *him* another five talents, saying, Lord, you gave me five talents. Behold, I have gained another five talents besides them. ²¹And his lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant. You were faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things, enter into the joy of your lord. ²²And he also who received the two talents came to *him and* said, Lord, you gave me two talents. Behold, I have gained another two talents besides them. ²³His lord said to him, Well done, good and faithful servant. You were faithful over a few things, I will set you over many things, enter into the joy of your lord. ²⁴And he also who had received the one talent came to *him and* said, Lord, I knew that you were a hard man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter. ²⁵And being afraid, I went away and buried your talent in the earth: Behold! you have your own *back*. ²⁶But answering, his lord said to him, Wicked and slothful servant! you knew that I reaped where I did not sow, and gathered where I did not scatter. ²⁷Then you ought to have taken my money to the money-lenders, and *then* at my coming I should have received my own *back* with interest. ²⁸Take therefore the talent from him and give *it* to him who has the ten talents. ²⁹For to every one who has shall *more* be given, and he shall have plenty — but from him who has not, even that which he has shall be taken from him. ³⁰And throw *this* worthless servant into the outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

³¹But when the Son of man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit upon *the* throne of His glory. ³²And before Him all the nations shall be gathered. And He shall separate them from one another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And He will set the sheep on His right hand, but the goats on *His* left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on His right hand, Come, the blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from *the* foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry, and you gave me to eat. I thirsted, and you gave me to drink. I was a stranger, and you took Me in. ³⁶*I was* naked, and you clothed Me. I was sick, and you visited Me. I was in prison, and you came to Me. ³⁷*Then* the righteous will answer Him, saying, Lord, when did we see Thee hungering, and fed Thee? or thirsting, and gave *Thee* to drink? ³⁸And when did we see Thee a stranger, and took *Thee* in? or naked, and clothed *Thee*? ³⁹And when

did we see Thee sick, or in prison, and came to Thee? ⁴⁰And answering, the King will say to them, Verily I say to you, Inasmuch as you did *it* to one of these, the least of My brothers, you did it to Me. ⁴¹Then He will say also to those on the left, Go away from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire which has been prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry, and you gave Me nothing to eat. I thirsted, and you gave Me nothing to drink. ⁴³I was a stranger, and you did not take Me in. *I was naked*, and you did not clothe Me. *I was sick*, and in prison, and you did not visit Me. ⁴⁴Then they will also answer Him, saying, Lord, when did we see Thee hungering, or thirsting, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to Thee? ⁴⁵Then He will answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you did not do *it* to one of the least of these, you did not do *it* to Me. ⁴⁶And these shall go away into everlasting punishment — but the righteous into everlasting life.

CHAPTER 26

¹And it came to pass when Jesus had finished all these sayings, He said to His disciples, ²You know that after two days the Passover takes place, and the Son of man is to be handed over to be crucified. ³Then the chief priests and the scribes and the elders of the people were gathered together into the court of the high priest who was called Caiaphas [Ky'-ä-fas]. ⁴And they plotted together in order that they might take Jesus by trickery and kill *Him*. ⁵But they said, Not during the feast, so that there will not be an uproar among the people.

⁶Now Jesus was in Bethany in *the* house of Simon the leper, ⁷and a woman came to Him with an alabaster box of very precious ointment, and *she* poured *it* on His head as He reclined at table. ⁸But seeing *it*, His disciples became very indignant, saying, For what purpose *is* this waste? ⁹For this ointment could have been sold for much and given to the poor. ¹⁰But knowing *this* Jesus said to them, Why do you cause trouble to the woman? For she has done a good work towards Me. ¹¹For you always have the poor with you, but you do not have Me always. ¹²For in pouring this ointment upon My body, she did *it* for My burying. ¹³Verily I say unto you, Wherever this Gospel shall be preached in the whole world, that which this one did shall be spoken of also for a remembering of her.

¹⁴Then one of the twelve, called Jū-dās Is-câr'-i-ot, went to the chief priests ¹⁵and said, What are you willing to give me, and I will betray Him to you? And they appointed to him thirty pieces of silver. ¹⁶And from that time he looked for an opportunity, that He might betray Him.

¹⁷Now on the first *day* of the unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying to Him, Where wilt Thou *that* we should prepare for Thee to eat the passover? ¹⁸And He said, Go into the city to such a one and say to him, The Master says, My time is near. I will keep the Passover at your house with My disciples. ¹⁹And the disciples did as Jesus commanded them and prepared the passover.

²⁰And when evening had come, He was reclining at table with the twelve. ²¹And as they were eating He said, Verily I say unto you that one of you will betray Me. ²²And being very sorrowful, they began each of them to say to Him, Lord, is it I? But answering, ²³He said, He who dipped his hand with Me in the dish will betray me. ²⁴Truly the Son of man does go, as it has been written concerning Him, but woe to that man through whom the Son of man is betrayed! It would have been good for that man if he had not been born. ²⁵And Judas, who was betraying Him, answering said, Is it I, Master? He said to him, You have said *it*.

²⁶And as they were eating, Jesus, taking the bread and blessing *it*, broke *it* and gave to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is My body. ²⁷And taking the cup, and giving thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, All of you drink of it; ²⁸For this is My blood of the new covenant which for many is being poured out unto remission of sins. ²⁹But I say to you that I will not at all drink of this fruit of the vine after this, until that day when I drink it new with you in the kingdom of My Father. ³⁰And having sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. ³¹Then Jesus said to them, All of you will be offended in Me during this night. For it has been written, "I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered abroad" (See ZECHARIAH 13:7). ³²But after My resurrection, I will go before you into Galilee. ³³And answering, Peter said to Him, Even if all *men* will be offended in Thee, I will never be offended. ³⁴Jesus said to him, Verily I say to you that during this night, before *the* cock crows, you will deny Me three times. ³⁵Peter said to Him, Even if it were needful for me to die with Thee, I will in no way deny Thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

³⁶Then Jesus comes with them to a place called Gêth-sêm'-ă-nê, and He said to the disciples, Sit here while I go away — I shall pray yonder. ³⁷And taking Peter and the two sons of Zêb'-ê-dêe, He began to be sorrowful and deeply troubled. ³⁸Then He says to them, My soul is very sorrowful, even unto death. Stay here and watch with Me. ³⁹And going forward a little He fell upon His face praying, and saying, O My Father, if it is possible let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless not as I will, but as Thou *wilt*. ⁴⁰And He came to the disciples and found them sleeping, and He said to Peter, Sol were you not able to watch one hour with Me? ⁴¹Watch and pray that you do not enter into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh weak. ⁴²Again, going away a second

time, He prayed, saying, O My Father, if this cup cannot pass away from Me, except I drink it, Thy will be done. ⁴³And coming back He found them sleeping again, for their eyes were heavy. ⁴⁴And leaving them, He went away again and prayed the third time, saying the same word. ⁴⁵Then He came to His disciples and said to them, Sleep on now and take your rest. Behold! the hour has come near, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴⁶Rise, let us go. Lol he who is betraying Me has come near.

⁴⁷And while He was yet speaking, Behold, Judas came, one of the twelve, and a great multitude with swords and staves *came* with him, *being sent* from the chief priests and elders of the people. ⁴⁸And he who was betraying Him gave them a sign, saying, Whomever I shall kiss, it is He; lay hold on Him. ⁴⁹And coming up to Jesus immediately, he said, Hail, Master, and kissed Him. ⁵⁰But Jesus said to him, Friend, why have you come? Then coming near, they laid hands on Jesus and held Him. ⁵¹And behold! one of those with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword. And striking a servant of the high priest, *he* took off his ear. ⁵²Then Jesus said to him, Put your sword back into its place, for all who take *the* sword shall perish by *the* sword. ⁵³Or do you think that I am not able now to call upon My Father, and He will place beside Me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴How then should the Scriptures be fulfilled that it must come to pass in this way?

⁵⁵In that hour Jesus said to the multitudes, You have come out with swords and staves to take Me, as against a thief. I sat daily with you teaching in the Temple, and you did not lay hold on Me. ⁵⁶But this has all come to pass that the Scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled. Then all the disciples ran away, forsaking Him.

⁵⁷And those who had laid hold of Jesus led *Him* away to Cai'-ă-phās, the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. ⁵⁸And Peter followed Him from afar, even to the court of the high priest. And going inside he sat with the officers to see the end. ⁵⁹And the chief priests and the elders and the whole Săn-hê'-drîn looked for false evidence against Jesus — so that they might put Him to death. ⁶⁰But *they* found none: even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses coming up ⁶¹said, This one said, I am able to destroy the Temple of God, and in three days to build it. ⁶²And the high priest standing up said to Him, Do you answer nothing? What do these *men* say against you? ⁶³But Jesus was silent. And the high priest said to Him, I command you by the living God that you tell us whether you are the Christ, the Son of God. ⁶⁴Jesus says to him, You have said *it*. More than that I say to you, From this time you shall see the Son of man sitting on the right hand of power and coming on the clouds of heaven. ⁶⁵Then the high priest tore his

clothes, saying, He has blasphemed! Why have we any more need of witnesses? Behold! now you have heard his blasphemy. ⁶⁶What do you think? And answering, they said, He is worthy of death. ⁶⁷Then they spat in His face and buffeted Him, and some struck *Him* with the palm of the hand, ⁶⁸saying, Prophecy to us, O Christ, Who is he that struck you?

⁶⁹And Peter was sitting outside in the court, and a certain girl came to him, saying, And you were with Jesus the Galilean. ⁷⁰But he denied *it* before all, saying, I do not know what you say. ⁷¹And after he had gone out into the porch, another saw him and said to those there, This one also was with Jesus the Nazarean. ⁷²And again he denied with an oath, I do not know the man. ⁷³And after a little while those standing near came up *and* said to Peter, Truly you are also *one* of them, for even your speech makes you known. ⁷⁴Then he began to curse and to swear, I do not know the man. And immediately the cock crew. ⁷⁵And Peter remembered the word of Jesus, who had said to him, Before *the* cock crow, you shall deny Me three times. And going out, he cried bitter *tears*.

CHAPTER 27

¹And when morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people plotted against Jesus, so that they might put Him to death. ²And tying Him up, they led *Him* away and handed Him over to Pontius Pilate [Pon'-shī-ūs Pī'-lāt], the governor.

³Then Judas, who had betrayed Him, seeing that He was condemned, being sorry, brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, ⁴saying, I sinned. *I* have betrayed innocent blood. But they said, What is *that* to us? You will *have* to see *to that!* ⁵And throwing down the pieces of silver in the Temple he withdrew, and going away *he* hanged himself. ⁶And taking the silver the chief priests said, It is not lawful to put them into the treasury, for it is *the* price of blood. ⁷And after talking it over, they bought the potter's field with them, for the burial of strangers. ⁸So that field was called Field of Blood until this day. ⁹Then that which was spoken by Jeremiah the prophet was fulfilled, saying, "And I took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of Him who was priced, on whom they of the sons of Israel set a price, ¹⁰and gave them for the potter's field, as the Lord commanded me."

¹¹And Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor questioned Him, saying, Are you the king of the Jews? And Jesus said to him, You say *it*. ¹²And when He was accused by the chief priests and the elders, He answered nothing. ¹³Then Pilate said to Him, Do you not hear how many things they say against you? ¹⁴And He did not answer him even to one word, so that the governor greatly marveled.

¹⁵Now at *this* feast-time the governor was accustomed to release to the people a prisoner, anyone whom they desired. ¹⁶And they had then a noted prisoner, called Barabbas. ¹⁷Then, when they were gathered together, Pilate said to them, Whom do you desire that I release to you? Bär-äb'-bäs, or Jesus who is called Christ? ¹⁸For he knew that they handed Him over through envy. ¹⁹But as he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent to him, saying, *Let there be* nothing between you and that righteous one, for I have suffered many things today in a dream because of him. ²⁰But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitude that they should beg for Bär-äb'-bäs and should destroy Jesus. ²¹And the governor answering said to them, Which of the two do you desire that I release to you? And they said, Bär-äb'-bäs. ²²Pilate says to them, What then shall I do with Jesus, who is called Christ? ²³They all said to him, Let *him* be crucified! And the governor said, Why? What evil has he done? But they cried out the more, saying, Let *him* be crucified! ²⁴And when Pilate saw that it gained nothing, but rather that an uproar was arising, taking water he washed *his* hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just one: you will see. ²⁵And answering, all the people said, Let his blood *be* on us and on our children. ²⁶Then he released Bär-äb'-bäs to them; but having Jesus whipped, he handed *Him* over that He might be crucified.

²⁷Then the soldiers of the governor, taking Jesus with them into the palace, gathered all the band against Him. ²⁸And stripping Him they put a scarlet robe around Him. ²⁹And they plaited a crown of thorns and put *it* upon His head, and a reed in His right hand. And bowing the knees before Him, they made fun of Him, saying, Hail, king of the Jews! ³⁰And after they spit upon Him, they took the reed and struck Him on His head. ³¹And when they had made fun of Him, they took the robe off Him, and they put His own clothes on Him and led Him away to crucify *Him*.

³²And going out they found a man, a Cyrenean [Sy-rēen'-yän] named Simon. They forced him to carry His cross. ³³And coming to a place called Göl'-göth-ä, which is called 'Place of a Skull,' ³⁴they gave Him vinegar to drink, mixed with gall. But tasting *it*, He would not drink. ³⁵And when they had crucified Him, they divided His garments, casting a lot; so that that which was spoken by the prophet might be fulfilled, "They divided My garments among themselves, and for My clothing they cast a lot" (See PSALM 22:18). ³⁶And sitting down they watched Him there. ³⁷And they put up over His head His charge written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁸Then two thieves were with Him, one at *His* right hand, and one at His left. ³⁹But those passing by blasphemed Him, shaking their heads, ⁴⁰and saying, You who destroy the Temple and build *it* in three days, save yourself. If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross. ⁴¹And in the same way also, the

chief priests, with the scribes and elders, made fun saying, ⁴²He saved others, *but* he is not able to save himself. If he is the king of Israel, let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe him. ⁴³He has trusted on God, let Him deliver him now — if He will *have* him. (For he said, I am *the* Son of God.) ⁴⁴And in the same way the thieves who were together with Him also reviled Him.

⁴⁵Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the land until the ninth hour. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Ē'-lī Ē'-lī, lä'-mä sä-bäch'-thā-nī, that is to say, My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me? ⁴⁷And some of those who were standing there hearing *this* said, This man calls Elijah. ⁴⁸And immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, *and* he filled *it* with vinegar and put it on a reed, giving it to Him to drink. ⁴⁹But the rest said, Let *Him* alone, let us see if Elijah will come to save him.

⁵⁰And Jesus cried again with a loud voice *and* gave up *His* spirit. ⁵¹And behold! the veil of the Temple was torn into two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were sheared, ⁵²and the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep arose, ⁵³and coming forth out of the tombs after His resurrection, they went into the holy city and appeared to many.

⁵⁴And the centurion, and they who watched with him over Jesus, seeing the earthquake and the things that took place, feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God!

⁵⁵And there were many women there watching from afar off, who followed Jesus from Galilee ministering to Him, ⁵⁶among whom was Mary Mäg'-dā-lēne, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zēb'-ē-dēe. ⁵⁷And when evening had come, a rich man from Ār-ī-mā-thē'-ā, named Joseph, came, who also himself was Jesus' disciple. ⁵⁸Going to Pilate he begged the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded the body to be delivered. ⁵⁹And taking the body, Joseph wrapped it in a clean linen cloth ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb which he had cut out in the rock. And when he had rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, he departed. ⁶¹And there was Mary Mäg'-dā-lēne and the other Mary, sitting across from the grave.

⁶²Now on the next day, which is after the preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together to Pilate, ⁶³saying, Sir, we have remembered that that deceiver said, while *he* was living, After three days I will arise. ⁶⁴Command therefore that the grave be made secure until the third day, lest his disciples coming by night steal him away and say to the people, He has risen from the dead. And the last error shall be worse than the first. ⁶⁵And Pilate said to them, You have

a guard. Go away. Make *it* as secure as you know *how*. ⁶⁶And going away they made the grave secure, sealing the stone, together with the guard.

CHAPTER 28

¹And at the end of the Sabbath, as it was dawning toward the first day of the week, Mary Mäg'-dä-lêne and the other Mary came to see the grave.

²And behold! there had been a great earthquake! for an angel of *the* Lord coming down out of Heaven had rolled away the stone from the door and was sitting upon it. ³And his face was as lightning, and his clothing white as snow. ⁴And those keeping guard trembled from fear of him and became like dead men. ⁵But answering, the angel said to the women, You must not fear, for I know that you seek Jesus who has been crucified. ⁶He is not here, for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord was lying. ⁷And go quickly, saying to His disciples that He has risen from the dead. And behold! He goes before you into Galilee. There you shall see Him. Behold, I have told you. ⁸And going out quickly from the tomb, with great joy and fear, they ran to tell His disciples. ⁹But as they were going to tell His disciples, lo and behold! Jesus met them, saying, Greeting. And coming up to *Him* they laid hold of His feet and worshiped Him. ¹⁰Then Jesus said to them, Fear not, Go, tell My brethren that they should go into Galilee, and there they shall see Me.

¹¹And as they were going, behold, some of the guard went into the city *and* reported to the chief priest all things that were done. ¹²And gathering together with the elders, and talking it over, they gave large *sums of* money to the soldiers, ¹³saying, Say that his disciples came by night and stole him, we being asleep. ¹⁴And if this is heard by the governor, we will persuade him and will make you free from care. ¹⁵And taking the money they did as they were taught. And this saying is spread among *the* Jews until the present day.

¹⁶And the eleven disciples went into Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus commanded them. ¹⁷And seeing Him they worshipped Him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And coming up to them, Jesus spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on earth. ¹⁹Go therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit — ²⁰teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you. And lo, I am with you all the days until the end of the world. Amen.

The Gospel According to MARK

CHAPTER 1

¹The beginning of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, ²as it has been written in the prophets, "Behold! I send My messenger before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee. ³*The* voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare the way of the Lord. Make His paths straight" (See MALACHI 3:1).

⁴John came baptizing in the wilderness, and preaching *the* baptism of repentance for remission of sins. ⁵And all the country of Judea and of Jerusalem went out to him, and all were baptized by him in the Jordan River, confessing their sins. ⁶And John was clothed in camel's hair, and a girdle of leather about his loins, and eating locusts and wild honey. ⁷And he preached, saying, He who comes after me *is* mightier than I, of whom I am not fit to stoop down to untie the latchet of His sandals. ⁸I indeed did baptize you with water, but He will baptize you with *the* Holy Spirit.

⁹And it came to pass in those days *that* Jesus came from Nāz'-ā-rēth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And immediately coming up from the water, He saw the heavens opened and the Spirit as a dove coming down upon Him. ¹¹And a voice came out of Heaven, *saying*, Thou art My Son, the Beloved, in whom I am well pleased.

¹²And immediately the Spirit drove Him out into the wilderness. ¹³And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan and was with the wild beasts. And the angels ministered to Him.

¹⁴And after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom of God, ¹⁵and saying, The time has been fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent, and believe in the Gospel. ¹⁶And walking by the sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea, for they were fishers. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men. ¹⁸And immediately, leaving their nets, they followed Him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, He saw James the *son* of Zēb'-ē-dēe, and John his brother, and they were in the ship mending their nets. ²⁰And immediately He called them. And leaving their father Zēb'-ē-dēe in the ship with the hired servants, they went away after Him.

²¹And they went into Cā-pēr'-nā-ūm. And at once on the sabbaths He entered into the synagogues and taught. ²²And they were astonished at His teaching: for He was teaching them as *One* who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³And there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, ²⁴saying, Hal what have we to do with

Thee, Jesus, Nazarene? Art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee, who Thou art, the Holy *One* of God! ²⁵And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be quiet, and come out of him! ²⁶And after the unclean spirit had thrown him into fits, and had cried with a loud voice, he came out of him. ²⁷And all were astonished, so that they questioned together among themselves, saying, What is this? what new teaching is this? that with authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him! ²⁸And immediately His fame spread throughout all the country around Galilee.

²⁹And after coming out of the synagogue, they immediately went into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰And the mother-in-law of Simon was lying in a fever, and they immediately spoke to Him about her. ³¹And coming to *her* He raised her up *by* taking her hand. And instantly the fever left her, and she served them. ³²And when evening had come, when the sun went down, they brought to Him all that were diseased, and those who were demon-possessed. ³³And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴And He healed many that were sick of various diseases, and He cast out many demons and did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him.

³⁵And very early, while *it was* still night, rising up, He went out and departed into a desert place, and He was there praying. ³⁶And Simon went after Him, and those with him. ³⁷And finding Him they said to Him, All *men* look for Thee. ³⁸And He said to them, Let us go into the next towns, so that I may preach there also, because for this I have come forth. ³⁹And He was preaching in their syn'-ă-gögues in all Galilee, and casting out the demons.

⁴⁰And a leper came to Him, begging Him, and kneeling down to Him, and saying to Him, If Thou wilt, Thou art able to make me clean. ⁴¹And Jesus, being moved with compassion, putting forth *His* hand touched him, and said to him, I will! Be clean! ⁴²And when He had spoken, instantly the lēp'-rō-sy departed from him, and he was made clean. ⁴³And strictly commanding him, He at once sent him away. ⁴⁴And He said to him, See *that* you say nothing to any one. But go show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing those things which Moses commanded, for a witness to them. ⁴⁵But after he had gone out, he began to speak of *it*, and very much to spread the matter abroad — so that *Jesus* was no longer able to enter into *the* city openly, but was outside in desert places. And they came to Him from every quarter.

CHAPTER 2

¹And again He entered into Că-pēr'-nă-üm after *some* days, and it was heard that He was in *the* house. ²And immediately many were gathered together, so that there was no longer any room, not even at the

door. And He spoke the word to them. ³And they come to Him, bringing a *pâr-ă-lyt'-ic*, carried by four *men*. ⁴And not being able to come near Him on account of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. And breaking through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. ⁵And Jesus seeing their faith said to the paralytic, Son, your sins have been forgiven you. ⁶But there were some of the scribes sitting there. And *they were* questioning in their hearts, ⁷Why does this one speak blasphemies this way? Who is able to forgive sins, except One, *that is*, God? ⁸And instantly, knowing in His spirit that they were thinking this way inside themselves, Jesus said to them, Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, *Your sins have been forgiven you* or to say, *Arise!* and take up your bed, and walk? ¹⁰But that you may know that the Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins — He said to the paralytic, ¹¹I say to you, *Arise!* and take up your bed and go to your house. ¹²And he rose up immediately, and taking up the bed went forth before them all, so that they were all amazed, and glorified God, saying, *Never did we see it so.*

¹³And He went forth again by the seaside, and all the multitude came to Him, and He taught them. ¹⁴And passing on He saw Levi, the *son* of Alpheus [*Āl-fēe'-ūs*], sitting at the tax-office. And He said to him, *Follow Me!* And rising up he followed Him. ¹⁵And it came to pass, as He reclined at table in his house, that many tax-collectors and sinners sat also together with Jesus and His disciples — for there were many, and they followed Him. ¹⁶And the scribes and Pharisees, seeing Him eating with tax-collectors and sinners, said to His disciples, *Why is it* that He eats and drinks with the tax-collectors and sinners? ¹⁷And hearing *this*, Jesus said *They who are strong have no need of a doctor, but they who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.*

¹⁸And the disciples of John and those of the Pharisees were fasting. And they came and said to Him, *Why do the disciples of John and those of the Pharisees fast, but Thy disciples do not fast?* ¹⁹And Jesus said to them, *Can the children of the bridechamber fast while the bridegroom is with them? As long as they have the bridegroom with them, they are not able to fast.* ²⁰But *the* days will come when the bridegroom will have been taken away from them, and then they will fast in those days. ²¹And no man sews a piece of new cloth on an old garment, else the new piece *that is* filling it up takes away from the old, and the tear becomes worse. ²²And no man puts new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the new wine bursts the wineskins, and the wine is poured out, and the wineskins will be ruined. But the new wine is to be put into new wineskins.

²³And it came to pass that He went through the grain fields on the Sabbath. And His disciples began to make a way, plucking the ears. ²⁴And the Pharisees said to Him, *Behold!* why do they do that which is

not lawful on the Sabbath day? ²⁵And He said to them, Have you never read what David did, when he had need and was hungry, he and those with him? ²⁶how he entered into the house of God in *the days of* Ā-bī'-ā-thār the high priest and ate the showbread — which it is not lawful to eat, except for the priests? And *he* even gave to those who were with him. ²⁷And He said to them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath. ²⁸So then the Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

CHAPTER 3

¹And He entered again into the synagogue, and there was a man there who had *his* hand withered. ²And they were watching Him *to see* if He would heal him on the Sabbath, in order that they might accuse Him. ³And He said to the man who had the withered hand, Arise! *Come* into the middle. ⁴And He said to them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they were silent. ⁵And looking around on them with anger, being made sad at the hardness of their heart, He said to the man, Stretch out your hand! And he stretched *it* out, and his hand was restored whole *like* the other *one*. ⁶And going out, the Pharisees immediately plotted with the Hē-rō'-dī-āns against Him — how they might destroy Him.

⁷And Jesus withdrew with His disciples to the sea. And a great multitude from Galilee followed Him, and from Judea, ⁸and from Jerusalem, and from Ī-dū-mē'-ā, and beyond the Jordan. And when those around Tyre and Sidon heard what great things He was doing, a great multitude came to Him. ⁹And He spoke to His disciples that a small ship might wait upon Him, on account of the multitude, that they might not press upon Him. ¹⁰For He healed many, so that they threw themselves upon Him, that they might touch Him, as many as had plagues. ¹¹And the unclean spirits, when they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God! ¹²And He rebuked them many times, so that they should not make Him known.

¹³And He went up into the mountain and called to *Him* whom He desired, and they went to Him. ¹⁴And He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him, and that He might send them forth to preach, ¹⁵and that they might have authority to heal diseases, and to cast out demons. ¹⁶And he added to Simon *the* name Peter. ¹⁷And *there was* James the son of Zēb'-ē-dēe, and John the brother of James — and He added to them *the* names Bō-ān-er'-gēs, which is, Sons of Thunder. ¹⁸And *there was* Andrew — and Philip and Bār-thol'-ō-mew — and Matthew, and Thomas — and James the *son* of Āl-phē'-ūs, and Thād-dē'ūs — and Simon the Cā'-nān-īte, ¹⁹and Jū'dās Īs-cār'-ī-ot, who also betrayed Him.

And they came into a house. ²⁰And a multitude came together again, so that they were not able so much as to eat bread. ²¹And hearing of *it*

those belonging to Him went out to lay hold of Him, for they said, He is beside Himself. ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, He has Bē-ēl'-zē-büb, and, By the prince of the demons he casts out the demons. ²³And calling them, He said to them in parables, How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴And if a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom is not able to stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house is not able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and has been divided, he is not able to stand, but has an end. ²⁷After going into his house, no one in any way is able to plunder the goods of the strong man, unless he first tie up the strong man. And then he will plunder his house. ²⁸Verily I say unto you that all sins shall be forgiven to the sons of men, and whatever blasphemies they shall have blasphemed—²⁹but whoever shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness unto eternity, but is in danger of everlasting condemnation—³⁰because they said, He has an unclean spirit.

³¹Then His brothers and His mother came. And standing outside, *they* sent to Him, calling Him. ³²And a multitude sat around Him, and they said to Him, Behold, Thy mother and Thy brothers seek Thee outside. ³³And He answered them, saying, Who is My mother, or My brothers? ³⁴And looking around in a circle on those who were sitting about Him, He said Behold, My mother and My brothers! ³⁵for whosoever shall do the will of God, he is My brother and My sister and My mother.

CHAPTER 4

¹And again He began to teach by the sea. And a great multitude gathered together to Him, so that He entered into a ship and sat in the sea, and all the multitude was on the land close to the sea. ²And He taught them many things in parables, and said to them in His teaching, ³Listen. Behold! the sower went out to sow. ⁴And it came to pass as he sowed that some *seed* fell by the roadside, and the birds of the air came and ate it. ⁵And some fell upon stony ground, where it did not have much earth. ⁶But after the sun had risen, it was scorched, and because it had no root, it withered away. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it bore no fruit. ⁸And another fell into the good ground, growing up and increasing, and bore fruit. And one bore thirty, and one sixty, and one a hundred times. ⁹And He said to them, He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

¹⁰And when He was alone, those about Him, with the twelve, asked Him *about* the parable. ¹¹And He said to them, To you *it* has been given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God. But to those who are on the outside, all things are done in parables: ¹²“That seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand;

lest they should be converted, and *their* sins should be forgiven them” (See ISAIAH 6:9). ¹³And He said to them, Do you not know this parable? And how *then* will you know all the parables? ¹⁴The sower sows the word. ¹⁵And these are the ones by the roadside, where the word is sown, and when they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that has been sown in their hearts. ¹⁶And in the same way, these are the ones who are sown upon the stony ground, who, when they hear the word, receive it immediately with joy. ¹⁷But *they* have no root in themselves *but last* only for a little while. Then when trouble or torment has arisen on account of the word, immediately they are offended. ¹⁸And these are the ones who are sown among the thorns; these are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹and the cares of this world, and the false promises of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²⁰And these are the ones who are sown upon good ground: such as hear the word and receive *it* and bring forth fruit, one thirty, and one sixty, and one a hundred times.

²¹And He said to them, Does the lamp come that it might be put under a bushel-basket? or under the bed? *or is it* not that it may be put upon the lampstand? ²²For nothing is hidden which shall not be made clear, nor has any secret thing taken place, but that it should come to light. ²³If any man has ears to hear, let him hear. ²⁴And He said to them, Take heed what you hear. In whatever measure you measure out, it shall be measured to you. And to you who hear, more shall be added: ²⁵For whosoever has, to him shall *more* be given. And he who has not, even that which he has shall be taken away from him.

²⁶And He said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should throw the seed upon the ground, ²⁷and should sleep, and rise night and day. And the seed should spring up and grow, he knows not how — ²⁸for of itself the earth brings forth fruit, first a blade, then an ear, then full grain in the ear. ²⁹And when the fruit yields itself, immediately he sends forth the sickle, because the harvest has come. ³⁰And He said, To what shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or with what parable shall we compare it? ³¹*It is* like a grain of mustard — for when it has been sown upon the earth, *it is* less than all the seeds which *are* upon the earth. ³²But when it has been sown, it grows up and becomes greater than all the plants and produces great branches — so that the birds of the air are able to rest under the shadow of it. ³³And with many such parables He spoke to them the word, as they were able to hear. ³⁴But without a parable He did not speak to them. And He explained all things to His disciples alone.

³⁵And after evening had come on that day, He said to them, Let us pass over to the other side. ³⁶And sending away the multitude, they took Him with them as He was in the ship. And other small ships were

also with Him. ³⁷And there came a great storm of violent wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was already filled. ³⁸And He was on the stern, sleeping on a pillow. And they awakened Him and said to Him, Master! Dost Thou not care that we perish? ³⁹And being awakened, He rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, Peace! Be still! And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. ⁴⁰And He said to them, Why are you so fearful? How is it that you have no faith? ⁴¹And they feared with very great fear and said to one another, Who then is this! that even the wind and sea obey Him?

CHAPTER 5

¹And they came to the other side of the sea, to the country of the Gād'-
 ā-rēnes. ²And upon His going forth out of the ship, immediately there
 met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, ³who had *his*
 home in the tombs. And no one was able to tie him up, not even with
 chains. ⁴Because he often had been tied with fetters and chains, and
 the chains had been torn apart by him, and the fetters had been broken
 in pieces. And no one was able to tame him. ⁵And always, night and day
 in the mountains and in the tombs, he was crying and cutting himself
 with stones. ⁶And seeing Jesus from afar off, he ran and worshipped Him.
⁷And crying with a loud voice, he said, What have I to do with Thee,
 Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I call upon Thee by God not to tor-
 ment me. ⁸For He said to him, Unclean spirit, come out of the man!
⁹And He asked him, What *is* your name? And he answered, saying, My
 name *is* Legion, for we are many. ¹⁰And he begged Him very much that
 He would not send them out of the country. ¹¹Now there was a great
 herd of hogs feeding near the mountains. ¹²And all the demons begged
 Him, saying, Send us into the hogs, that we may enter into them. ¹³And
 Jesus immediately gave them permission. And going out, the unclean
 spirits entered into the hogs, and the herd rushed down a steep place
 into the sea. And they were about two thousand, and they were choked
 in the sea. ¹⁴And those who fed the hogs ran and told *it* to the city and
 to the country. And they went out to see what it was that had been
 done. ¹⁵And they came to Jesus. And they saw the one who was demon-
 possessed sitting and clothed and of sound mind—him who had the
 legion. And they were afraid. ¹⁶And those who had seen *it* told them
 how it happened to him who was demon-possessed and about the hogs.
¹⁷And they began to beg Him to go away from their borders.

¹⁸And as He was entering into the ship, he who had been demon-
 possessed begged Him that he might be with Him. ¹⁹But Jesus did not
 allow him to go, but said to him, Go away to your house, to your own,
 and tell them how much the Lord did for you, and pitied you. ²⁰And he
 went away and began to preach in Dē-cāp'-ō-lis how much Jesus had
 done for him. And all marveled.

²¹And when Jesus had passed over to the other side again in the ship, a great multitude was gathered to Him, and He was by the sea. ²²And behold! one of the rulers of the synagogue, named Jā-ī'-rūs, came up. And seeing Him, *he* fell at His feet. ²³And he begged Him fervently, saying, My little daughter is at the very end, *I pray* that Thou wouldst come and lay *Thy* hands upon her, so that she may be cured, and she shall live. ²⁴And He went with him, and a great crowd followed Him and thronged Him.

²⁵And a certain woman *came, who* had been *sick* with a flow of blood for twelve years, ²⁶and who had suffered much under many doctors. And *she* had spent all her means, and had gained in no way, but instead she had become worse. ²⁷Hearing about Jesus, *she* came in the crowd behind *Him and* touched His clothes. ²⁸For she said, If I shall but touch His clothes I shall be cured. ²⁹And instantly the fountain of her blood was dried up, and she knew in *her* body that she was healed from the plague. ³⁰And Jesus, immediately knowing in Himself *that* the power had gone forth out of Him, turning in the crowd, said, Who touched My clothes? ³¹And His disciples said to Him, Thou seest the multitude thronging Thee, and sayest Thou, Who touched Me? ³²And He looked round to see who had done this thing. ³³But the woman, being afraid and trembling, knowing what had been done upon her, came and fell down before Him and told Him all the truth. ³⁴And He said to her, Daughter, your faith has cured you. Go in peace, and be well from your plague.

³⁵While He was still speaking, they came from the synagogue ruler's house saying, Your daughter is dead. Why do you still trouble the Master? ³⁶But hearing the word spoken, Jesus immediately said to the ruler of the synagogue, Do not be afraid, only believe. ³⁷And He allowed no one to go with Him except Peter and James and John, the brother of James. ³⁸And He came to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and He saw an uproar, much weeping and wailing. ³⁹And going in, He said to them, Why do you make an uproar and weep? The child is not dead, but sleeps. ⁴⁰And they laughed at Him. But putting them all out, He took the father and mother of the child, and those with Him, and went in where the child was lying. ⁴¹And taking the hand of the child, He said to her, Tāl'-īth-ā kou-mī! which translated is, Little girl, I say to you, Arise! ⁴²And immediately the little girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years old. And they were amazed with a great amazement. ⁴³And very distinctly He commanded that no one should know this. And He asked that *something* should be given her to eat.

CHAPTER 6

¹And He went out from there and came into His own country. And His disciples followed Him. ²And Sabbath coming on, He began to

teach in the synagogue. And many hearing *Him* were astonished, saying, From where do these things come to this one? and, What is the wisdom that has been given to him, that even such mighty works are done by his hands? ³Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses, and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended in Him. ⁴But Jesus said to them, A prophet is not without honor, except in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. ⁵And He was not able to do any work of power there, except He laid hands on a few sick people and healed *them*. ⁶And He marveled because of their unbelief. And He went about the villages in a circle, teaching.

⁷And He called the twelve to Him and began to send them forth two by two, and He gave to them authority over the unclean spirits. ⁸And He commanded them that they should take nothing for *their* trip, except a staff only — no bag, nor bread, nor money in the belt — ⁹but *to be* shod with sandals, and not *to* put on two coats. ¹⁰And He said to them, Wherever you enter into a house, stay there until you depart from that place. ¹¹And as many as will not receive you or hear you — as you go forth from there, shake off the dust which is under your feet for a witness to them. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more bearable for Sodom or Gō-mōr'-rah in the day of judgment than for that city. ¹²And going out they preached that men should repent. ¹³And they cast out many demons and anointed many of the sick with oil and healed them.

¹⁴And king Herod heard of *Him*, for His name was spread abroad. And he said, John the Baptist has risen from among *the* dead, and because of this the mighty powers are working in him. ¹⁵Others said, It is Elijah. And others said, It is a prophet, or like one of the prophets. ¹⁶But Herod hearing *it* said, It is he whom I beheaded, John. He has risen from among *the* dead. ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John and had put him in prison, on account of Hē-rō'-dī-ās, the wife of Philip his brother (because he had married her). ¹⁸For John said to Herod, It is not lawful for you to have the wife of your brother. ¹⁹And Hē-rō'-dī-ās set herself against him and wanted to kill him, and was not able. ²⁰For Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man, and He kept him safe. And when he heard him, he did many things and heard him gladly. ²¹And a day of opportunity came, when Herod made a supper to great men on his birthday, and to the chief captains, and to the first *men* of Galilee. ²²And the daughter of Hē-rō'-dī-ās herself came in and danced, and she pleased Herod and those reclining at table with *him*. The king said to the girl, Ask me whatever you desire, and I will give *it* to you. ²³And he swore to her, Whatever you may ask me, I will give you, *even* to half of my kingdom. ²⁴And going out, she said to her mother, What shall I ask? And she said, The head of John the Baptist. ²⁵And coming in immediately with haste to the king, she asked, saying,

I want you to give to me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter. ²⁶And the king was very sorrowful, *yet* on account of the oaths, and those who reclined at table with *him*, *he* would not refuse her. ²⁷And immediately the king sent a guardsman and commanded his head to be brought. And going out, he beheaded him in the prison. ²⁸And he brought his head upon a platter and gave it to the girl, and the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹And hearing *this*, his disciples came and took up his corpse and laid it in the tomb.

³⁰And the apostles were gathered together to Jesus, and they told Him all things, both what they had done and what they had taught. ³¹And He said to them, You yourselves come apart into a desert place and rest a little. For those coming and those going were very many, and they did not even have opportunity to eat. ³²And they went away by ship into a desert place alone. ³³And the people saw them going away, and many recognized Him. And they ran together on foot from all the cities and went before them, and they came together to Him. ³⁴And going out, Jesus saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion towards them, because they were as sheep having no shepherd. And He began to teach them many things. ³⁵And now the hour being late, His disciples came to Him, saying, The place is desert, and now the hour *is* late. ³⁶Send them away that they may buy bread for themselves *by* going to the surrounding farms and villages — for they have nothing to eat.

³⁷And answering He said to them, You give them *something* to eat. And they said to Him, Shall we go and buy two hundred denaries worth of bread and give them to eat? ³⁸And He said to them, How many loaves have you? Go and see. And when they knew, they said, Five *loaves* and two fishes. ³⁹And He commanded them to make everyone recline in companies upon the green grass. ⁴⁰And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds and by fifties. ⁴¹And taking the five loaves and the two fishes, looking up to Heaven, He blessed and broke the loaves and gave to His disciples that they might set before them. And the two fishes He divided among all. ⁴²And they all ate and were filled. ⁴³And they took up twelve baskets full of the pieces, and of the fishes. ⁴⁴And those that ate of the loaves were about five thousand men.

⁴⁵And immediately He made His disciples to enter into the ship and to go to the other side, to Bēth-sā'-ī-dā, until He should send away the people. ⁴⁶And taking leave of them, He went away into a mountain to pray. ⁴⁷And when evening had come, the ship was in the middle of the sea, and He alone *was* upon the land. ⁴⁸And He saw them laboring in the rowing, for the wind was contrary to them. And about the fourth watch of the night He came to them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. ⁴⁹But they, seeing Him walking on the sea, thought *it* was a ghost, and cried out: ⁵⁰for they all saw Him and were troubled.

And immediately He spoke with them and said to them, Be of good courage. I am *He!* Fear not. ⁵¹And He went up to them into the ship, and the wind ceased. And they were exceedingly amazed in themselves, beyond measure, and wondered. ⁵²For they did not understand about the loaves, for their hearts were hardened.

⁵³And when they had crossed over, they came to the land of Gēn-nēs'-ā-rēt and drew to the shore. ⁵⁴And on their coming out of the ship, immediately *the people* recognized Him. ⁵⁵And running through all that country round about, they began to carry on beds those that were ill — wherever they heard that He was. ⁵⁶And wherever He entered into villages, or cities, or country, they laid those who were sick in the market-places and begged Him that they might touch only the border of His garment. And as many as touched Him were healed.

CHAPTER 7

¹And the Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered together to Him, coming from Jerusalem. ²And seeing some of His disciples eating bread with defiled (that is, unwashed) hands, they found fault. ³For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they wash the hands with *their fist* — holding the tradition of the elders. ⁴And *as they come* from market, they do not eat unless they wash themselves. And many other things there are which they have accepted to hold: washings of cups and pots, and brass vessels, and beds. ⁵Then the Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, Why do your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders but eat bread with unwashed hands? ⁶But answering He said to them, Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it has been written, “This people honors Me with the lips, but their heart is far from Me. ⁷But in vain they worship Me, teaching *as doctrines the commandments of men*” (See ISALAH 29:13). ⁸For laying aside the commandments of God, you hold the tradition of men — washing of pots and cups, and many other like *things* you do.

⁹And He said to them, Truly you reject the commandment of God, so that you may keep your own tradition. ¹⁰For Moses said, “Honor your father and your mother;” and, “He who speaks evil of father or mother — let him die the death” (See EXODUS 20:12; 21:17). ¹¹But you say, If a man shall say to father or mother, Whatever you may gain by me, Corban! (that is to say, *It is a gift to God.*) ¹²And you no longer allow him to do anything for his father or his mother, ¹³setting aside the word of God by your tradition which you have delivered. And many such things you do.

¹⁴And calling all the crowd to Him, He said to them, Every one listen to Me and understand. ¹⁵There is nothing from outside a man

which, entering into him, is able to defile him—but the things which go out from him, those are the things which defile the man. ¹⁶If a man has ears to hear, let him hear. ¹⁷And when He went into a house from the people, His disciples asked Him about the parable. ¹⁸And He said to them, So you also are without understanding? Do you not see that everything which enters from outside into the man is not able to defile him? ¹⁹because it does not enter into his heart, but into the belly, and goes out into the waste-bowl, purifying all the food. ²⁰And He said, That which comes out of the man *is* that which defiles the man. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of men, come forth evil thoughts, adulteries, fôr-nî-că'-tions, murders, ²²thefts, greedy desires, wickednesses, deceit, lustful desires, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: ²³all these evil things come from within and defile the man.

²⁴And rising up from there, He went away into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. And entering into the house, He wanted no one to know *it*, but He could not be hidden. ²⁵For hearing about Him, a certain woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, came and fell down at His feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Greek, a Syro-Phenician [Sÿ'-rô Fë-nîsh'-yün] by race. And she begged Him that He should throw the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷But Jesus said to her, Let the children first be filled, for it is not good to take the children's bread and throw *it* to the dogs. ²⁸But she answered and said to Him, Yes, Lord, for even the little dogs under the table eat of the children's crumbs. ²⁹And He said to her, Because of this saying, Go! The demon has gone out of your daughter. ³⁰And going away to her house, she found the demon had gone out, and her daughter lay upon the bed.

³¹And again, going away from the borders of Tyre and Sidon, He came to the sea of Galilee, through *the* middle of the borders of Dë-căp'-ô-lîs. ³²And they brought to Him a deaf man who spoke with difficulty, and they asked Him that He might lay *His* hand upon him. ³³And taking him away from the multitude, He put His fingers to his ears, and having spit, He touched his tongue. ³⁴And looking up to Heaven, He groaned, and said to him, Ephphatha! (that is, Be opened!) ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, and the band on his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶And He commanded them that they should tell no one. But as much as He commanded them, *that* much more they published *it*. ³⁷And they were above measure astonished, saying, He has done all things well: He makes both the deaf to hear and the dumb to speak.

CHAPTER 8

¹In those days *the* multitude was very great, and *they* had nothing to eat. Calling His disciples to *Him*, Jesus said to them, ²I am moved

with compassion on the multitude because they now have been with Me three days and have nothing to eat. ³And if I send them away fasting to their homes, they will faint in the way — for some of them come from afar off. ⁴And His disciples answered Him, From where shall any one be able to satisfy these with bread here in *the wilderness*? ⁵And He asked them, How many loaves do you have? And they said, Seven. ⁶And He commanded the people to recline on the ground. And taking the seven loaves, giving thanks, He broke and gave to His disciples, that they might set *it* before *them*. ⁷And they set *it* before the people. And they had a few small fishes, and blessing *them*, He commanded these also to be set before *them*. ⁸And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up that which was *left* over of broken pieces — seven baskets full. ⁹And those who had eaten were about four thousand. And He sent them away.

¹⁰And immediately entering into the ship with His disciples, He came into the parts of Dāl-mā-nū'-thā. ¹¹And the Pharisees went out and began to argue with Him, seeking a sign from Heaven from Him, tempting Him. ¹²And groaning in His spirit, He says, Why does this generation seek after a sign? Verily I say unto you, No sign shall be given to this generation. ¹³And leaving them, and going into the ship again, He went away to the other side.

¹⁴And they forgot to take bread. And except for one loaf, they had none with them in the ship. ¹⁵And He ordered them, saying, Take heed! Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod. ¹⁶And they reasoned with one another, saying, *It is* because we have no bread. ¹⁷And knowing *it* Jesus said to them, Why do you reason because you have no bread? Do you not yet see nor understand? Have you hardened your heart? ¹⁸Do you have eyes *and* do not see? And do you have ears *and* do not hear? And do you not remember? ¹⁹When I broke the five loaves to the five thousand, how many baskets full of pieces did you take up? They said, Twelve. ²⁰And when *I broke* the seven loaves to the four thousand, how many baskets full of pieces did you take up? And they said, Seven. ²¹And He said to them, How is it that you do not understand?

²²And He came to Bēth-sā'-i-dā. And they brought to Him a blind *man* and begged Him that He might touch him. ²³And taking hold of the blind *man*, He led him forth out of the town, and when He had spit upon his eyes and had laid *His* hands upon him, He asked him if he saw anything. ²⁴And looking up he said, I see men, for as trees I see *them* walking. ²⁵Then again He laid *His* hands upon his eyes and made him look up. And he was restored and saw everything clearly. ²⁶And He sent him away to his house, saying, Neither may you go into the town, nor tell *it* to anyone in the town.

²⁷And Jesus and His disciples went forth into the towns of Caē-sā-rē'-ā Phīl'-īp-pī. And in the highway He asked His disciples, saying to them, Who do men say that I am? ²⁸And they answered, John the Baptist, and others say, Ēlī'-jāh, but others *say*, One of the prophets. ²⁹And He said to them, But who do you say that I am? And Peter answering said to Him, Thou art the Christ! ³⁰And He strictly commanded them that they should tell no one about Him. ³¹And He began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders, and by the chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²And He spoke the word openly. And taking Him *aside*, Peter began to rebuke Him. ³³But turning and looking upon His disciples, He rebuked Peter, saying, Get behind Me, Satan! for your thoughts are not of the things of God, but of the things of men.

³⁴And calling the multitude together with His disciples, He said to them, Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵For whoever wants to save his life shall lose it, but whoever shall lose his life for My sake shall save it. ³⁶For what shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? ³⁷Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? ³⁸Whoever therefore shall be ashamed of Me and of My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man shall also be ashamed of him when He shall come in the glory of His Father, with the holy angels.

CHAPTER 9

¹And He said to them, Verily I say unto you that there are some of those standing here who shall in no way taste of death until they see the kingdom of God coming in power.

²And after six days Jesus took with Him Peter and James and John and brought them up into a high mountain alone by themselves. And He was transfigured before them. ³And His clothes became shining, exceedingly white as snow, such as no fuller on earth is able to whiten. ⁴And Elijah appeared to them with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵And answering, Peter said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here, and let us make three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. ⁶For he did not know what he should say, for they were greatly afraid. ⁷And there came a cloud overshadowing them. And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son: hear Him! ⁸And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them, but Jesus alone. ⁹And as they were coming down from the mountain, He commanded them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, except when the Son of man should be risen from *the* dead. ¹⁰And they kept that saying among themselves, questioning with one another what the rising from among *the* dead is.

¹¹And they asked Him, saying, The scribes say that Elijah must come first? ¹²And answering He said to them, Elijah indeed comes first and restores all things. And how has it been written of the Son of man that He should suffer many things, and be mocked? ¹³But I say to you that Elijah also has come, and they did to him whatever they desired, as it is written of him.

¹⁴And coming to the disciples, He saw a great multitude around them, and scribes questioning with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd seeing Him was greatly amazed, and running to Him greeted Him. ¹⁶And He asked the scribes, What do you question with them? ¹⁷And one answering out of the multitude said, Master, I brought my son to Thee. For *he* has a dumb spirit, ¹⁸and wherever it lays hold on him it tears him. And he foams, and gnashes his teeth, and is wasting away. And I spoke to Thy disciples that they may throw it out, and they were not able. ¹⁹But answering him He says, O unbelieving generation! how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him to Me. ²⁰And they brought him to Him. And seeing Him the spirit immediately threw him into fits. And falling on the ground, he was wallowing and foaming. ²¹And He asked his father, How long a time is it that this has been with him? And he said, From childhood. ²²And it often throws him both into fire and into waters, that it might destroy him. But if Thou art able to do anything, help us, have compassion on us. ²³And Jesus said to him, If you are able to believe, all things are possible to him that believes. ²⁴And immediately the father of the child, crying out, with tears in his eyes, said, I believe, Lord, help my unbelief! ²⁵But Jesus, seeing that the people were running together, rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, Come out of him! and you may no more enter into him. ²⁶And crying out, and tearing him up, it came out. And he became as dead, so that many said that he was dead. ²⁷But taking him by the hand, Jesus raised him up, and he arose.

²⁸And when He had gone into a house, His disciples asked Him privately, Why were we not able to throw it out? ²⁹And He said to them, This kind can go out by nothing except by prayer and fasting.

³⁰And going forth from there, they went through Galilee. And He did not desire that anyone should know *it*. ³¹For He was teaching His disciples and said to them, The Son of man is delivered into *the* hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after being killed, on the third day He will arise. ³²But they did not understand the saying and were afraid to ask Him.

³³And He came to Că-per'-nā-ūm. And being in the house, He asked them, What were you arguing among yourselves in the highway? ³⁴But

they were silent—for they had been arguing with one another in the highway who *is* greater *among* them. ³⁵And sitting down He called the twelve, and He said to them, If any man desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all. ³⁶And taking a little child, He set him in their midst. And taking him in His arms, He said to them, ³⁷Whoever shall receive one of such little children, in My name, receives Me. And whoever shall receive Me receives not Me but Him who sent Me.

³⁸And John answered Him, saying, Master, we saw one throwing out demons in Thy name, who does not follow us, and we told him not to do it because he does not follow us. ³⁹But Jesus said, Do not forbid him. For there is no one who shall do a work of power in My name and be able to easily speak evil of me—⁴⁰for he who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For whoever may give you a cup of water to drink in My name, because you belong to Christ, verily I say to you, He shall in no way lose his reward. ⁴²And whoever may cause one of the little ones who believe in Me to offend, it were better for him if a millstone were hanged about his neck and he had been thrown into the sea. ⁴³And if your hand causes you to offend, cut it off: it is better for you to enter into life maimed, than to have two hands to go away into hell, into the fire that cannot be put out—⁴⁴where their worm dies not, and the fire is never put out. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to offend, cut it off: it is better for you to enter into life lame than to have two feet to be thrown into hell, into the fire that cannot be put out—⁴⁶where their worm dies not, and the fire is never put out. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to offend, pluck it out: it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes to be thrown into hell-fire—⁴⁸where their worm dies not, and the fire is never put out. ⁴⁹For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. ⁵⁰Salt *is* good, but if the salt becomes saltless, with what will you season? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.

CHAPTER 10

¹And rising up from there, He came into the borders of Judea, by the other side of Jordan. And the people come together again to Him, and as He had always done, He again taught them. ²And the Pharisees coming to Him asked Him if it is lawful for a man to put away a wife, tempting Him. ³But answering He said to them, What did Moses command you? ⁴And they said, Moses allowed *us* to write a bill of divorce and to put *them* away. ⁵And answering, Jesus said to them, Because of the hardness of your heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. ⁷Because of this a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, ⁸and the two shall be one flesh—so that they are no longer two, but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God joined together, let not man part.

¹⁰And in the house His disciples again asked Him about the same thing. ¹¹And He said to them that whoever should put away his wife and marry another would commit adultery against her. ¹²And if a woman should put away her husband and be married to another, she commits adultery.

¹³And they brought little children to Him, that He might touch them, but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. ¹⁴But Jesus seeing it was much displeased and said to them, Allow the little children to come unto Me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. ¹⁵Verily I say unto you, Whoever shall not receive the kingdom of God like a little child shall in no way enter into it. ¹⁶And taking them in His arms, and laying His hands upon them, He blessed them.

¹⁷And as He went forth into *the* highway, one came running up. And kneeling down to Him he asked Him, Good master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? ¹⁸And Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good except One, *that is*, God. ¹⁹You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery; do not commit murder; do not steal; do not bear false witness; do not cheat; honor your father and your mother. ²⁰And answering he said to Him, Master, all these I have kept from my youth. ²¹And looking upon him Jesus loved him, and He said to him, One thing you lack: go sell as much as you have and give *it* to the poor, and you shall have treasure in Heaven; and come, follow Me, taking up the cross. ²²But being saddened at that saying, he went away sorrowful — for he had many possessions. ²³And looking around Jesus said to His disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! ²⁴And the disciples were astonished at His words. And answering again Jesus said to them, Children, how hard it is *for* those who trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier *for* a camel to go through the eye of a needle than *for* a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. ²⁶And they were very much astonished, saying among themselves, Who then can be saved? ²⁷But looking on them Jesus said, With men *it is* impossible, but not with God — for with God all things are possible.

²⁸And Peter began to say to Him, Lo, we have left all and followed Thee. ²⁹But answering, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man who has left house, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for My sake, and for the Gospel, ³⁰that shall not receive a hundred times now in this time: houses, and brothers, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions — and in the world that is coming, everlasting life. ³¹But many *who are* first shall be last, and the last *shall be* first.

³²And they were in the highway going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was going on before them, and they were amazed and afraid, as they were

following. And taking the twelve to Him again, He began to tell them the things that were about to happen to Him. ³³Behold! we go up to Jerusalem, and the Son of man will be delivered up to the chief priests and to the scribes, and they will condemn Him to death and will deliver Him up to the Gentiles. ³⁴And they will mock Him, and will whip Him, and will spit upon Him, and will kill Him — and on the third day He will rise again.

³⁵And James and John, the sons of Zēb'-ē-dēe, came near to Him, saying, Master, we wish that whatever we ask Thou wouldst do for us. ³⁶And He said to them, What would you have Me do for you? ³⁷And they said to Him, Grant to us that we may sit in Thy glory, one on Thy right hand, and one on Thy left. ³⁸But Jesus said to them, You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup which I drink? and to be baptized with the baptism which I am baptized with? ³⁹And they said to Him, We are able. But Jesus said to them, Of the cup which I drink, you shall indeed drink. And with the baptism that I am baptized with, you shall be baptized — ⁴⁰but to sit at My right hand and at My left hand is not Mine to give; but to those for whom it has been prepared. ⁴¹And hearing *this*, the ten began to be indignant about James and John. ⁴²But calling them to Him, Jesus said to them, You know that those who are thought to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them. And their great ones exercise authority over them. ⁴³But it shall not be so among you, but whoever desires to be great among you, he shall be your servant; ⁴⁴and whoever of you desires to be first, he shall be servant of all. ⁴⁵For even the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

⁴⁶And they come to Jericho. And as He was going out from Jericho, and His disciples and a great number of people, Bār-ti-mē'-ūs *the* son of Tī-mē'-ūs was sitting beside the highway begging. ⁴⁷And hearing that it was Jesus the Nāz-ā-rē'-an, he began to cry out and to say, Jesus, Son of David! Have pity on me! ⁴⁸And many rebuked him that he should be still, but he cried out much more, Son of David! Have pity on me! ⁴⁹And Jesus, stopping, asked for him to be called. And they called the blind one, saying to him, Be of good courage. Rise up, He calls you. ⁵⁰And throwing aside his cloak, he rose up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹And answering, Jesus said to him, What do you desire that I should do to you? And the blind one said to Him, Master, that I may receive sight. ⁵²And Jesus said to him, Go! Your faith has healed you. And instantly he received his sight and followed Jesus in the highway.

CHAPTER 11

¹And when they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage [Bēth'-fā-gē] and Bēth'-ā-ny, to the Mount of Olives, He sent forth two of His disciples

²and said to them, Go into the village that is across from you. And immediately when you enter it you will find a colt tied, upon which no one has sat. After untying it, bring it. ³And if anyone says to you, Why do you do this? say, The Lord needs it. And immediately he will send it here. ⁴And they went away and found the colt tied outside at the door, by the crossing of two ways, and they untied it. ⁵And some of those standing there said to them, What are you doing untying the colt? ⁶And they said to them even as Jesus had commanded. And they allowed them *to go*. ⁷And they led the colt to Jesus. And they threw their robes upon it, and He sat on it. ⁸And many spread their robes in the highway, and others were cutting down branches from the trees and were scattering them in the highway. ⁹And those going on before, and those following, were crying out, saying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in *the* name of *the* Lord" (See PSALM 118:26). ¹⁰Blessed is the kingdom of our father David, coming in *the* name of *the* Lord. Hosanna in the highest! ¹¹And Jesus entered into Jerusalem and into the Temple. And looking around on all things, the hour already being late, He went out to Bēth'-ā-ny with the twelve.

¹²And on the next day, after they had left Bēth'-ā-ny, He was hungry. ¹³And seeing a fig-tree afar off with leaves, He came, if perhaps He might find anything on it. And coming to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season of figs. ¹⁴And answering Jesus said to it, Let no one ever eat any more fruit of you forever. And His disciples heard *it*. ¹⁵And they came to Jerusalem. And Jesus, after He entered into the Temple, began to throw out those selling and buying in the Temple. And He overthrew the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those selling the doves. ¹⁶And He would not allow that any man should carry a vessel through the Temple. ¹⁷And He taught, saying to them, Has it not been written, "My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations"? (See ISAIAH 56:7). But you made it a den of thieves. ¹⁸And the scribes and the chief priests heard *it*, and they began seeking how they might destroy Him — for they feared Him because all the people were astonished at His teaching. ¹⁹And when evening came, He went forth out of the city.

²⁰And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig-tree dried up from *the* roots. ²¹And remembering, Peter said to Him, Master, see, the fig-tree which Thou didst curse is dried up. ²²And answering, Jesus said to them, Have faith in God. ²³For verily I say unto you that whoever shall say to this mountain, Be lifted up and thrown into the sea! and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he says shall come to pass — it shall happen to him, whatever he shall say. ²⁴For this reason I say to you, All things whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you shall receive, and it shall happen to you. ²⁵And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive *it*, so that also your Father

who is in Heaven may forgive you your trespasses. ²⁶But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father who *is* in Heaven forgive your trespasses.

²⁷And they came again to Jerusalem, and as He was walking in the Temple, the chief priests and the scribes and the elders came to Him and said to Him, ²⁸By what authority do you do these things? and, Who gave you this authority, that you should do these things? ²⁹And answering, Jesus said to them, I will also ask you one question, and answer Me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things: ³⁰The baptism of John — was it from Heaven? or from men? Answer Me. ³¹And they reasoned among themselves, saying, If we should say, From Heaven, he will say, Why then did you not believe him? ³²But if we should say, From men — they feared the people, for all men held that John truly was a prophet. ³³And answering, they said to Jesus, We do not know. And answering Jesus said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

CHAPTER 12

¹And He began to speak to them in parables, A man planted a vineyard and set a hedge about *it*, and he dug a wine-vat and built a tower. And he let it out to vinedressers and left the country. ²And in due season he sent a servant to the vinedressers, so that he might receive the fruit of the vineyard from the vinedressers. ³But after catching *him*, they beat him and sent him away empty. ⁴And again he sent another servant to them, and stoning him, they wounded him in the head and sent him away, treating him shamefully. ⁵And again he sent another, and they killed him — and many others, beating some and killing others. ⁶Yet, then, having one son, his own beloved, he also sent him to them at last, saying, They will respect my son. ⁷But those men said among themselves, This is the heir: come, let us kill him, and the inheritance will be ours. ⁸And taking him, they killed him and threw him out of the vineyard. ⁹What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and will destroy the vinedressers, and he will give the vineyard to others. ¹⁰Did you never even read this Scripture, "The Stone which the builders rejected has become the head of *the* corner." ¹¹This was from the Lord, and it is marvelous in our eyes"? (See PSALM 118:22). ¹²And they desired to lay hold of Him, but they feared the people — for they knew that He had spoken the parable against them. And leaving Him, they went away.

¹³And they sent to Him some of the Pharisees and some of the Hě-rō'-dī-āns, so that they might catch Him in conversation. ¹⁴And coming up they said to Him, Master, we know that you are true and that you care about no one, for you do not look upon *the* outward appearance of men, but teach with truth the way of God. Is it right to give tribute to Caesar

or not? ¹⁵Should we give, or should we not give? But knowing their hypocrisy, He said to them, Why do you tempt Me? Bring Me a coin that I may see. ¹⁶And they brought *it*. And He says to them, Whose likeness and engraving is this? And they said to Him, Caesar's. ¹⁷And answering, Jesus said to them, Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. And they marveled at Him.

¹⁸And the Săd'-dū-cēes came to Him, who say there is no resurrection. And they questioned Him saying, ¹⁹Master, Moses wrote to us, that if any one's brother should die and leave behind a wife, and have no children, that his brother should take his wife and raise up seed to his brother. ²⁰There were seven brothers, and the first took a wife, and he died and left no seed. ²¹And the second took her and died, and neither did he leave any seed; and the third likewise. ²²And the seven took her, and left no seed. Last of all the woman died also. ²³In the resurrection, therefore, when they shall arise, of which of them shall she be the wife? for the seven had her as a wife. ²⁴And answering, Jesus said to them, Do you not err because of this, not knowing either the Scriptures or the power of God? ²⁵For when they rise from among *the* dead, neither do they marry nor are given in marriage — but they are as *the* angels who *are* in Heaven. ²⁶But concerning the dead, that they do rise, have you not read in the book of Moses how God spoke to him at the bush, saying, *I am* the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob? ²⁷He is not the God of *the* dead, but God of *the* living. You therefore greatly err.

²⁸And one of the scribes came and heard them reasoning together. Seeing that He answered them well, he asked Him, Which is *the* first commandment of all? ²⁹And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord. ³⁰And you shall love *the* Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength" (See DEUTERONOMY 6:4). This is *the* first commandment, ³¹and the second is like this: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (See LEVITICUS 19:18). There is no other commandment greater than these. ³²And the scribe said to Him, Master, Truly you have said the truth, that there is one God, and there is none other besides Him: ³³and to love Him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all the strength, and to love *one's* neighbor as oneself, is more than all the whole burnt offerings and the sacrifices. ³⁴And, when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, He said to him, You are not far from the kingdom of God. And no one after that dared to question Him.

³⁵And teaching in the Temple, Jesus answered and said, How can the scribes say that Christ is *the* son of David? ³⁶For David himself said by the Holy Spirit, "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit at My right hand until I place Thy enemies *as* a footstool for Thy feet" (See PSALM 110:1).

³⁷Therefore David himself calls Him Lord. But how then is He his son? And the great crowd heard Him gladly.

³⁸And He said to them in His teaching, Be careful of the scribes who like to walk about in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces, ³⁹and the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost places at the feasts — ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses, and as a pretense make long prayers. These shall receive greater condemnation.

⁴¹And sitting down across from the treasury, Jesus saw how the crowd put money into the treasury. And many of the rich were putting *in* much. ⁴²And one poor widow came *and* put in two mites (which make a *kō-drän'-tēs*). ⁴³And calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, Verily I say unto you that this poor widow has put in more than all of those putting *money* into the treasury. ⁴⁴For all *others* put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all, as much as she had — her whole living!

CHAPTER 13

¹And as He was going forth out of the Temple, one of His disciples said to Him, Master, see! What stones, and what buildings! ²And answering, Jesus said to him, Do you see these great buildings? There shall not be left a stone on top of a stone which shall not be thrown down.

³And as He was sitting upon the Mount of Olives across from the Temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked Him privately, ⁴Tell us, When shall these things be? and what *shall be* the sign when all these things are going to be fulfilled? ⁵And Jesus answering them began to say, Watch out, lest anyone lead you astray. ⁶For many will come in My name, saying, I am *He*, and they will lead many astray. ⁷But when you shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled — for this must happen — but the end is not yet. ⁸For nation shall rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there shall be earthquakes in different places, and there shall be famines and troubles. These *are* the beginnings of anguish. ⁹But watch out for yourselves, for they will deliver you up to *sān-hē'-drīns* and *syn'-ā-gōgues*. You will be beaten, and you will be brought before governors and kings for My sake, for a witness to them: ¹⁰and the Gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹But whenever they lead you away and deliver you up, be not anxious beforehand what you should say or think. But speak whatever is given to you in that hour, for you are not the ones who speak, but the Holy Spirit *speaks*.

¹²And brother will betray brother to death, and a father *his* child. And children will rise up against parents and will put them to death. ¹³And

you will be hated by all because of My name. But he that endures to the end, he shall be saved.

¹⁴But when you see the *ā-bom'-i-nā-tion* of *dēs-ō-lā'-tion*, which was spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not (let him who reads understand) then let those in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁵And he on the housetop, let him not come down into the house, nor go in to take anything out of his house. ¹⁶And he who is in the field, let him not return to the things behind, to take his clothing. ¹⁷But woe to them that are with child, and to those that give suck in those days! ¹⁸And pray that your flight may not be in winter. ¹⁹For *in* those days shall be trouble, such as has not been the like from the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never shall be. ²⁰And unless *the* Lord had shortened the days, there would not have been any flesh saved — but on account of the elect, whom He chose, He has shortened the days.

²¹And then if any man shall say to you, Behold! here *is* the Christ; or lo, there! you shall not believe *it*. ²²For there will arise false Christs and false prophets, and they will give signs and miracles in order to deceive, if possible, even the elect. ²³But be careful. Behold! I have told you all things beforehand. ²⁴But in those days, after that great trouble, the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light. ²⁵And the stars of the sky shall be falling, and the powers which *are* in the heavens shall be shaken. ²⁶And then they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then He will send His angels, and will gather together His elect from the four winds, from the uttermost part of the earth to *the* uttermost part of Heaven. ²⁸But learn a parable from the fig-tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that the summer is near. ²⁹So also when you see these things coming to pass, *you* know that it is near, at the doors. ³⁰Verily I say unto you that this generation shall in no way have passed away until all these things have taken place. ³¹The sky and the earth shall pass away, but My words shall in no way pass away. ³²But concerning that day and the hour no one knows, no, not even the angels who are in Heaven, nor the Son, but the Father. ³³Be careful, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. ³⁴As a man going out of the country, leaving his house, gave authority to his servants, and to each one his work, and commanded the doorkeeper that he should watch: ³⁵Watch, then, for you do not know when the master of the house comes — at evening, or at midnight, or at cock-crowing, or morning — ³⁶lest coming suddenly he should find you sleeping. ³⁷And what I say to you, I say to all, Watch!

CHAPTER 14

¹Now after two days it was the Passover and the *feast of unleavened bread*. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how they might

take hold of Him by trickery and kill *Him*. ²But they said, Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar among the people.

³And when He was at Bēth'-ā-ny, in the house of Simon the leper, as He reclined at table, a woman came with a very precious alabaster box of ointment of spikenard. And breaking the alabaster box, she poured *it* on His head. ⁴And some were indignant within themselves, and *were* saying, Why has this waste of the ointment been made? ⁵For this could have been sold for more than three hundred coins and given to the poor. And they murmured at her. ⁶But Jesus said, Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work towards Me. ⁷For you have the poor always with you, and whenever you desire you are able to do them good; but you do not have Me always. ⁸She has done what she could. She came beforehand to anoint My body for the burial. ⁹Verily I say unto you, Wherever this Gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, also what this *woman* has done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

¹⁰And Judas Is-câr'-i-ot, one of the twelve, went away to the chief priests, that he might betray Him to them. ¹¹And hearing *this* they rejoiced and promised to give him money. And he was seeking how he might conveniently betray Him.

¹²And on the first day of unleavened *bread*, when they killed the passover, His disciples said to Him, Where dost Thou desire that we should go *to* prepare so that Thou mayest eat the passover? ¹³And He sent forth two of His disciples and said to them, Go into the city, and a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water—follow him. ¹⁴And wherever he goes in, say to the master of the house, The Master says, Where is the guest-room where I may eat the passover with My disciples? ¹⁵And he will show you a large upper room, furnished and ready. There make ready for us. ¹⁶And His disciples went forth and came into the city, and they found *it* as He had said to them, and they made ready the passover. ¹⁷And when evening had come He comes with the twelve. ¹⁸And as they were reclining at table and were eating, Jesus said, Verily I say unto you that one of you who is eating with Me will betray Me. ¹⁹And they began to be sorrowful and to say to Him, one by one, Is it I? And another, Is it I? ²⁰But answering, He said to them, *It is* one of the twelve, he who is dipping with Me in the dish. ²¹The Son of man indeed goes, as it has been written about Him—but woe to that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! Good were it for him if that man had never been born.

²²And as they were eating, Jesus, taking a loaf *and* blessing it, broke *it* and gave to them, and said, Take, eat; this is My body. ²³And taking the cup and giving thanks, He gave to them, and they all drank of it. ²⁴And He said to them, This is My blood of the new covenant, which is

poured out for many. ²⁵Verily I say unto you, I will drink no more of the fruit of the vine until that day when I will drink it new in the kingdom of God.

²⁶And singing a hymn they went out into the Mount of Olives. ²⁷And Jesus said to them, All of you will be offended because of Me this night; for it is written, "I will smite the Shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered abroad" (See ZECARIAH 13:7). ²⁸But after I have risen, I will go before you into Galilee. ²⁹But Peter said to Him, Even if all shall be offended, yet not I. ³⁰And Jesus said to him, Verily I say unto you that to-day, in this *very* night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny Me three times. ³¹But he spoke more strongly, If it were necessary for me to die with Thee, in no way will I deny Thee. And in like manner they all also spoke.

³²And they came to a place which *was* named Gēth-sēm'-ā-nē. And He said to His disciples, Sit here while I pray. ³³And He took Peter and James and John with Him, and He began to be greatly amazed and very heavy-hearted. ³⁴And He said to them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death. Stay here and watch. ³⁵And going forward a little, He fell upon the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from Him. ³⁶And He said, Abba, Father, all things *are* possible to Thee; take away this cup from Me — nevertheless not what I will, but what Thou wilt. ³⁷And He comes and finds them sleeping. And He said to Peter, Simon, do you sleep? Could you not watch one hour? ³⁸Watch and pray that you enter not into temptation. The spirit truly *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak. ³⁹And going away He prayed and spoke the same words. ⁴⁰And returning He found them asleep again, for their eyes were heavy; and they did not know what they should answer Him. ⁴¹And He came the third time and said to them, Sleep on now and take your rest. It is enough; the hour has come. Behold! the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Rise up, let us go. Behold, he who is betraying Me has come.

⁴³And immediately while He was still speaking, Judas, who was one of the twelve, came up. And a great multitude *was* with him, with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. ⁴⁴Now he who was betraying Him had given a sign to them, saying, Whomever I shall kiss is the one, — catch hold of him and lead *him* safely. ⁴⁵And after he had come, immediately he came up to Him and said, Master, Master! and kissed Him. ⁴⁶And they laid their hands upon Him and took hold of Him. ⁴⁷But drawing a sword one of those standing by struck a servant of the high priest, and he took off his ear. ⁴⁸And answering, Jesus said to them, Have you come out as against a thief, with swords and staves to take Me? ⁴⁹I was daily with you in the Temple teaching, and you did not lay hold on Me. But *it must be* so that the Scripture may be

fulfilled. ⁵⁰And forsaking Him, they all ran away. ⁵¹And a certain young man was following Him, wearing a linen cloth about his naked *body*. And the young men lay hold on him, ⁵²but, leaving behind the linen cloth, he fled from them naked.

⁵³And they led Jesus away to the high priest. And with Him were gathered together all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. ⁵⁴And Peter followed Him afar off, as far as the inside of the hall of the high priest. And he was sitting with the officers, and was warming himself near the fire. ⁵⁵And the chief priests and the whole *sān-hē'-drīn* sought testimony against Jesus, in order to put Him to death, and did not find *any*. ⁵⁶For many bore false witness against Him, but their stories were not alike. ⁵⁷And rising up, some bore false witness against Him, saying, ⁵⁸We heard him saying, I will destroy this Temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another which is not made with hands. ⁵⁹And neither was their testimony alike in this. ⁶⁰And standing up in the middle, the high priest questioned Jesus, saying, Do you answer nothing? What do these witness against you? ⁶¹But He was silent and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked Him and said to Him, Are you the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? ⁶²And Jesus said, I am! And you will see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of power and coming with the clouds of heaven. ⁶³And tearing his clothes, the high priest said, What need do we have of any more witnesses? ⁶⁴You heard the blasphemy. How does it look to you? And they all condemned Him to be worthy of death. ⁶⁵And some began to spit upon Him, and to cover up His face, and to beat Him with *their* fists, and to say to Him, Prophecy! And the officers hit Him with the palms of their hands.

⁶⁶Peter was in the court below. And one of the maids of the high priest came up. ⁶⁷And seeing Peter warming himself, looking at him, she said, You also were with Jesus the *Nāz'-a-rē'-ān*. ⁶⁸But he denied *it*, saying, I do not know nor even understand what you say. And he went out into the porch, and the cock crew. ⁶⁹And the maid seeing him again began to say to those standing there, This is *one* of them. ⁷⁰And he again denied *it*. And after a little, again those standing by said to Peter, Truly you are *one* of them, for you are both a Galilean and your speech *sounds* like it. ⁷¹But he began to curse and to swear, I do not know this man of whom you speak. ⁷²And the second time the cock crew. And Peter remembered the word that Jesus said to him, Before *the* cock crows two times, you will deny Me three times. And thinking of this, he broke out into tears.

CHAPTER 15

¹And immediately in the morning, the chief priests, having consulted with the elders and scribes and the whole *sān-hē'-drīn*, tied Jesus up and carried Him away and delivered Him up to Pilate. ²And Pilate

questioned Him, Are you the king of the Jews? And answering He said to him, You say *it*. ³And the chief priests were accusing Him of many things. ⁴And again Pilate questioned Him, saying, Do you answer nothing? Behold! how many things they witness against you! ⁵But Jesus did not answer anything any more, so that Pilate wondered.

⁶Now at *the* feast he released to them one prisoner, whoever they asked. ⁷And there was the one called Bär-äb'-bäs, locked up with those who rioted with him, who had committed murder in the riot. ⁸And the multitude crying out began to beg *him* to do as he always did to them. ⁹But Pilate answered them, saying, Do you want *me* to release to you the king of the Jews? ¹⁰for he knew that the chief priests had delivered Him up through envy. ¹¹But the chief priests stirred the people up in order that he might rather release Bär-äb'-bäs to them. ¹²And answering again, Pilate said to them, What then do you want *me* to do *with him* whom you call king of the Jews? ¹³And they cried out again, Crucify him! ¹⁴And Pilate said to them, Why? What evil did he do? But they cried out much stronger, Crucify him!

¹⁵And wanting to do that which *was* pleasing to the people, Pilate released Bär-äb'-bäs to them, and he delivered Jesus, after having *Him* scourged, that He might be crucified. ¹⁶And the soldiers led Him away into the hall, which is the governor's palace. And they called together the whole band. ¹⁷And they put purple on Him, and after plaiting *it*, they placed a crown of thorns on Him. ¹⁸And they began to greet Him, Hail, King of the Jews! ¹⁹And they struck Him on the head with a reed and spat upon Him. And bending their knees, they bowed down to Him. ²⁰And when they had made fun of Him, they took the purple off Him and put His own clothes on Him. And they led Him out that they might crucify Him. ²¹And they forced a certain one passing by (Simon, a Cy-rē'-nī-än, coming from the field, the father of Alexander and Rufus) that he might carry His cross.

²²And they brought Him to a place, Göl'-göth-ä, which translated is, The place of a skull. ²³And they gave Him wine mixed with myrrh to drink — but He did not take *it*. ²⁴And after crucifying Him they divided His clothes, throwing a lot upon them *to see* what *each* should take. ²⁵And it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.

²⁶And the title of His charge was written above *Him* — THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁷And they crucify two thieves with Him, one at *the* right hand, and one at the left of Him. ²⁸And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And He was numbered with *the* transgressors" (See ISALAH 53:12).

²⁹And those passing by blasphemed Him, shaking their heads, and saying, Ahal you who will destroy the Temple, and build *it* in three days,

³⁰save yourself, and come down from the cross. ³¹And in the same way the chief priests, making fun among one another with the scribes, said, He saved others, *but* he is not able to save himself. ³²The Christ? The King of Israel? Let him come down now from the cross so that we may see and believe. And they who were crucified with Him raved at Him.

³³And when *the* sixth hour arrived, darkness came over all the land until *the* ninth hour. ³⁴And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Ē'-lō-ī, Ē'-lō-ī, lä-mä, sä-bäch'-thä-nī, which translated is, My God! My God! Why hast Thou forsaken Me? ³⁵And hearing *this* some of those standing by said, Behold! He calls Elijah. ³⁶And one ran and filled a sponge with vinegar. And putting *it* on a reed, *he gave it to* Him to drink, saying, Let alone, let us see if Elijah comes to take him down.

³⁷And uttering a loud cry Jesus breathed forth the spirit. ³⁸And the veil of the Temple was torn into two *pieces*, from top to bottom. ³⁹And the centurion who stood by, across from Him, seeing that He cried out so and gave up the spirit, he said, Truly this Man was the Son of God. ⁴⁰And there were also women looking on afar off, among whom was Mary Mäg'-dä-lēne, and Mary the mother of James the less, and Joses and Sā-lō'-mē ⁴¹(who also followed Him and ministered to Him when He was in Galilee), and many others who came up with Him to Jerusalem.

⁴²And now when evening had come — since it was *the* prēp-ä-rä'-tion, that is *the day* before sabbath — ⁴³Joseph of Ā-ri-mä-thē'-ä, an honorable councillor who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God, came and begged the body of Jesus, having great courage in going in to Pilate. ⁴⁴And Pilate wondered if He were already dead. And calling the centurion to him, he questioned him if He were long dead. ⁴⁵And knowing *it* from the centurion, he granted the body to Joseph. ⁴⁶And buying fine linen, and taking Him down, he wrapped Him in the fine linen and laid Him in a tomb which was cut out of a rock. And he rolled a stone to the door of the tomb. ⁴⁷And Mary Mäg'-dä-lēne and Mary *the mother* of Joses saw where He was being laid.

CHAPTER 16

¹And the sabbath being past, Mary Mäg'-dä-lēne, and Mary the *mother* of James and Salome, bought sweet spices that they might come and anoint Him. ²And very early on the first *day* of the week, they came to the tomb, at the rising of the sun. ³And they said among themselves, Who will roll away the stone from the door of the tomb? ⁴And looking up, they saw that the stone had been rolled away: for it was very large. ⁵And entering into the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right, clothed with a white robe, and they were amazed. ⁶But he said to them,

Do not be amazed. You look for Jesus the Nazarean, who has been crucified. He has risen. He is not here. Behold the place where they laid Him. ⁷But go, say to His disciples and to Peter, that He goes before you into Galilee. There you shall see Him, as He said to you. ⁸And going out quickly, they fled from the tomb. And trembling and amazement took hold of them. And neither did they say anything to anyone, for they were afraid.

⁹Now rising early *the first day* of the week, He first appeared to Mary Mäg'-dā-lēne, from whom He had cast out seven devils. ¹⁰She went and told it to those who had been with Him, *who were* grieving and weeping. ¹¹And hearing that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe it. ¹²And after these things, He was revealed in another form to two of them as they walked going into the country. ¹³And going away they told *it* to the rest — neither did they believe them. ¹⁴Afterwards as they reclined at table, He was revealed to the eleven, and He censured their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they did not believe those who had seen Him risen. ¹⁵And He said to them, Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. ¹⁶He that believes and is baptized shall be saved, and he that believes not shall be condemned. ¹⁷And these signs shall follow those that believe: In My name they shall cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues; ¹⁸they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

¹⁹The Lord, then, after speaking to them, was received up into Heaven, and sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰And going forth they preached everywhere, the Lord working with *them* and confirming the word by the miracles following *it*. Amen.

The Gospel According to LUKE

CHAPTER 1

¹Inasmuch as many have taken in hand to draw up an account of those things which have been fully believed among us—²even as they who were eye-witnesses and ministers of the word from the beginning delivered them to us—³it seemed good to me also, having accurately traced out all these things from the first, to write to you in order, most excellent Thē-oph'-ī-lūs, ⁴that you may know the certainty of those things in which you were taught.

⁵In the days of Herod, the king of Judea, there was a certain priest named Zacharias [Zäck-ā-rī'-ās], of the course of A-bī'-jāh, and his wife *was* of the daughters of Aaron, and her name *was* Elizabeth. ⁶And they were both righteous before God, walking blameless in the commandments and ordinances of the Lord. ⁷And they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and both were advanced in their days. ⁸And it came to pass, in *the* doing of his priestly service (in the order of his course before God, ⁹according to the custom of the priestly office), it was his lot to enter into the Temple of the Lord to burn incense. ¹⁰And all the multitude of the people were praying outside at the hour of incense. ¹¹And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right of the altar of incense. ¹²And seeing him Zäch-ā-rī'-ās was troubled, and fear fell upon him. ¹³But the angel said to him, Fear not, Zäch-ā-rī'-ās, because your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth shall bear a son to you, and you shall call his name John. ¹⁴And he shall be joy and gladness to you, and many shall rejoice at his birth. ¹⁵For he shall be great before the Lord and shall never drink wine or strong drink. And he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. ¹⁶And he shall turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷And he shall go forth before Him, in the spirit and power of Ē-lī'-jah, to turn hearts of fathers to children, and the ones who do not obey to *the* wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

¹⁸And Zäch-ā-rī'-ās said to the angel, By what shall I know this? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in her days. ¹⁹And answering, the angel said to him, I am Gabriel [Gāy'-brē-ěl], who stands before God. And I was sent to speak to you, and to bring you the good news of these things. ²⁰And behold! you shall be dumb and not able to speak until the day in which these things shall take place, because you did not believe my words, which shall be fulfilled in their time. ²¹And the people were expecting Zäch-ā-rī'-ās, and they wondered at his staying in the Temple. ²²But when he came out he was not able to speak to them, and they saw that he had seen a vision in the Temple. And he was making signs to them and remained dumb. ²³And it came to pass, when the days of his service were finished, he departed to his house.

²⁴Now after these days his wife Elizabeth conceived. And *she* hid herself five months, saying, ²⁵So has the Lord done unto me in *the* days in which He looked upon *me* to take away my reproach among men.

²⁶And in the sixth month the angel Gā'-brī-ēl was sent from God to a city of Galilee, the name of which is Nāz'-ā-rēth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the name of the virgin was Mary. ²⁸And coming to her, the angel said, Hail, favored one! The Lord *is* with you. Blessed *are* you among women. ²⁹But seeing *him*, she was troubled at his saying and was considering what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰And the angel said to her, Fear not, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And behold! you shall conceive in *your* womb and bring forth a son, and you shall call His name Jesus. ³²He shall be great, and He shall be called the Son of *the* Highest. And *the* Lord God shall give Him the throne of David His father; ³³and He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there shall never be an end. ³⁴But Mary said to the angel, How shall this be, since I know not a man? ³⁵And answering the angel said to her, *The* Holy Spirit shall come upon you, and the power of *the* Highest shall overshadow you: for this reason also the Holy Thing born of *you* shall be called Son of God. ³⁶And behold, Elizabeth, your kinswoman! She also has conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month with her who *had been* called barren — ³⁷for nothing shall be impossible with God. ³⁸And Mary said, Behold the maid-servant of *the* Lord! Let it be unto me according to your word. And the angel departed from her.

³⁹And rising up Mary went in those days into the hill-country with haste, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰and entered into the house of Zāch'-ā-rī'-ās, and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And it came to pass as Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with *the* Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she cried out with a loud voice and said, Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why *is* this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For Lo! as the voice of your greeting came into my ears, the babe leaped for joy in my womb. ⁴⁵And blessed *is* she who believed, for there shall be a fulfillment to the things spoken to her from *the* Lord.

⁴⁶And Mary said, My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoiced in God my Saviour. ⁴⁸For He looked upon the lowliness of His maid-servant. For behold! from now on all generations will call me blessed. ⁴⁹For the Mighty One has done great things to me, and holy *is* His name. ⁵⁰And His mercy *is* to generations of generations to those who fear Him. ⁵¹He worked powerfully with His arm, He scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. ⁵²He put down rulers from thrones and exalted the lowly: ⁵³the hungry He filled with good things, and the rich He sent away empty. ⁵⁴He helped His servant Israel in order to remem-

ber mercy, ⁵⁵even as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed forever. ⁵⁶And Mary stayed with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

⁵⁷Now the time was fulfilled to Elizabeth that she should bring forth, and she bore a son. ⁵⁸And the neighbors and kinsfolk heard that *the* Lord was magnifying His mercy with her, and they rejoiced with her. ⁵⁹And it came to pass on the eighth day they came to circumcise the little child, and they were calling him after the name of his father, Zăch-ă-rî'-ăs. ⁶⁰And answering, his mother said, No, but he shall be called John. ⁶¹And they said to her, There is no one among your kindred who is called by this name. ⁶²And they made signs to his father as to what he would wish him to be called. ⁶³And asking for a writing tablet he wrote, saying, John is his name. And they all wondered. ⁶⁴And his mouth opened immediately and his tongue *loosed*, and he spoke, blessing God. ⁶⁵And fear came upon all those who lived around them. And in the whole hill-country of Judea these things were spoken of. ⁶⁶And all who heard laid them up in their hearts, saying, What then will this child be? And *the* hand of the Lord was with him.

⁶⁷And his father Zăch-ă-rî'-ăs was filled with *the* Holy Spirit and prophesied, saying, ⁶⁸Blessed be *the* Lord, the God of Israel, because He looked upon His people and worked out redemption for them. ⁶⁹And *He* raised up a Horn of salvation for us in the house of David, His servant — ⁷⁰even as He spoke by *the* mouth of His holy prophets which have been since the world began — ⁷¹salvation from our enemies, and from *the* hand of all those who hate us — ⁷²to fulfil mercy with our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant, ⁷³*the* oath which He swore to Abraham our father, ⁷⁴to grant to us that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, should serve Him without fear, ⁷⁵in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our lives. ⁷⁶And you, child, shall be called *the* prophet of the Highest — for you shall go before *the* face of *the* Lord to prepare His way, ⁷⁷to give knowledge of salvation to His people in remission of their sins, ⁷⁸through the tender mercies of our God, in which the Dayspring from on high has visited us, ⁷⁹to shine upon those sitting in darkness and in *the* shadow of death, to guide our feet into *the* way of peace. ⁸⁰And the little child grew and was made stronger in spirit. And he was in the deserts until the day of his showing unto Israel.

CHAPTER 2

¹And it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus [Sêe'-zăr Aw-gūs'-tūs] that all the world should be registered. ²This registration first came to pass when Cŷ-rên'-î-ūs was governor of Syria. ³And all went to be registered, each to his own city. ⁴And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city Năz'-ă-rêth, into Judea, to the

city of David which is called Bēth'-lē-hēm, because he was of the house and family of David. ⁵*He went* to register himself with Mary, who was engaged to him as wife, she being great with child. ⁶And it came to pass while they were there, the days were fulfilled for her bringing forth. ⁷And she brought forth her first-born son and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes. And *she* laid Him in the manger because there was no room for them in the inn.

⁸And there were shepherds in the same country, living in the fields and keeping watch by night over their flock. ⁹And behold! the angel of *the* Lord stood by them, and *the* glory of *the* Lord shone around them, and they feared with a great fear. ¹⁰And the angel said to them, Fear not. Behold! I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all the people. ¹¹For to you a Saviour was born today, who is Christ *the* Lord, in *the* city of David. ¹²And this *is* the sign to you: You shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in the manger. ¹³And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, ¹⁴Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

¹⁵And it came to pass, as the angels were going away from them into Heaven, that the men, the shepherds, said to one another, Indeed, let us go over to Bethlehem, and let us see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord made known to us. ¹⁶And hurrying, they came and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. ¹⁷And seeing *it*, they spoke out about the saying which had been told them concerning the little child. ¹⁸And all who heard wondered about the things which had been spoken to them by the shepherds. ¹⁹But Mary kept all these sayings, pondering *them* in her heart. ²⁰And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all those things which they had heard and seen, as it was said to them. ²¹And when eight days were fulfilled for the circumcising of the child, His name was called Jesus, which *He* was called by the angel before He was conceived in the womb.

²²And when the days for their purification were fulfilled according to the Law of Moses, they brought Him to Jerusalem to present Him to the Lord — ²³even as it has been written in the Law of *the* Lord, “Every male opening a womb shall be called holy to the Lord” (See EXODUS 13:2), ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to that which has been said in the Law of *the* Lord, a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons.

²⁵And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. And this man was righteous and godly, waiting for the Comfort of Israel, and *the* Holy Spirit was upon him. ²⁶And it was divinely revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he should see the

Christ of *the* Lord. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the Temple. And when the parents brought in the child Jesus, that they might do according to the custom of the Law for Him, ²⁸he also received Him into *his* arms — and he blessed God and said, ²⁹Now dost Thou let Thy servant go in peace, Lord, according to Thy word. ³⁰For my eyes have seen Thy Salvation, ³¹which Thou hast prepared before the face of all the peoples; ³²a light for enlightenment of *the* Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel. ³³And Joseph and His mother were wondering at the things which were spoken about Him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary His mother, Behold! this One is set for *the* fall and rising up of many in Israel, and for a sign spoken against — ³⁵Yea, a sword shall pierce your own soul also — so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.

³⁶And there was Anna, a prophetess, daughter of Phanuel [Fänew'-ēl], of *the* tribe of Asher. She was much advanced in days, for *she* had lived seven years with a husband from her virginity, ³⁷and *she was* a widow of about eighty-four years who never departed from the Temple, serving with fastings and prayers night and day. ³⁸And coming up at the same hour she gave praise to the Lord and spoke about Him to all those waiting for redemption in Jerusalem.

³⁹And when they had done all things according to the Law of *the* Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own city Nāz'-ā-rēth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong in spirit, being filled with wisdom, and *the* grace of God was upon Him.

⁴¹And His parents went every year to Jerusalem at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when He was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the Feast. ⁴³And when they had completed the days, as they returned, the child Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem. But Joseph and His mother did not know *it*, ⁴⁴and supposing Him to be in the company, they went a day's journey. And *then they* sought Him among the relations and among the friends. ⁴⁵And when they did not find Him, they returned to Jerusalem looking for Him. ⁴⁶And it came to pass after three days they found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them and asking questions. ⁴⁷And all those hearing Him were amazed at *His* understanding and His answers. ⁴⁸And seeing Him they were astonished. And His mother said to Him, Son, why hast Thou done so to us? Behold, Thy father and I, sorrowing, were seeking Thee. ⁴⁹And He said to them, Why *is it* that you were seeking Me? Do you not know that I must be about My Father's business? ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying which He spoke to them. ⁵¹And He went down with them and came to Nāz'-ā-rēth, and He was obedient to them. And His mother kept all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus advanced in wisdom and size, and in favor with God and men.

CHAPTER 3

¹Now in *the* fifteenth year of the reign of Ti-ber'-i-ās Caesar, Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea and Herod was tēt'-rārch of Galilee. And his brother Philip was tēt'-rārch of Ī-tū-rē'-ā and of the region of Trāch-ō-nī'-tis, and Lȳ-sā'-nī-ās *was* the tēt'-rārch of Āb-ī-lē'-nē. ²During *this* high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas [Ky'-ā-fās], the word of God came upon John the son of Zāch-ā-rī'-ās in the wilderness. ³And he went into all the country around the Jordan *River*, preaching *the* baptism of repentance for remission of sins — ⁴as it has been written in *the* book of *the* words of Isaiah the prophet, saying, "*The* voice of one crying in the wilderness. Perpare the way of *the* Lord. Make straight His paths. ⁵Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low. And the crooked *places* shall become a straight *path*, and the rough roads shall become smooth, ⁶and all flesh shall see the salvation of God" (See ISAIAH 40:3).

⁷Then he said to the multitude coming out to be baptized by him, Children of vipers! who has warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say within yourselves, We have Abraham for *our* father: for I say to you that God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹And also the axe is already laid to the root of the trees: therefore every tree which does not bring forth good fruit is cut down and is cast into *the* fire. ¹⁰And the people asked him, saying, What then shall we do? ¹¹And answering he said to them, He that has two coats, let him give to him that has none. And he that has food, let him do likewise. ¹²And tax-collectors also came to be baptized. And they said to him, Teacher, what shall we do? ¹³And he said to them, Exact no more than that which is appointed to you. ¹⁴And those who were soldiers likewise asked him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said to them, Treat no one cruelly, nor accuse falsely, and be satisfied with your wages.

¹⁵But as the people were in suspense and were all reasoning in their hearts about John, whether or not he might be the Christ, ¹⁶John answered, saying to all, I indeed baptize you with water, but He comes who is mightier than I, of whom I am not worthy to untie the thong of His sandals. He will baptize you with *the* Holy Spirit and with fire. ¹⁷*His* sifting fan is in His hand, and He will thoroughly purge His floor and will gather the wheat into His storehouse — but He will burn the chaff with fire that cannot be put out. ¹⁸And, truly then, entreating with many other things, he preached the Gospel to the people. ¹⁹But Herod the tēt'-rārch had been rebuked by *John* concerning Hē-rō'-dī-ās the wife of his brother Philip, and concerning all the evils which Herod had done. ²⁰And he also added *this* to *it* all, that he shut up John in the prison.

²¹Now when all the people had been baptized, and Jesus had been baptized and was praying, it came to pass Heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit came down in a bodily form, like a dove, upon Him. And a voice out of Heaven came, saying, Thou art My beloved Son. In Thee I am well pleased!

²³And Jesus Himself was beginning to be about thirty years old, being, as was supposed, son of Joseph, the son of Hē'-lī, ²⁴the son of Māt'-thāt, the son of Levi, the son of Melchi [Mēl'-ki], the son of Jān'-nā, the son of Joseph, ²⁵the son of Māt'-tā-thī'-as the son of Amos, the son of Nā'-hūm, the son of Ēs'-lī, the son of Nāg'-gā-ī, ²⁶the son of Mā'-āth, the son of Māt'-tā-thī'-ās, the son of Sēm'-ē-ī, the son of Joseph, the son of Juda, ²⁷the son of Jō-ānn'-ēs, the son of Rhesa [Rē'-sā], the son of Zē-rūb'-bā-bēl, the son of Shē-āl'-tī-ēl, the son of Neri, ²⁸the son of Mēl'-chī, the son of Addi, the son of Cō'-sām, the son of Ēl-mō'-dām, the son of Er, ²⁹the son of Joses, the son of Ēl-ī-ē'-zēr, the son of Jō'-rīm, the son of Māt'-thāt, the son of Levi, ³⁰the son of Sīm'-ē-on, the son of Juda, the son of Joseph, the son of Jō'-nān, the son of Ē-lī'-ā-kīm, ³¹the son of Mēl'-ē-ā, the son of Menna, the son of Māt'-tā-thā, the son of Nathan, the son of David, ³²the son of Jesse, the son of Obed, the son of Boaz, the son of Salmon, the son of Nāh'-shon, ³³the son of Ām-mīn'-ā-dāb, the son of Aram, the son of Hēz'-ron, the son of Pharez [Fāir'-ēz], the son of Judah, ³⁴the son of Jacob, the son of Isaac, the son of Abraham, the son of Tē'-rāh, the son of Nā'-hōr, ³⁵the son of Sē'-rūg, the son of Reu, the son of Peleg, the son of Eber, the son of Sā'-lāh, ³⁶the son of Cainan [Kāy'-ī-nān], the son of Arphaxad [Ār-fāx'-ād], the son of Shem, the son of Noah, the son of Lameci [Lāy'-mēck], ³⁷the son of Mē-thū'-sē-lāh, the son of Ē'-noch, the son of Jared [Jāir'-ēd], the son of Mā-hāl'-ā-lēel, the son of Cā'-ī-nān, ³⁸the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God.

CHAPTER 4

¹And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness ²forty days, being tempted by the devil. And He ate nothing in those days, and when they were ended, He afterwards hungered. ³And the devil said to Him, If you are the Son of God, speak to this stone that it might become bread. ⁴And Jesus answered him saying, It has been written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" (See DEUTERONOMY 8:3). ⁵And the devil taking Him up into a high mountain showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶And the devil said to Him, All this authority I will give to you, and *all* their glory — for to me it has been delivered, and to whomever I wish, I give it. ⁷Therefore if you will kneel down before me, all things shall be yours. ⁸And answering him, Jesus said, Get behind Me, Satan! For it has been written, "You shall worship *the* Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve" (See DEUTERONOMY

6:13). ⁹And he led him to Jerusalem and set Him upon the pinnacle of the Temple. And he said to Him, If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it has been written, "To His angels He will give charge concerning Thee, to keep Thee, ¹¹and in *their* hands they shall bear Thee up, lest at any time Thou dash Thy foot against a stone" (See PSALM 91:11, 12). ¹²And answering, Jesus said to him, It has been said, "You shall not tempt the Lord your God" (See DEUTERONOMY 6:16). ¹³And when the devil had finished every temptation, he departed from Him for a while.

¹⁴And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee. And there went out a report concerning Him through all the country round about. ¹⁵And He taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. ¹⁶And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And according to His custom, He entered into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read. ¹⁷And there was given to Him *the* book of Isaiah the prophet. And unrolling the book, He found the place where it was written, ¹⁸"*The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the Gospel to the poor, He has sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, to announce deliverance to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to send forth the bruised with deliverance, ¹⁹to preach the acceptable year of the Lord*" (See ISALAH 61:1). ²⁰And rolling up the book, He gave it to the officers and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened upon Him. ²¹And He began to say to them, Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your ears. ²²And all bore witness to Him and wondered at the gracious words which came out of His mouth. And they said, Is this not the son of Joseph? ²³And He said to them, Surely you will say to Me this proverb, Physician, heal yourself. Whatever *things* we have heard were being done in Că-per'-nă-üm, do also here in your own country. ²⁴But He said, Verily I say unto you that no prophet is accepted in his own country. ²⁵But of a truth I say to you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the sky was shut up for three years and six months, when there was a great famine upon all the land — ²⁶and to none of them was Elijah sent except to Zarephath [Zăr'-ĕ-fāth] of Sī'-dōn, to a woman, a widow. ²⁷And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Ē-li'-shā the prophet, and none of them was cleansed except Nă'-ā-mān the Syrian. ²⁸And hearing these things all in the synagogue were filled with indignation. ²⁹And rising up, they threw Him out of the city, and they led Him to the brow of the hill upon which their city had been built — in order to throw Him headlong down *the hill*. ³⁰But passing through *the* midst of them, He went away.

³¹And He went down to Că-per'-nă-üm, a city of Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbaths. ³²And they were astonished at His teaching, for His word was with authority. ³³And in the syn'-ă-gogue was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud

voice, ³⁴saying, Hal what have we to do with Thee, Jesus, Nazarene? Art Thou come to destroy us? I know Thee who Thou art — the Holy One of God. ³⁵And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Be quiet and come out of him! And after the demon had thrown him into the middle, he came out from him, not having hurt him. ³⁶And amazement came upon all, and they spoke to one another saying, What *is* this word? that with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out? ³⁷And a report concerning Him went out into every place of the country round about.

³⁸And rising up out of the synagogue, He entered into the house of Simon. And the mother-in-law of Simon was pressed with a great fever. And they asked Him about her. ³⁹And standing over her He rebuked the fever, and it left her. And immediately she rose up and served them.

⁴⁰And at the setting of the sun, all, as many as had any sick ones with various diseases, brought them to Him. And He laid His hands on each one of them and healed them. ⁴¹And also many demons went out from many, crying out, and saying, Thou art the Christ, the Son of God! And rebuking them, He did not allow them to speak because they knew Him to be the Christ.

⁴²And when it was day, He came out and went into a desert place. And the people were seeking Him and came up to Him. And they were keeping Him, so that He might not go away from them. ⁴³But He said to them, It is right for Me to preach the Gospel of the kingdom of God in the other cities also, because it was for this that I have been sent. And He was preaching in the synagogues of Galilee.

CHAPTER 5

¹And it came to pass as the people pressed upon Him to hear the word of God, that He was standing by the lake of Gën-nës'-ă-rët. ²And He saw two ships standing by the lake, but the fishermen had gone away from them and were washing their nets. ³And entering into one of the ships, which was Simon's, He asked him to put back a little from the land. And sitting down He taught the people from the ship. ⁴And when He left off speaking, He said to Simon, Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a haul. ⁵And answering, Simon said to Him, Master, we have worked through the whole night and have taken nothing; nevertheless at Thy word I will let down the net. ⁶And doing this, they took in a great multitude of fishes. And their net was breaking, ⁷and they signaled to the partners, those in the other ship, that they should come help them. And they came and filled both the ships, so that they were sinking. ⁸And seeing *this* Simon Peter fell down at the knees of Jesus, saying, Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord. ⁹For astonishment

caught hold of him, and all those with him, at the haul of fish which they had taken. ¹⁰And so also were James and John, sons of Zēb'-ē-dēe, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, Fear not, from now on you shall be catching men. ¹¹And bringing the ships onto the land, they left all and followed Him.

¹²And as He was in one of the cities, it came to pass that there was a man full of leprosy. And seeing Jesus, he fell on *his* face, begging Him, saying, Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou art able to make me clean. ¹³And stretching out *His* hand He touched him, saying, I will! Be clean! And instantly the leprosy departed from him. ¹⁴And He commanded him to tell no one, *saying*, But go and show yourself to the priest, and offer for your cleansing, according as Moses commanded, for a witness to them. ¹⁵But still more the report about Him was spread abroad: and great multitudes were coming to hear, and to be healed of their sicknesses by Him. ¹⁶But He drew Himself back into the deserts and was praying.

¹⁷And it came to pass, on one of the days He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the Law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee and of Judea and of Jerusalem. And the power of *the* Lord was *there* to heal them. ¹⁸And behold! men *appeared* carrying upon a bed a man who was paralyzed. And they were trying to bring him in, and to place him before Him. ¹⁹And finding no way they might bring him in, because of the multitude, going up on the housetop they let him down through the tiles — with the little bed into the middle — in front of Jesus. ²⁰And seeing their faith, He said to him, Man, your sins have been forgiven you! ²¹And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, Who is this who speaks blās'-phē-miēs? Who is able to forgive sins, except God alone? ²²But knowing their thoughts, Jesus answered, saying to them, Why do you question in your hearts? ²³Which is easier? to say, Your sins have been forgiven you! or to say, Arise and walk! ²⁴But so that you may know that the Son of man has authority on the earth to forgive sins, He said to the paralyzed one, I say to you, Arise! And take up your bed, and go to your house. ²⁵And immediately, standing up before them, he took up *the bed* on which he was lying and went away to his house, glorifying God. ²⁶And amazement took hold on all, and they glorified God, and were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today.

²⁷And after these things He went out and saw a tax-collector named Levi sitting at the tax office, and He said to him, Follow Me! ²⁸And leaving all, he rose up and followed Him. ²⁹And Levi made a great feast in his own house, and there was a great company of tax-collectors, and others who were with them, reclining at table. ³⁰And their scribes and Pharisees murmured at His disciples saying, Why do you eat and drink with tax-collectors and sinners? ³¹And answering, Jesus said to them,

They who are well do not need a doctor — but they who are sick. ³²I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. ³³And they said to Him, Why do the disciples of John fast often, and make prayers, and likewise those of the Pharisees, but yours eat and drink? ³⁴And He said to them, Are you able to make the sons of the bride chamber fast while the bridegroom is with them? ³⁵But days will come also when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, then they will fast in those days.

³⁶And He spoke also a parable to them: No one puts a piece of new cloth upon an old piece of cloth. Otherwise, he both tears the new, and the old does not match the piece which *is* from the new. ³⁷And no one puts new wine into old wineskins, otherwise the new wine will burst the skins, and it will be spilled, and the wineskins will perish. ³⁸But new wine is to be put into new wineskins, and both are preserved together. ³⁹And no one who has drunk old *wine* immediately desires new, for he says, The old is better.

CHAPTER 6

¹And it came to pass on *the* second sabbath *after the* first, He passed along through the grain fields. And His disciples were plucking the ears and were eating, rubbing *them* in the hands. ²But some of the Pharisees said to them, Why do you do that which it is not lawful to do on the sabbaths? ³And answering to them Jesus said, Did you never even read that which David did when he was hungry, himself and those who were with him? ⁴how he went into the house of God and took the showbread and ate (and he also gave to those with him) — which it is not lawful to eat, but only the priests? ⁵And He said to them, The Son of man is Lord also of the sabbath.

⁶And it came to pass also on another sabbath that He went into the synagogue and taught. And there was there a man, and his right hand was withered. ⁷And the scribes and the Pharisees were watching Him, whether He would heal on the Sabbath, that they might find a charge against Him. ⁸But He knew their thoughts and said to the man who had the withered hand, Arise! and stand in the middle! And he arose and stood. ⁹Then Jesus said to them, I will ask you one thing, Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good? or to do *evil*? to save life? or to destroy? ¹⁰And looking around upon them all, He said to the man, Stretch out your hand! And he did so, and his hand was restored as whole as the other. ¹¹But they were filled with madness, and talked with one another what they should do to Jesus.

¹²And it came to pass in those days, He went out into the mountain to pray, and He was spending the night in prayer to God. ¹³And when it became day, He called His disciples and chose out twelve from them,

whom also He named apostles: ¹⁴Simon (whom He also named Peter), and Andrew his brother; James and John; Philip and Bär-thol'-ō-mew; ¹⁵Matthew and Thomas; James (the son of Āl-phē'-ūs), and Simon (who was called Zē-lō'-tēs); ¹⁶Judas (the brother of James) and Judas Is-câr'-i-ot (who also became the betrayer). ¹⁷And going down with them He stood on a level plain and *looked upon* a crowd of His disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, and Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sî'-dōn — who had come to hear Him and to be healed of their diseases — ¹⁸and those beset by unclean spirits *also came* — and they were *all* healed. ¹⁹And the whole multitude sought to touch Him, for power went out from Him and healed all.

²⁰And lifting up His eyes upon His disciples, He said, Blessed *are the* poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹Blessed *are you* who hunger now, for you shall be filled. Blessed *are you* who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²Blessed are you when men hate you, and when they shall cut you off, and shall revile *you*, and throw out your name as evil, on account of the Son of man — ²³rejoice in that day, and leap for joy. For behold! Your reward is great in Heaven, for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴But woe to you that are rich, for you are receiving your comfort! ²⁵Woe to you who have been filled, for you shall hunger! Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep! ²⁶Woe to you when all men shall speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets! ²⁷But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you. ²⁸Bless those who curse you and pray for those who spitefully use you. ²⁹And to him who strikes you on the *one* cheek, offer also the other. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not forbid *him to take your* coat also. ³⁰And give to everyone who asks you; and from him who takes away your goods, ask not again. ³¹And even as you desire that men should do unto you, do also unto them in the same way. ³²And if you love those who love you, what thanks is it to you? for even sinners love those who love them. ³³And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks is it to you? for even sinners do the same. ³⁴And if you lend *to those* from whom you hope to receive, what thanks is it to you? for even sinners lend to sinners in order that they may receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again — and great shall be your reward, and you shall be the children of the Highest, for He is good to the unthankful and *to* the evil.

³⁶Therefore be merciful, as your Father is also merciful. ³⁷And judge not, so that in no way you may be judged. Condemn not, so that in no way you may be condemned. Forgive, and you shall be forgiven. ³⁸Give, and it shall be given to you — good measure, pressed down and shaken together and running over, shall they give into your bosom. For with

the same measure with which you measure, it shall be measured to you again.

³⁹And He spoke a parable to them, Can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into a ditch? ⁴⁰The disciple is not above his master, but everyone who is perfected shall be as his master. ⁴¹But why do you look on the twig that is in the eye of your brother, but do not see the log that is in your own eye? ⁴²Or how can you say to your brother, Brother, let me pull out the twig that is in your eye, yourself not seeing the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! first throw the log out of your own eye, and then you shall see clearly to pull out the twig that is in the eye of your brother. ⁴³For there is no good tree bringing forth bad fruit—nor a bad tree bringing forth good fruit—⁴⁴for every tree is known by its own fruit. For they do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they gather a bunch of grapes from a bramble bush. ⁴⁵A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth that which is good—and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings forth that which is evil—for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks. ⁴⁶And why call Me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? ⁴⁷Whoever comes to Me and hears My sayings, and does them, I will show you to whom he is like: ⁴⁸He is like a man building a house, who dug, and deepened, and laid the foundation on a rock. And a flood came up and the stream burst upon that house, and could not shake it, for it had been founded upon a rock. ⁴⁹But he who hears, and does not do, is like a man who had built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream broke forth. And immediately it fell, and the ruin of that house was great.

CHAPTER 7

¹Now when He had completed all His sayings in the ears of the people, He entered into Că-per'-nă-um. ²And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and was about to die. ³And he had heard about Jesus and sent to Him elders of the Jews begging Him that He would come and heal his servant. ⁴And when they had come to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one to whom He should grant this was worthy, ⁵for he loves our nation, and he built a synagogue for us. ⁶And Jesus went with them. But when He was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, Lord, Do not trouble *Thyself*, for I am not worthy that Thou shouldst come under my roof. ⁷For this reason neither did I think myself worthy to come to Thee. But say by a word, and my servant shall be healed. ⁸For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under myself. And I say to this one, Go! and he goes; and to another, Come! and he comes; and to my servant, Do this! and he does it. ⁹And hearing these things Jesus marveled at him, and turning to the people

following Him, He said, I say to you, Not even in Israel have I found such great faith. ¹⁰And returning to the house, those who were sent found the ailing servant in good health.

¹¹And it came to pass on the next day, He went into a city called Nain. And many of His disciples and a great multitude went with Him. ¹²And as He drew near to the gate of the city, behold! one who had died was being carried out. *He was* an only son to his mother, and she was a widow, and many people of the city were with her. ¹³And the Lord, seeing her, was moved with compassion on her. And He said to her, Do not weep. ¹⁴And coming up He touched the bier, and those bearing *it* stood still. And He said, Young man, I say to you, Arise! ¹⁵And the dead *boy* sat up and began to speak. And He gave him to his mother. ¹⁶And fear clutched them all, and they glorified God, saying, A great prophet has risen up among us; and, God has visited His people. ¹⁷And this report concerning Him went out into all Judea, and into all the region round about.

¹⁸And the disciples of John brought word of all these things. ¹⁹And calling to him two particular ones of his disciples, John sent *them* to Jesus, saying, Art Thou He who is coming, or are we to look for another? ²⁰And coming to Him, the men said, John the Baptist has sent us to Thee, saying, Art Thou He who is coming, or are we to look for another? ²¹And in the same hour He healed many of *their* sicknesses and plagues and evil spirits. And to many of the blind, He gave power to see. ²²And answering Jesus said to them, When you go back, tell John what you have seen and heard — that the blind receive sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the Gospel is preached to the poor, ²³and whosoever shall not be offended in Me is blessed. ²⁴And after the messengers of John had departed, He began to speak to the people about John: What have you gone out into the wilderness to look upon? a reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵But what have you gone out to see? a man clothed in soft clothing? Behold! they who are in gorgeous clothes and who are in luxury are living in palaces. ²⁶But what have you gone out to see? a prophet? Yes, I say to you, and *one* more excellent than a prophet. ²⁷This is he about whom it has been written, "Behold! I send My messenger before Thy face, who shall prepare Thy way before Thee" (See MALACHI 3:1). ²⁸For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist — but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

²⁹And hearing *this*, all the people and the tax-collectors who had been baptized *with* the baptism of John justified God. ³⁰But the Pharisees and the lawyers who had not been baptized by him rejected the purpose of God as to themselves. ³¹And the Lord said, Then to what

shall I compare the men of this generation? and, To what are they like? ³²They are like little children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, and saying, We have piped to you, and you did not dance; we mourned to you, and you did not weep. ³³For John the Baptist has come, neither eating bread nor drinking wine; and you say, He has a demon. ³⁴The Son of man has come, eating and drinking; and you say, Behold! a glutton and a wine-drinker — a friend of tax-collectors and sinners! ³⁵Yet wisdom was justified by all her children.

³⁶And one of the Pharisees asked Him that He would eat with him. And going into the house of the Pharisee, He reclined at table. ³⁷And behold! a woman in the city who was a sinner, knowing that He had reclined at table in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster box of ointment. ³⁸And standing behind *Him*, weeping beside His feet, *she* began to wash His feet with tears. And she was wiping *them* with the hairs of her head, and was lovingly kissing His feet, and was anointing *them* with the ointment.

³⁹But seeing *this*, the Pharisee who invited Him spoke within himself, saying, This one, if he were a prophet, would have known who and what kind of woman this is who touches Him, for she is a great sinner. ⁴⁰Jesus said to him, Simon, I have something to say to you. And he said, Master, speak. ⁴¹There were two men who owed *money* to a certain lender; the one owed five hundred pieces of silver, and the other fifty. ⁴²But *as* they had nothing to repay, he forgave both. Which of them, then, do you say will love him most? ⁴³And answering Simon said, I suppose that *one* to whom he forgave the most. And He said to him, You have judged rightly. ⁴⁴And turning to the woman, He said to Simon, Do you see this woman? I entered into your house *and* you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has washed My feet with tears and wiped *them* with the hairs of her head. ⁴⁵You gave Me no kiss, but since I came in, this woman has not ceased to lovingly kiss My feet. ⁴⁶You did not anoint My head with oil, but this woman has anointed My feet with ointment. ⁴⁷Because of this I say to you, her many sins have been forgiven — for she loved much — but to whom little is forgiven, he loves little. ⁴⁸And He said to her, Your sins have been forgiven. ⁴⁹And those reclining with *Him* began to say within themselves, Who is this who even forgives sins? ⁵⁰But He said to the woman, Your faith has saved you. Go in peace.

CHAPTER 8

¹And it came to pass afterwards that He was going through every city and village preaching and announcing the Gospel of the kingdom of God. And the twelve *were* with Him. ²And certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities *also were with Him* — Mary

(who is called Măg'-dă-lēne), from whom seven demons had gone forth,³ and Joanna (the wife of Chuza, a steward of Herod,) and Susanna, and many others—who ministered to Him from their property.

⁴And a great multitude came together. And those who were from each city came to Him. And He spoke by a parable. ⁵The sower went forth to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the roadside, and it was trodden down, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶And other *seed* fell upon a rock, and after it had sprung up, it withered away because it had no moisture. ⁷And other *seed* fell in the middle of thorns, and after springing up together, the thorns choked it. ⁸And other *seed* fell upon the good ground, and springing up bore fruit a hundred times. Having said these things, He cried, He that has ears to hear, let him hear!

⁹And His disciples asked Him, saying, What might this parable be? ¹⁰And He said, Unto you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest *I speak* in parables—that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²And those by the roadside are those who hear. Then comes the devil and takes away the word from their heart, lest they should believe and be saved. ¹³And those upon the rock *are* they who, when they hear, receive the word with joy. But these have no root, who for a time believe, and in time of temptation fall away. ¹⁴And that which fell into the thorns: these are they who, after they have heard and have gone forth, are choked with cares and riches and pleasures of *this* life, and bring nothing to perfection. ¹⁵And that in the good ground: these are they who, in an honest and good heart, hearing the word, keep *it* and bring forth fruit with patience.

¹⁶And no man lighting a lamp covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed—but he puts it on a lampstand so that they who enter in may see the light. ¹⁷For nothing is hidden which shall not be revealed, nor secret which shall not be known and come to light. ¹⁸Take care therefore how you hear. For whoever may have, *more* shall be given to him. And whoever may not have, even what he seems to have shall be taken from him.

¹⁹And *His* mother and His brothers came to Him and were not able to get to Him because of the crowd. ²⁰And it was told Him, saying, Thy Mother and Thy brothers are standing outside desiring to see Thee. ²¹And answering He said to them, My mother and My brothers are those who are hearing the word of God and doing it.

²²And it came to pass on a certain day that He and His disciples entered into a ship. And He said to them, Let us pass over to the other side of the lake. And they shoved off from shore. ²³And as they sailed He fell asleep. And a storm of wind on the lake came down, and they were being filled *with water* and were in danger. ²⁴And coming to Him they

awakened Him, saying, Master, Master, we are perishing. And rising up He rebuked the wind and the raging of the water, and they ceased, and there was a calm. ²⁵And He said to them, Where is your faith? And they being afraid wondered, saying to one another, Who then is this, that He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey Him?

²⁶And they sailed down to the country of the Găd'-ă-rēnes, which is across from Galilee. ²⁷And on His going forth upon the land, a certain man out of the city met Him, who had demons for a long time, and who was wearing no clothes, and who was not living in a house, but in the tombs. ²⁸And seeing Jesus, and crying out, he fell down before Him, and with a loud voice said, What have I to do with Thee, Jesus, Son of God, the Most High? I beg of Thee, do not torment me. ²⁹For He was commanding the unclean spirit to come forth from the man. For oftentimes it had seized him, and he was being guarded, being kept with chains and fetters, and breaking the bonds he was driven by the demon into the deserts. ³⁰And Jesus asked him, saying, What is your name? And he said, Legion (because many demons had entered into him). ³¹And they begged Him that He would not command them to go away into the bottomless pit. ³²Now there was there a herd of many hogs feeding in the mountains, and they begged Him that He would allow them to enter into those—and He allowed them. ³³And the demons went forth from the man. They entered into the hogs, and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the lake and were choked.

³⁴And seeing what had taken place, those who fed them fled. And going to the city and to the countryside, they reported *it*. ³⁵And they went out to see what had happened, and came to Jesus, and found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting, clothed, and of sound mind, at the feet of Jesus. And they were afraid. ³⁶And also those who had seen *it* told them how he who had been demon-possessed was healed. ³⁷And the whole multitude of the country of Găd'-ă-rēnes round about begged Him to go away from them, for they were possessed with great fear. And entering into the ship, He returned. ³⁸And the man from whom the demons had gone forth was begging Him to be *taken* with Him. But Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹Return to your house and tell all that God has done for you. And he went his way, telling all that Jesus had done throughout the whole city.

⁴⁰And it came to pass, in the returning of Jesus, the people gladly received Him, for they were all looking for Him. ⁴¹And behold! there came a man named Jă-ī'-rūs, and he was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling down at the feet of Jesus he begged Him to come to his house, ⁴²because he had an only daughter about twelve years old, and she was dying. And as He went, the people thronged Him. ⁴³And a woman *came who* had been *sick* with a flow of blood *for* twelve years, *and* who had

spent *her* whole living on doctors—*but* could be cured by no one. ⁴⁴Coming up behind *Him*, she touched the border of His robe, and instantly her flow of blood was stopped. ⁴⁵And Jesus said, Who was that touching Me? And when all denied, Peter and those with Him said, Master, the multitudes throng and press Thee, and dost Thou say, Who was that touching Me? ⁴⁶And Jesus said, Someone has touched Me, for I knew *that* power went forth from Me. ⁴⁷And seeing that she was not hidden, the woman came up trembling. And falling down before Him, she told Him before all the people for what cause she had touched Him, and how she was healed instantly. ⁴⁸And He said to her, Daughter, be of good courage, your faith has cured you. Go in peace.

⁴⁹While He yet was speaking one came from *the house of* the ruler of the synagogue, saying to him, Your daughter has died, do not trouble the Master. ⁵⁰But hearing *this* Jesus answered him, saying, Fear not, only believe, and she shall be restored. ⁵¹And entering into the house He allowed no one to go in, except Peter and James and John, and the father and the mother of the child. ⁵²And they were all weeping and bewailing her. But He said, Do not weep, she is not dead, but sleeps. ⁵³And they laughed at Him scornfully, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴But putting them all out, and taking hold of her hand, He called, saying, Child, arise! ⁵⁵And her spirit came again, and she immediately arose. And He commanded *something* should be given to her to eat. ⁵⁶And her parents were amazed, but He commanded them that they should tell no one what had happened.

CHAPTER 9

¹And calling His twelve disciples together, He gave to them power and authority over all the demons and to heal diseases. ²And *He* sent them to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal those who were sick. ³And He said to them, Take nothing for the highway—neither staves, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—neither have two coats each. ⁴And into whatever house you may enter, stay there, and depart from there. ⁵And as many as may not receive you, *as you are* going forth from that city, even the dust from your feet shake off for a witness against them. ⁶And going forth they passed through the towns, preaching the Gospel, and healing everywhere.

⁷And Herod the tēt'-rārch heard of the things being done by Him, and was puzzled, because it was said by certain ones, John has been raised from among *the* dead; ⁸and by certain ones that Ē-lī'-jāh had appeared—by others also that a prophet, one of the ancients, had arisen. ⁹And Herod said, John I beheaded, but who is this of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see Him.

¹⁰And having returned, the apostles told Him all that they had done. And taking them along, He withdrew apart into a desert place of the city called Bēth-sā'-ī-dā. ¹¹But knowing *it*, people followed Him. And receiving them, He spoke to them about the kingdom of God. And those who needed healing He cured. ¹²But the day began to decline, and the twelve coming near said to Him, Turn the multitude loose so that they may go into the towns and the country around about, *that* they may lodge and find food; for here we are in a desert place. ¹³But He said to them, You give them *something* to eat. But they said, We have no more than five loaves and two fishes, unless we should go *and* buy food for all this people. ¹⁴For they were about five thousand men. But He said to His disciples, Make them recline in companies of fifties. ¹⁵And they did so, and made all recline. ¹⁶And taking the five loaves and the two fishes, looking up into Heaven, He blessed them and broke *them* and gave *them* to the disciples to set before the multitude. ¹⁷And they ate and were all satisfied. And that which was taken up of the pieces that were *left* over and above to them *was* twelve baskets *full*.

¹⁸And it came to pass as He was alone praying, the disciples were with Him. And He questioned them, saying, Who do the people say that I am? ¹⁹And answering they said, John the Baptist, but others say Elijah, and others that some prophet of the ancients has risen. ²⁰And He said to them, But who do you say that I am? And answering Peter said, The Christ of God. ²¹And strictly directing them, He commanded *them* to tell no one this, ²²saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and *is* to be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and to be killed, and to be raised the third day. ²³And He said to all, If any one desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and let him take up his cross day by day, and let him follow Me. ²⁴For whoever desires to save his life shall lose it — but whoever may lose his life for My sake, he shall save it. ²⁵For what is a man profited *who* has gained the whole world, but *who* has destroyed or lost himself forever? ²⁶For whoever may have been ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of man will be ashamed of him when He shall come in His own glory, and *in His Father's glory*, and of the holy angels. ²⁷But I say to you, truly there are some of those standing here who shall not taste of death until they have seen the kingdom of God.

²⁸And it came to pass, about eight days after these words, that He took Peter and John and James and went up into a mountain to pray. ²⁹And it came to pass as He prayed, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothing *was* dazzling white. ³⁰And behold! two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah — ³¹who appearing in glory spoke of His departure, which He was about to complete in Jerusalem. ³²But Peter and those with him were heavy with sleep. And when they were fully awake, they saw His glory and the two men who stood with Him.

³³And it came to pass as they were departing from Him, Peter said to Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here; and, Let us make three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah — not knowing what he was saying. ³⁴But as he was saying these things a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they feared as those men entered into the cloud. ³⁵And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son, hear Him! ³⁶And when the voice was past, Jesus was found alone. And they were silent, and they told *it* to no one in those days, not any of those things which they had seen.

³⁷And it came to pass on the next day, on coming down from the mountain, a great crowd met Him. ³⁸And behold, a man cried out of the crowd, saying, Master, I beg Thee, look upon my son, for he is an only child to me. ³⁹And behold, a spirit takes him and he suddenly cries out, and it throws him into convulsions with foaming and painfully departs from him, bruising him. ⁴⁰And I begged Thy disciples that they might throw it out, and they were not able. ⁴¹And answering Jesus said, O faithless and crooked generation, how long shall I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here. ⁴²But as he was coming up, the demon dashed him down and threw him into convulsions. And Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, and He healed the child and gave him back to his father again. ⁴³And all were amazed at the majesty of God.

And *as* all were wondering at all things which Jesus did, He said to His disciples, ⁴⁴Let these words sink into your ears, for the Son of man is about to be betrayed into the hands of men. ⁴⁵But they did not understand this saying, and it was hidden from them so that they should not see it. And they were afraid to ask Him about that saying. ⁴⁶And there arose an argument among them — this, Who might be the greatest of them. ⁴⁷And Jesus seeing the thought of their heart, taking a little child, He set it beside Him ⁴⁸and said to them, Whoever shall receive this little child in My name receives Me. And whoever shall receive Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all is he who shall be great. ⁴⁹And answering John said, Master, we saw someone throwing out demons in Thy name, and we ordered him to stop because he does not follow along with us. ⁵⁰And Jesus said to him, Do not stop him, for whoever is not against us is for us.

⁵¹And it came to pass, when the days of His taking up were being fulfilled, that He set His face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And He sent messengers before His face. And going on they entered into a village of the Să-mâr'-î-tăns, so as to make ready for Him. ⁵³And they did not receive Him because His face was *set* to go to Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when His disciples saw *it*, James and John said, Lord, dost Thou desire *that* we should call fire to come down from Heaven and burn them up, even as Elijah did? ⁵⁵But turning He rebuked them and said, You do not

know of what spirit you are! ⁵⁶For the Son of man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save *them*. And they went to another village.

⁵⁷And it came to pass as they were going in the highway, someone said to Him, Lord, wherever Thou may go, I will follow Thee. ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the air *have* nests, but the Son of man has nowhere He may lay His head. ⁵⁹And He said to another, Follow Me! But he said, Lord, let me first go away to bury my father. ⁶⁰But Jesus said to him, Leave the dead to bury their own dead, but you go out and preach the kingdom of God. ⁶¹And another also said, Lord, I will follow Thee, but first let me go take leave of those at my house. ⁶²But Jesus said to him, No one who has laid his hand on *the* plow, and *who is* looking back on the things behind, is fit for the kingdom of God.

CHAPTER 10

¹Now after these things the Lord appointed seventy others also. And He sent them two and two before His face, into every city and place where He Himself was about to come. ²He said therefore to them, The harvest truly *is* great, but the laborers *are* few. Pray therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He may send forth laborers into His harvest. ³Go! Lo, I send you forth as lambs in the middle of wolves. ⁴Do not carry purse, or bag, or shoes, and greet no one on the highway. ⁵And into whatever house you may enter, first say, Peace to this house. ⁶And if indeed there is a son of peace there, your peace shall rest upon it. But if not, it shall return to you. ⁷And stay in that same house, eating and drinking the things *given* by them—for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. ⁸And into whatever city you may enter, and they may receive you, eat the things set before you. ⁹And heal the sick in it, and say to them, The kingdom of God has drawn near to you. ¹⁰But into whatever city you may enter, and they do not receive you, going out into its streets, say, ¹¹Even the dust which has clung to us out of your city we wipe off against you—yet know this, that the kingdom of God has drawn near to you. ¹²And I say to you that it shall be more bearable in that Day for Sodom than for that city. ¹³Woe unto you, Chorazin [Kō-rāy'-zīn]! Woe unto you, Bēth-sā'-ī-dāl for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which have been taking place in you, they long ago would have repented, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. ¹⁴But it shall be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon in the Judgment than for you. ¹⁵And you, Cā-per'-nā-ūm, who have been lifted up to Heaven, you shall be thrust down into hell. ¹⁶He that hears you hears Me, and he that despises you despises Me—and he that despises Me despises Him who sent Me.

¹⁷And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord, even the

demons are subject to us through Thy name. ¹⁸And He said to them, I saw Satan falling out of Heaven, like lightning. ¹⁹Behold! I give you the authority to walk on serpents and scorpions, and upon all the power of the enemy, and nothing in any way shall hurt you. ²⁰Yet do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice that your names are written in Heaven.

²¹In that same hour Jesus rejoiced in the Spirit and said, I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of Heaven and of the earth, that Thou didst hide these things from the sophisticated and cunning, and didst reveal them to babes: yea, Father, for so it seemed good in Thy sight. ²²And turning to the disciples He said, All things are delivered to Me by My Father, and no one but the Father knows who the Son is, and who the Father is but the Son, and he to whom the Son will reveal *Him*. ²³And turning to the disciples, He said privately, Blessed *are* the eyes which see what you see. ²⁴For I say to you that many prophets and kings have desired to see what you see, and did not see them — and to hear what you hear, and did not hear.

²⁵And behold, a certain lawyer stood up, tempting Him, and saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? ²⁶And He said to him, What is written in the Law? How do you read? ²⁷And answering he said, You shall love *the* Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself. ²⁸And He said to him, You have answered right. Do this and you shall live. ²⁹But desiring to justify himself, he said to Jesus, And who is my neighbor? ³⁰And taking up *the word* Jesus said, A certain man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho. And he fell among thieves, who, after stripping him and wounding him, went away leaving him half dead. ³¹Now it so happened a certain priest went down that road. And seeing him, he passed by on the other side. ³²And in the same way also a Levite, being at the place, coming up and seeing *him*, passed by on the other side. ³³But a certain Samaritan traveling *that way* came to him. And seeing him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴And coming near, he tied up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. And putting him on his own animal, he brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵And on the next day, going away, he took out two coins and gave them to the innkeeper. And he said to him, Take care of him, and whatever you may spend more than this, I will repay you when I come back. ³⁶Who, then, of these three, seems to you to have been a neighbor to him who fell among the thieves? ³⁷And he said, He who showed mercy to him. Then Jesus said to him, You go and do likewise.

³⁸And it came to pass as they went on that He entered into a certain village. And a certain woman named Martha received Him into her house. ³⁹And she had a sister called Mary, who, sitting down at the feet

of Jesus, was listening to His word. ⁴⁰But Martha was troubled with so much serving. And standing by Him, she said, Lord, Dost Thou not care that my sister has left me alone to serve? Speak to her, then, that she help me. ⁴¹And answering Jesus said to her, Martha, Martha, you are careful and troubled about many things—⁴²but one thing is needful, and Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

CHAPTER 11

¹And it came to pass as He was in a certain place praying, when He ceased, one of His disciples said to Him, Lord, teach us to pray, even as John taught his disciples. ²And He said to them, When you pray, say, Our Father, who *art* in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, as in Heaven, so also upon the earth. ³Give us day by day our daily bread. ⁴And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves also forgive every one who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

⁵And He said to them, Who among you shall have a friend and shall go to him at midnight and say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey and I have nothing to set before him. ⁷And *what if* he from the inside should answer, saying, Do not trouble me, the door is already shut, and my children are in bed with me; I cannot rise and give *it* to you? ⁸I say to you, even if he will not rise up and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his shameless insisting he will rise and give as many as he needs. ⁹And I say to you, Ask, and it shall be given to you. Seek, and you shall find. Knock, and it shall be opened to you. ¹⁰For every one that asks receives. And he that seeks finds. And to him that knocks, it will be opened. ¹¹And which of you who *is* a father, if the son shall ask a loaf, will give a stone to him? And if *he asks* a fish, will he instead of a fish give him a snake? ¹²Or, if he shall ask for an egg, will he give him a scorpion? ¹³If you therefore, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more your Father who *is* of Heaven will give the Holy Spirit to those asking Him!

¹⁴And He was throwing out a demon, and it was dumb. And when the demon had gone out, it came to pass the dumb one spoke. And the people wondered. ¹⁵But some of them said, He throws out demons by Bē-ēl'-zē-būb, chief of the demons. ¹⁶And others, tempting *Him*, were asking for a miracle from Heaven from Him. ¹⁷But knowing their thoughts, He said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to ruin; and, A house *divided* against a house falls. ¹⁸And if Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? Because you say, I throw out the demons by Bē-ēl'-zē-būb. ¹⁹And if I throw

out demons by Bē-ēl'-zē-būb, *then* by whom do your sons throw *them* out? Because of this they shall be judges of you. ²⁰But if I throw out the demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹When the strong man keeps his own palace, being armed, his goods are in peace—²²but as soon as the stronger than he comes upon him, he shall overcome him and take from him all his armor in which he had trusted, and he divides his spoils. ²³He that is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters!

²⁴When the unclean spirit has gone out from a man, he goes through dry places looking for rest. And not finding *any* he says, I will go back to my house from which I came out. ²⁵And coming, he finds *it* swept and decorated. ²⁶Then he goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and entering they live there—and the last state of that man is worse than the first. ²⁷And it came to pass as He spoke these things, lifting up her voice from the crowd, a certain woman said to Him, Blessed *is* the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts which Thou hast sucked. ²⁸But He said, Yes, rather, blessed *are* they who hear the word of God and keep it.

²⁹And with the multitudes crowding together upon Him, He began to say, This generation is evil. It looks for a sign, and a sign shall not be given to it, except the sign of Jonah the prophet. ³⁰For as Jonah was a sign to the Nin'-ē-vites, so shall the Son of man also be to this generation. ³¹The queen of *the* south shall rise up in the Judgment with the men of this generation, and she shall condemn them—for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold! One greater than Solomon *is* here. ³²Men of Nineveh shall stand up in the Judgment with this generation and shall condemn it—for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold! One greater than Jonah *is* here. ³³But no one who has lighted a lamp puts *it* in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but upon the lampstand, so that those who come in may see the light. ³⁴The lamp of the body is the eye. Therefore, when your eye is clear, your whole body also is lightened—but when your eye is filled with evil, your whole body also *is* darkened. ³⁵Take care, then, that the light that *is* in you is not darkness. ³⁶If, then, your whole body *is* made light, not having any part dark, the whole shall be made light as *it is* when the brightness of a lamp gives you light.

³⁷Now as *He* was speaking, a certain Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. And entering in, He reclined at table. ³⁸But the Pharisee, watching, marveled that He had not first washed before the dinner. ³⁹But the Lord said to him, Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but your inward part is full of robbery and wickedness. ⁴⁰Fools! did not He who made the outside also make the inside? ⁴¹But give alms of the things which you have inside, and lo, all things

are clean to you. ⁴²But woe to you, Pharisees! For you pay tithes of mint, and rue, and every vegetable, and pass by judgment and the love of God. These things you ought to have done, and not to be neglecting those *things*. ⁴³Woe unto you, Pharisees! For you love the uppermost seats in the synagogues and the greetings in the market places. ⁴⁴Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees! Hypocrites! For you are as the unseen graves, and the men who walk over *them* do not know *it*.

⁴⁵And one of the lawyers, answering, said to Him, Master, saying these things you insult us too. ⁴⁶And He said, Woe unto you also, lawyers! For you load men *with* burdens too heavy to bear, and you yourselves touch not the burdens with one of your fingers. ⁴⁷Woe unto you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. ⁴⁸Truly you bear witness that you consent to the deeds of your fathers; for they indeed killed them, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹Because of this also the wisdom of God said, I will send to them prophets and apostles, and *some* of them they will kill and persecute, ⁵⁰that the blood of all the prophets poured out from *the* foundation of *the* world may be required of this generation — ⁵¹from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zēch-ā-rī'-āh, who perished between the altar and the Temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation. ⁵²Woe unto you, lawyers! For you took away the key of knowledge — you yourselves did not enter, and those who were entering, you hindered. ⁵³And as He was saying these things to them, the scribes and Pharisees began to press *Him* furiously and to make Him speak about many things — ⁵⁴watching Him and trying to catch something out of His mouth that they might accuse Him.

CHAPTER 12

¹In the meantime a crowd that could not be numbered were gathered together, so as to trample upon one another. He began to say to His disciples first of all, Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees (which is, playing the hypocrite). ²But nothing is covered up which shall not be uncovered; nor hidden which shall not be known. ³Therefore whatever you said in the darkness shall be heard in the light, and what you spoke in the ear in secret rooms shall be shouted upon the housetops. ⁴But I say to you, My friends, Do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after these things are not able to do anything else. ⁵But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after killing *you*, has authority to throw *you* into hell. Yes, I say to you, Fear Him!

⁶Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. ⁷But even the hairs of your head have all been numbered. Therefore do not fear, you are of more value than many sparrows. ⁸But I say to you, Everyone who confesses Me before men,

the Son of man will also confess him in front of the angels of God. ⁹But he who has denied Me before men will be denied before the angels of God. ¹⁰And everyone who shall say a word against the Son of man, it will be forgiven him — but it will not be forgiven to him who has blasphemed the Holy Spirit. ¹¹But when they bring you in front of the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious how or what you shall reply, or what you shall say — ¹²for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that same hour what you ought to say.

¹³And one of the company said to Him, Master, speak to my brother to divide the inheritance with me. ¹⁴But He said to him, Man, who made Me a judge or a divider over you? ¹⁵And He said to them, Watch! and keep yourselves from lusting for more and more — for a man's life is not in the fullness of the things which he owns. ¹⁶And He spoke a parable to them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully. ¹⁷And he was thinking within himself, saying, What shall I do? because I have nowhere to lay up my fruits. ¹⁸And he said, This I will do, I will take down my barns and will build bigger *ones*, and I will lay up all my crops and my good things there. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many good things laid up for many years, take your rest, eat, drink and be merry. ²⁰But God said to him, Fool! This *is* the night your soul shall be demanded of you; and that which you have gotten together, to whom shall it be *given*? ²¹So *is* he who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.

²²And He said to His disciples, Because of this I say to you, Be not anxious as to your life, what you should eat — nor as to the body, what you should put on. ²³Life is more than food, and the body *more* than clothing. ²⁴Think of the ravens, for they do not sow or reap, to which there is no barn nor storehouse, and God feeds them. How much better are you than the birds! ²⁵And who of you is able to add one cubit to his height by being anxious? ²⁶If, then, you are not able to do even the least, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Think of the lilies, how they grow. They do not work, nor do they spin, but I say to you, not even Solomon in all his glory was clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass — which today is, but tomorrow is thrown into *the* oven — how much rather you? O *you* of little faith!

²⁹And you, do not seek what you may eat, or what you may drink, and do not be in doubt — ³⁰for the nations of the world seek after all these things, and your Father knows that you have need of these things. ³¹But seek rather the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you. ³²Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father took delight in giving you the kingdom. ³³Sell what you own and give alms. Make yourselves bags that do not grow old, a treasure in Heaven that does not fail — where *the* thief does not come near, nor *the* moth destroy. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ³⁵Let your loins be girded and

your lamps burning. ³⁶And be like men waiting for their lord, whenever He shall return from the wedding feasts — so that when he comes and knocks they may immediately open to him. ³⁷Blessed are those servants whom the lord shall find watching when he comes. I say to you that he will gird himself and will make them recline at table. And coming near, he will serve them. ³⁸And if he comes in the second watch, and in the third watch, and finds *them* so, blessed are those servants. ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have allowed his house to be broken through. ⁴⁰And you, then, be ready — for in an hour that you do not suppose, the Son of man comes.

⁴¹And Peter said to Him, Lord, dost Thou speak this parable to us, or also to all? ⁴²And the Lord said, Who then is the faithful and wise steward, whom *his* lord shall set over his household as ruler, to give the measure of grain in due season? ⁴³Blessed is that servant, whom, when his lord comes, he will find *him* doing so. ⁴⁴Truly I say to you that he will make him ruler over all that he has. ⁴⁵But if that servant should say in his heart, My lord is waiting to come, and should begin to beat the menservants and maidservants, and to eat and drink, and to be drunk — ⁴⁶the lord of that servant will come in a day when he does not expect *him*, and in an hour which he does not know. And he will cut him in two and will give him his portion with the unbelievers. ⁴⁷But that servant who knew the will of his master, and did not make ready, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many *stripes*. ⁴⁸But he who knew not, and did *things* worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few *stripes*. And to whom much was given, much will be demanded from him — and to whom much was entrusted, the more they will ask of him. ⁴⁹I came to hurl fire into the earth, and what if I desire it already to be kindled? ⁵⁰But I have a baptism I must be baptized *with*, and how am I pressed down until it is done! ⁵¹Do you think that I came to give peace on earth? No, I say to you, but rather to divide — ⁵²for from now on there will be five divided in one house — three against two, and two against three. ⁵³Father will be divided against son, and son against father; mother against daughter, and daughter against mother — mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law, and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

⁵⁴And He said to the people also, When you see a cloud rising up from the west, immediately you say, A shower is coming; and it is so. ⁵⁵And when a south wind is blowing, you say, There will be heat; and it comes to pass. ⁵⁶Hypocrites! you know how to judge the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not know this time? ⁵⁷Yes, and why do you not judge what is right even of yourselves? ⁵⁸For as you go with the one who is against you to the justice, in the highway try hard to be set free from him, lest he should drag you away to the judge, and

the judge should deliver you to the officer, and the officer should throw you into prison. ⁵⁹I say to you, In no way shall you come out of there until you have paid even the last piece of money.

CHAPTER 13

¹And some, who were there at the same time, *were* telling Him about the Gäl-î-lê'-āns, whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²And answering Jesus said to them, Do you think that these Gäl-î-lê'-āns were sinners above all the Gäl-î-lê'-āns, because they have suffered such things? ³No, I say to you, but if you do not repent, you shall all perish the same way. ⁴Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that these were sinners beyond all men who lived in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I say to you, but if you do not repent, you shall all perish the same way.

⁶And He spoke this parable: A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit on it, and did not find *any*. ⁷And he said to the vinedresser, Behold, three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree and have not found *any*. Cut it down! Why does it still waste the ground? ⁸And answering he said to him, Master, let it alone this year too, until I shall dig around it and manure it, ⁹perhaps indeed it shall bear fruit, But if not, after that you shall cut it down.

¹⁰And He was teaching in one of the synagogues on *one of* the sabbaths. ¹¹And behold! there was a woman who had a spirit of unsoundness eighteen years, and she was bowed together and in no way able to lift herself up. ¹²And seeing her Jesus called and said to her, Woman, you have been turned loose from your unsoundness. ¹³And He laid His hands upon her, and instantly she was made straight, and she glorified God. ¹⁴But the ruler of the synagogue answering — angry because Jesus healed on the Sabbath — said to the people, There are six days in which men ought to work; in these therefore come to be healed, and not on the Sabbath day. ¹⁵Then the Lord answered him, and said, Hypocrite! Does not every one of you untie his ox or his ass from the manger and lead *it* away and give *it* water? ¹⁶And this *woman* is a daughter of Abraham whom Satan has held tight to *these* eighteen years — is it not right that she be turned loose from this bond on the Sabbath day? ¹⁷And when He said these things, all who were against Him were ashamed. And all the people were rejoicing at all the glorious things which were being done by Him.

¹⁸And He said, To what is the kingdom of God like? and to what shall I compare it? ¹⁹It is like a grain of mustard, which a man took and threw into his garden. And it grew and became a great tree, and the birds of the air lodged in the branches of it. ²⁰And again He said, To

what shall I compare the kingdom of God? ²¹It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until all of it was leavened.

²²And He was going through cities and villages, teaching and making progress towards Jerusalem. ²³And one said to Him, Lord, *are* those being saved few? But He said to them, ²⁴Try hard to enter in through the narrow gate. For I say to you, Many will try to enter in and will not be able. ²⁵When once the Master of the house has risen up and has shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us; and answering He will say to you, I do not know you. Where are you from? ²⁶Then you will begin to say, We ate and drank before Thee, and in our streets Thou didst teach. ²⁷And He will say, I tell you, I do not know where you are from—depart from Me, all *you* workers of unrighteousness. ²⁸There shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves being thrown out. ²⁹And they shall come from east and west, and from north and south, and shall lie down in the kingdom of God. ³⁰And behold! there are those who are *now* last who shall be first, and there are first who shall be last.

³¹On the same day some of the Pharisees came to Him, saying to him, Get out! and, Go away from here! for Herod wants to kill you. ³²And He said to them, When you go back, say to that fox, Behold, I throw out demons, and I finish cures today and tomorrow, and the third *day* I am perfected. ³³But it is only right for me to go on today and tomorrow and the *day* after, for it is not possible *for* a prophet to perish outside of Jerusalem. ³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that kills the prophets, and that stones those who have been sent to her!—how often would I have gathered your children, in the way a hen *gathers* her brood under her wings, and you would not have it so. ³⁵Behold! your house is left to you in ruins. And verily I say unto you, You shall not see Me until *the time* come when you say, Blessed *is* He who comes in *the* name of *the* Lord.

CHAPTER 14

¹And it came to pass, on His going into the house of one of the chief Pharisees on a sabbath in order to eat bread, that they were watching Him. ²And behold! there was in front of Him a certain man who had ddropsy. ³And answering, Jesus spoke to the lawyers and to *the* Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath? ⁴But they were silent. And taking hold of *him*, He healed him and let *him* go. ⁵And answering them, He said, Which of you shall have an ass or an ox fall into a pit and he

will not immediately pull him out on the Sabbath day? ⁶And they were not able to answer Him as to these things.

⁷And He spoke a parable to those who were invited, observing how they were choosing out the chief places, saying, ⁸When you are invited by anyone to wedding feasts, do not recline in the chief place, lest one more honorable than you may have been invited by him. ⁹And he who invited both you and him coming up may say to you, Give place to this one, and then you begin with shame to take the last place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, on going in, recline in the last place, so that when he who has invited you comes, he may say to you, Friend, come up higher. Then there shall be honor to you in front of those reclining at table with you. ¹¹For everyone that exalts himself shall be humbled. And he that humbles himself shall be exalted. ¹²And He said also to the one who had invited Him, When you make a dinner or a supper, do not call your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors — lest they also should invite you in return and repay you. ¹³But when you make a feast, call the poor, maimed, lame, *and* blind — ¹⁴and you shall be blessed; for they have nothing to repay you. It shall be repaid to you in the resurrection of the just.

¹⁵And hearing these things, one of those reclining with Him said to Him, Blessed is *he* who shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. ¹⁶But He said to him, A certain man made a great supper and invited many. ¹⁷And he sent his servant at supper time to say to those who had been invited, Come, for all is now ready. ¹⁸And they all with one *mind* began to make excuse. The first said to him, I have bought a piece of land, and I have to go and see it — I beg you, count me excused. ¹⁹And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to try them out — I beg you, count me excused. ²⁰And another said, I have married a wife, and because of this I cannot come. ²¹And coming back, that servant reported these things to his lord. Then the master of the house, being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and maimed, the lame and the blind. ²²And the servant said, Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room. ²³And the lord said to the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in so that my house may be filled — ²⁴for I say to you, that not one of those men who have been invited shall taste of my supper.

²⁵And great multitudes were going with Him. And turning, He said to them, ²⁶If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brothers, and sisters, and besides also his own life, he cannot be My disciple. ²⁷And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost

— whether he has *enough* to finish? ²⁹that all who see should not begin to make fun of him when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, ³⁰saying, This man began to build and was not able to finish. ³¹Or what king going out to make war with another king does not sit down and first consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who is coming against him with twenty thousand? ³²But if not, while he is still far off, sending a group of ambassadors, he asks the *terms* for peace. ³³So in the same way, every one of you who does not take leave of all that he himself owns cannot be My disciple. ³⁴Salt *is* good, but if the salt becomes tasteless, with what shall it be seasoned? ³⁵It is neither fit for land, nor for manure, *but* they throw it out. He that has ears to hear, let him hear.

CHAPTER 15

¹And all the tax-collectors, and the sinners, were drawing near to Him to hear Him. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes complained, saying, This one receives sinners and eats with them. ³And He spoke to them this parable, saying, ⁴What man of you who has a hundred sheep, and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go on after that which has been lost until he finds it? ⁵And finding *it* he lays *it* on his shoulders rejoicing, ⁶and coming to the house he calls together friends and neighbors, saying to them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost. ⁷I say to you that likewise joy shall be in Heaven over one sinner repenting, *more* than over ninety-nine righteous ones who have no need of repentance. ⁸Or what woman who has ten pieces of silver, if she should lose one piece, does not light a lamp and sweep the house, and look carefully until she finds *it*? ⁹And finding *it* she calls together friends and neighbors, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I lost. ¹⁰In the same way, I say to you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner repenting.

¹¹And He said, A certain man had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to *his* father, Father, give to me that part of the property falling to *me*. And he divided to them the living. ¹³And not many days after, gathering together all, the younger son went away into a far country and there wasted his property with riotous living. ¹⁴But when he had spent all, there came on a mighty famine, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵And going over, he joined himself to one of the citizens of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed hogs. ¹⁶And he was longing to fill his belly from the husks which the hogs were eating — and no one gave to him. ¹⁷And coming to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father have more than enough bread, and I am dying with hunger? ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you, ¹⁹and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me as one of your hired servants. ²⁰And rising up, he went to his father.

But while he was yet far off, his father saw him and was moved with loving pity, and running he fell upon his neck and lovingly kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against Heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. ²²But the father said to his servants, Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and give a ring for his hand, and sandals for *his* feet. ²³And when you have brought the fattened calf, kill *it*, and let us eat and be merry — ²⁴for this my son was dead, and is alive again, and was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. ²⁵And his elder son was in the field. And as he came back and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And calling one of his servants near, he asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, Your brother has come, and your father killed the fattened calf, because he has received him safe and sound. ²⁸He was angry, and would not go in. Therefore his father went out and entreated him. ²⁹But answering he said to his father, Lo, these many years I served you and never disobeyed your commandment — and you never gave a kid to me that I might make merry with my friends. ³⁰But when this your son came, who wasted your living with harlots, you killed the fattened calf for him. ³¹But he said to him, Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But *it* was right to make merry and rejoice, because your brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and *now* is found.

CHAPTER 16

¹And He said also to His disciples, There was a certain rich man who had a manager. And he was accused to him as wasting his goods. ²And calling him he said to him, What is this I hear about you? Give me an account of your management; for you can no longer be manager. ³And the manager said within himself, What shall I do? for my lord is taking away the management from me? I am not able to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I know what I will do, so that when I have been removed *from* the management they will receive me into their houses. ⁵And calling each one of his lord's debtors to him, he said to the first, How much do you owe my master? ⁶And he said, A hundred baths of oil. And he said to him, Sit down, take your bill and quickly write fifty. ⁷Then to another he said, And how much do you owe? And he said, A hundred homers of wheat. And he says to him, Take your bill and write eighty. ⁸And the master praised the unjust manager, that he had done that which was to his own interest. For the children of this world are in their generation more mindful of their interests than the children of the light in their own generation. ⁹And I say to you, Make friends to yourselves by the mammon of unrighteousness, so that when you fail they may receive you into the everlasting dwellings. ¹⁰He that *is* faithful in *the* least is faithful in much. And he that *is* unrighteous in *the* least is also unrighteous in much. ¹¹If, then, you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in

that which *is* another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant is able to serve two masters — for either he will hate the one, and he will love the other — or else he will cling to the one, and he will despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.

¹⁴And the Pharisees, who were greedy, also heard these things. And they scoffed at Him. ¹⁵And He said to them, You are they who justify themselves before men, but God knows your hearts — for that which is highly prized among men is a hateful thing before God. ¹⁶The Law and the Prophets *were* until John *came*. From that time the kingdom of God is preached, and everyone forces his way into it. ¹⁷But it is easier *for* the sky and the earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail. ¹⁸Everyone who puts away his wife and marries another commits adultery; and everyone who marries her who is put away from her husband *also* commits adultery.

¹⁹Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, making merry every day in luxury. ²⁰And there was a certain beggar named Lāz'-ā-rūs, who was full of sores, and was laid at his gate, ²¹and who desired to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the table of the rich man. But even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²²And it came to pass that the beggar died. And he was carried away by the angels into the bosom of Abraham. And the rich man also died and was buried. ²³And being in torment in hell, lifting up his eyes, he saw Abraham afar off, and Lāz'-ā-rūs in his bosom. ²⁴And crying out he said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lāz'-ā-rūs, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue — for I am tormented in this flame. ²⁵But Abraham said, Son, remember that you fully received your good things in your lifetime, and Lāz'-ā-rūs likewise *his* evil things. But now he is comforted, and you are suffering. ²⁶And besides all these things, between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot do so, nor can they pass from there to us. ²⁷And he said, Then I beg you, father, that you send him to the house of my father, ²⁸for I have five brothers — so that he may earnestly witness to them, that they may not come to this place of torment also. ²⁹Abraham said to him, They have Moses and the Prophets, let them hear them. ³⁰But he says, No, father Abraham, but if one should go to them from *the* dead, they will repent. ³¹And he said to him, If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, they will not be persuaded even though one should rise from *the* dead.

CHAPTER 17

¹And He said to the disciples, It is impossible that the offences should not come, but woe *to him* by whom they come. ²It is better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea,

than that he should cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³Take heed to yourselves; and if your brother sin against you, rebuke him. And if he should repent, forgive him. ⁴And if he should sin against you seven times a day, and seven times in a day should return to you saying, I repent, you shall forgive him.

⁵And the apostles said to the Lord, Give us more faith. ⁶But the Lord said, If you had faith, as much as a grain of mustard, you might say to this sycamine tree, Be rooted up! and, Be planted in the sea! — and it would obey you. ⁷But which of you who has a servant plowing or feeding will say immediately when he has come from the field, Go and recline at table? ⁸But will he not say to him, Make ready that I may eat; and, Gird yourself and serve me while I eat and drink, and after these things you will eat and drink? ⁹Is he thankful to that servant because he did the things commanded him? I think not. ¹⁰So also when you have done all things commanded you, you say, We are unprofitable servants, for we have done that which it was our duty to do.

¹¹And it came to pass in His going up to Jerusalem that He passed through *the* middle of Să-mâr'-î-ă and Galilee. ¹²And on His entering into a certain village, ten men who were lepers met Him, who stood afar off. ¹³And they lifted up *their* voice, saying, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. ¹⁴And seeing *them* He said to them, Go, show yourselves to the priests. And it came to pass as they went they were made clean. ¹⁵And seeing that he was healed, one of them turned back. And with a loud voice glorifying God, ¹⁶he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him: and he was a Să-mâr'-î-tăn. ¹⁷And answering Jesus said, Were not the ten made clean? but where *are* the *other* nine? ¹⁸Were there not *any* found returning to give glory to God except this stranger? ¹⁹And He said to him, Rise up and go, your faith has cured you.

²⁰And being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, The kingdom of God does not come with careful watching. ²¹Nor shall they say, Lo, here! or, Behold, there! For behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.

²²And He said to the disciples, The days will come when you will desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and shall not see *it*. ²³And they will say to you, Lo, here! or, Behold, there! *but* do not go forth nor follow after *them*. ²⁴For as the lightning that flashes out of the one part under heaven and shines to the *other part* under heaven, so will the Son of man be in His day. ²⁵But first it is needful for Him to suffer many things and to be rejected of this generation. ²⁶And as it came to pass in the days of Noah, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. ²⁷They were eating — they were drinking — they were marrying — they were being given in marriage — until the day Noah entered into the ark, and the

flood came and destroyed them all. ²⁸And in the same way as it was in the days of Lot: they were eating — they were drinking — they were buying — they were selling — they were planting — they were building — ²⁹but on the day Lot went out from Sodom fire and brimstone rained from Heaven and destroyed them all. ³⁰Even so shall it be in the day the Son of man is made known. ³¹In that day he who is on the housetop, and his goods in the house, let him not come down to take them away. And in the same way, he in the field, let him not return to the things behind: ³²Remember Lot's wife! ³³Whoever may try to save his life shall lose it. And whoever may lose it shall save it. ³⁴I say to you, In that night there shall be two men upon one bed — the one shall be taken and the other shall be left. ³⁵Two *women* shall be grinding together — one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. ³⁶Two *men* shall be in the field — the one shall be taken, and the other left. ³⁷And they answered, saying to Him, Where, Lord? And He said to them, Wherever the body is, there the eagles will be gathered together.

CHAPTER 18

¹And He spoke also a parable to them to show that it is needful always to pray and not to faint, ²saying, There was a certain judge in a city, who neither feared God nor respected man. ³And there was a widow in that city, and she came to him, saying, Avenge me against my enemy. ⁴And he would not for a while, but afterwards he said within himself, Even though I do not fear God and do not respect man, ⁵yet because this widow troubles me I will avenge her, so that she will not wear me out by coming again and again. ⁶And the Lord said, Hear what the unrighteous judge says? ⁷And shall not God avenge His elect who cry to Him day and night, also being patient over them? ⁸I say to you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man comes, will He indeed find faith on the earth?

⁹And He spoke also this parable to certain ones who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and who despised others. ¹⁰Two men went up into the Temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. ¹¹The Pharisee was standing and praying this way within himself, God, I thank Thee that I am not like other men — robbers, unrighteous, adulterers, or even as this publican. ¹²I fast twice in the week, I tithe all things that I get. ¹³And standing far off, the publican would not even lift up his eyes to Heaven, but was beating on his breast, saying, O God, be merciful to me, a sinner! ¹⁴I say to you, This one went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone that exalts himself shall be humbled. And he that humbles himself shall be exalted.

¹⁵And they brought infants to Him too, that He might touch them. But seeing *it*, the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁶But calling them Jesus said,

Allow the little children to come unto Me, and do not forbid them; for of the like is the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Verily I say unto you, Whoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no way enter into it.

¹⁸And a certain ruler asked Him, saying, Good Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? ¹⁹And Jesus said to him, Why do you call Me good? No one is good except One — God! ²⁰You know the commandments: Do not commit adultery, do not murder, do not steal, do not bear false witness, honor your father and your mother. ²¹And he said, I have kept all these from my youth. ²²And hearing these things, Jesus said to him, Still one thing is lacking to you: Sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you shall have treasure in Heaven — and come, follow Me. ²³But hearing these things, he became very sorrowful, for he was very rich. ²⁴And when Jesus saw him, becoming very sorrowful, He said, How hardly shall those having riches enter into the kingdom of God. ²⁵For it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. ²⁶And those who heard said, Who then is able to be saved? ²⁷But He said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. ²⁸And Peter said, Lo! we have left all and followed Thee. ²⁹And He said to them, Verily I say unto you. There is no one who has left house, or parents, or brothers, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God, ³⁰who shall not receive many times more in this present time, and life everlasting in the world that is coming.

³¹And taking the twelve to Him He said to them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets about the Son of man shall be done. ³²For He will be delivered up to the Gentiles and will be laughed at, and He will be insulted and will be spit upon. ³³And after they scourge Him, they will kill Him. And on the third day He will rise again. ³⁴And they did not understand any of these things, but the saying was hidden from them, and they did not know that which was said.

³⁵And it came to pass as He drew near to Jericho, a certain blind man sat beside the road begging. ³⁶And hearing the multitude passing by, he asked what this might mean. ³⁷And they told him, Jesus the Nāz'-ā-rēne, is passing by. ³⁸And he called out, saying, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. ³⁹And those passing by rebuked him that he should be quiet; but he cried out the more, Son of David, have mercy on me! ⁴⁰And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to Him. And when he came near, He asked him, ⁴¹saying, What do you desire me to do to you? And he said, Lord, that I may receive sight. ⁴²And Jesus said to him, Receive *your* sight! your faith has healed you. ⁴³And instantly he received sight and followed Him, glorifying God. And seeing *it*, all the people gave praise to God.

CHAPTER 19

¹And after going into Jericho, He passed through *it*. ²And behold! a man named Zaccheus [Zäck-kêe'-ûs], and he was a chief tax-collector. And he was rich. ³And he was trying to see Jesus, *to see* who He was. But he was not able because of the crowd, for he was little in height. ⁴And running ahead beforehand, he climbed up into a sycamore tree so that he might see Him — for He was about to pass that *way*. ⁵And as He came to the place, Jesus looked up and saw him. And He said to him, Zăc-chē'-us! Hurry. Come down! for today I must stay in your house. ⁶And hurrying he came down and joyfully received Him. ⁷And seeing *it*, all murmured, saying, He has gone in to stay with a sinful man. ⁸And standing up, Zăc-chē'-us said to the Lord, Behold! Lord, I give half of what I own to the poor, and if I have taken anything from anyone by lying charges, I give him back fourfold. ⁹And Jesus said to him, Salvation has come to this house today, because he also is a son of Abraham — ¹⁰for the Son of man has come to seek and to save that which has been lost.

¹¹And as they were hearing many things, adding a parable, He spoke — because He was near Jerusalem, and because they thought that the kingdom of God was immediately about to be revealed. ¹²He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive a kingdom for himself, and *then* to return. ¹³And calling ten of his servants, he gave to them ten minas. And *he* said to them, Do business until I come back. ¹⁴But his citizens hated him and sent a group of men after him saying, We do not desire this man to rule over us. ¹⁵And upon his return, after he had received the kingdom, it happened that he commanded these servants to be called to him — *the ones* to whom he gave the money — in order that he might know what each had gained by *their* business. ¹⁶And the first one came up, saying, Lord, your mina has gained ten minas. ¹⁷And he said to him, Well done, good servant. Because you have been faithful in a very little, you have authority over ten cities. ¹⁸And the second one came, saying, Lord, your mina has made five minas. ¹⁹And he said also to this one, You be over five cities. ²⁰And another one came, saying, Lord, Look upon your mina, which I have kept laid up in a handkerchief. ²¹For I was afraid of you, because you are a harsh man. You take up what you did not lay down, and you reap what you did not sow. ²²And he said to him, I will judge you out of your own mouth, wicked servant. You knew that I was a harsh man, taking up what I did not lay down, and reaping what I did not sow. ²³But why did you not give my money to the bank, so that when I came I could have exacted my own with interest? ²⁴And he said to those standing by, Take the mina away from him and give *it* to him who has the ten minas. ²⁵(And they said to him, Lord, he has ten minas.) ²⁶For I say to you, that to everyone who has, *more* shall be given. But from him who does not have, even that which he has shall be taken

away from him. ²⁷Furthermore, bring here those who were unwilling for me to rule over them and kill *them* in front of me.

²⁸And saying these things He went on in front, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹And it happened, as He drew near to Bēth'-phā-gē and Bethany, towards the mount called *the Mount* of Olives, He sent two of His disciples away, ³⁰saying, Go into the village over on the other side, in which, as *you* go in, you will find a colt tied up — on which no one has ever yet sat. After untying it, bring *it here*. ³¹And if anyone asks you, Why do you untie *it*? You shall say this to him, Because the Lord has need of it. ³²And going away, the ones who had been sent found *it* just as He had said to them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, the owners of it said to them, Why do you untie the colt? ³⁴And they said, The Lord has need of him. ³⁵And they led it to Jesus. And throwing their coats upon the colt, they set Jesus upon *it*. ³⁶And as He went, they were spreading their coats in the road.

³⁷And as He was drawing near, now at the descent of the Mount of Olives, all the multitude of the disciples began to praise God, rejoicing with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, ³⁸saying, Blessed is the King coming in the name of the Lord! (See ZECHARIAH 9:9). Peace in Heaven, and glory in the highest! ³⁹And some of the Pharisees said to Him from the multitude, Master, rebuke your disciples. ⁴⁰And answering He said to them, I say to you that if these should be silent the stones will cry out. ⁴¹And as He drew near, seeing the city, He wept over it, ⁴²saying, If you had known, even you, even at least in this your day, the things which are for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes: ⁴³because days shall come upon you that your enemies shall throw up a rampart around you and surround you. And *they shall* keep you in on every side ⁴⁴and shall level you to the ground, you and your children in you. And they shall not leave in you one stone on top of another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.

⁴⁵And going into the Temple, He began to throw out those selling and buying inside of it, ⁴⁶saying to them, It has been written, "My house is a house of prayer" but you have made it a den of thieves. (See JEREMIAH 7:11) ⁴⁷And He was teaching daily in the Temple. But the chief priests and the scribes were wanting to do away with Him, and the chief of the people *too*. ⁴⁸But they did not find what they could do, for the people all were hanging onto Him, listening.

CHAPTER 20

¹And it came to pass on one of those days, as He was teaching the people in the Temple and preaching the Gospel, the chief priests and the scribes came up with the elders ²and spoke to Him, saying, Tell us, by

what authority do you do these things? or who is it who gave you this authority? ³And answering He said to them, I will ask you also one thing, and tell me; ⁴The baptism of John, was it from Heaven or from men? ⁵And they talked it over among themselves, saying, If we should say, From Heaven, he will say, Why then did you not believe him? ⁶But if we should say, From men, all the people will stone us — for they are persuaded that John was a prophet. ⁷And they answered that they did not know where. ⁸And Jesus said to them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.

⁹And He began to speak this parable to the people: A certain man planted a vineyard and let it out to vinedressers, and he left the country for a long time. ¹⁰And in time he sent a servant to the vinedressers, that they might give him *his part* from the fruit of the vineyard. But beating him, the vinedressers sent *him* away empty. ¹¹And besides this, he sent another servant, but beating him and shamefully treating him, they sent *him* away empty. ¹²And besides this, he sent a third, and after wounding him they threw him out. ¹³And the lord of the vineyard said, What shall I do? I will send my beloved son. It may be seeing him they will respect him. ¹⁴But seeing him, the vinedressers talked it over among themselves, saying, This is the heir. Come, let us kill him so that the inheritance may be ours. ¹⁵And throwing him out of the vineyard, they killed him. What then will the lord of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and will do away with these vinedressers, and he will give the vineyard to others. And hearing *this* they said, Let it not be *said!* ¹⁷And looking at them He said, What then is this that has been written? “*The Stone which the builders despised, this has become the chief Cornerstone*” (See PSALM 118:22). ¹⁸Everyone that falls on that Stone will be broken, but on whomever it may fall, it will grind him to powder. ¹⁹And the chief priests and the scribes wanted to lay hands on Him in that hour, but they were afraid of the people — for they knew that He had spoken the parable against them.

²⁰And watching *Him* they sent out spies, pretending themselves to be righteous men so that they might lay hold of a word of His — so as to betray Him to the power and to the authority of the governor. ²¹And they questioned Him, saying, Master, we know that you say and teach rightly, and accept no one’s person, but truly do teach the way of God. ²²Is it right for us to give tribute to Caesar or not? ²³But seeing through their slyness, He said to them, Why do you tempt Me? ²⁴Show me a coin. Whose likeness and writing is this? And they said, Caesar’s. ²⁵And He said to them, Then give Caesar’s things to Caesar, and the things of God to God. ²⁶And they were not able to take hold of His words before the people. And wondering at His answer they were silent.

²⁷And some of the Sād’-dū-cēes came up (who deny there is a resur-

rection). They questioned Him ²⁸saying, Master, Moses wrote to us, If anyone's brother should have a wife and he should die without children, that his brother should take the wife and should raise up seed to his brother. ²⁹There were, therefore, seven brothers. And the first one took a wife and died without children. ³⁰And the second one took the woman, and he died without children. ³¹And the third one took her, and in the same way also the seven died and left no children. ³²And last of all the woman died also. ³³Therefore, in the resurrection, of which one of these does she become *the* wife? For the seven *all* had her as wife. ³⁴And answering Jesus said to them, The children of this world marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵But those counted worthy to reach that world, and the resurrection which *is* from among *the* dead, neither marry nor are given in marriage — ³⁶neither can they die any more — for they are equal to angels and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection. ³⁷But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he called *the* Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸But He is not God of the dead, but of *the* living, for all live for Him. ³⁹And then some of the scribes answering said, Master, you have spoken well. ⁴⁰And never any more did they dare to ask Him anything.

⁴¹And He said to them, How do they say that Christ is *the* son of David? ⁴²And David himself said in *the* book of Psalms, "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit Thou on My right hand ⁴³until I place Thy enemies as a footstool for Thy feet" (See PSALM 110:1). ⁴⁴David therefore calls Him Lord, and how then is He his son?

⁴⁵And as all the people were listening, He said to His disciples, ⁴⁶Be-ware of the scribes, who like to walk in long robes, and love greetings in the market-places, and the first seats in the synagogues, and the first places in the feasts — ⁴⁷who devour the houses of widows, and as a pre-*tense* pray long prayers. These shall receive a greater judgment.

CHAPTER 21

¹And looking up He saw the rich men putting their gifts into the treasury. ²And He also saw a certain poor widow putting two mites in there. ³And He said, Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all. ⁴For all these have put into the offerings of God out of their plenty, but she out of her want has put in all the living that she had.

⁵And as some were speaking about the Temple, that it was decorated with beautiful stones and gifts, He said, ⁶As to these things which you are seeing, the days will come in which there shall not be left a stone on top of a stone which shall not be thrown down. ⁷And they asked Him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? And what *shall be* the sign when these things are about to take place? ⁸And He said, Be careful that you

are not led astray — for many will come in My name, saying, I am *Christ*; and, The time has come. Do not go after them. ⁹And when you shall hear of wars and disturbances, do not be terrified — for all these things must take place first — but the end is not at once.

¹⁰Then He was saying to them, Nation shall rise up against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹Also there shall be great earthquakes in different places, and famines and plagues. There shall be fearful sights and great signs from Heaven. ¹²But before these things, they will lay their hands upon all of you and will persecute *you*, delivering *you* up to the synagogues and prisons — bringing *you* before kings and governors on account of My name. ¹³But it shall return to you for a testimony. ¹⁴Settle, then, in your hearts not to be studying beforehand *how* to reply — ¹⁵For I will give you a mouth and wisdom which all those who are against you will not be able to gainsay nor resist. ¹⁶But you will be betrayed even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and they will put *some* of you to death. ¹⁷And you will be hated by all men because of My name. ¹⁸But in no way may a hair of your head perish. ¹⁹In your patience you shall gain the life of your souls.

²⁰But when you see Jerusalem being encircled with armies, then you know that her ruin has drawn near. ²¹Then those in Judea, let them flee into the mountains. And those in the middle of her, let them go out. And those in the countries, let them not enter into her — ²²for these are the days of avenging, that all things that have been written may be done. ²³But woe to those with child, and to those giving suck in those days! for there shall be a great misery upon the land, and anger against this people. ²⁴And they shall fall by the edge of the sword and shall be led captive into all nations. And Jerusalem shall be trodden underfoot by *the* Gentiles until *the* times of *the* Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵And there shall be signs in the sun and moon and stars. And *there shall be* a strangling of nations upon the earth, with bewilderment; with *the* sea and *the* waves roaring, ²⁶men's hearts failing them from fear, and looking for that which is coming upon the earth — for the powers of Heaven shall be shaken. ²⁷And then they shall see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with great power and glory. ²⁸But when these things begin to happen, look up, and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near. ²⁹And He spoke a parable to them: Look at the fig-tree and all the trees; ³⁰now when they sprout, you know *by* looking on *them* yourselves that summer is now near. ³¹So, also, when you see these things coming to pass, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Verily I say unto you that in no way will this generation have passed away until all shall have come to pass. ³³The sky and the earth shall pass away, but My words in no way shall pass away. ³⁴But be careful of yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with headaches and drunkenness and cares of this life —

and that day should suddenly come upon you —^{35f} for it shall come as a snare upon all those sitting upon the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, praying in every season that you may be counted worthy to escape all these things which are about to come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man.

³⁷ And He was teaching in the Temple during the day and going out by night. He was staying on the mount called *the Mount* of Olives. ³⁸ And all the people came early in the morning to Him, to hear Him in the Temple.

CHAPTER 22

¹ And the feast of the unleavened bread, which is called Passover, drew near. ² And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking as to how they might put Him to death — for they feared the people. ³ And Satan entered into Judas, whose last name is Is-câr'-i-ot, being of the number of the twelve. ⁴ And going away he spoke with the chief priests and the captains as to how he might betray Him to them. ⁵ And they rejoiced and agreed to give him money. ⁶ And he promised, and looked for a good time to betray Him to them, away from the multitude.

⁷ And the day of unleavened bread came, in which the passover must be sacrificed. ⁸ And He sent Peter and John, saying, Go and prepare the passover for us so that we may eat. ⁹ But they said to Him, Where dost Thou desire that we should make ready? ¹⁰ And He said to them, Behold! on your entering into the city, you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him to the house where he goes, ¹¹ and you shall say to the master of the house, The Master says to you, Where is the guest-room where My disciples and I may eat the passover? ¹² And he will show you a large, furnished upper room. ¹³ Make ready there. And going on they found it as He had said to them. And they made the passover ready.

¹⁴ And when the hour arrived, He reclined at table, and the twelve apostles *were* with Him. ¹⁵ And He said to them, With great longing I have desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer. ¹⁶ For I say to you that I will never eat with you any more until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God. ¹⁷ And taking a cup, giving thanks, He said, Take this and divide it among yourselves. ¹⁸ For I say to you that I will never again drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God has come. ¹⁹ And taking a loaf, giving thanks, He broke it and gave to them, saying, This is My body which is given for you: this do in the remembrance of Me. ²⁰ And the cup, in the same way after the taking of supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is poured out for you. ²¹ Furthermore, behold! the hand of him who betrays Me is with Me on the table — ²² and truly the Son of Man goes just as it has been marked

out, but woe to that man by whom He is betrayed! ²³And they began to ask among themselves then as to which of them it might be who would do this thing.

²⁴And there was a striving among them *as to* this: which of them is to be thought the greater. ²⁵And He said to them, The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But you *shall* not be so — but he who is greater among you, let him be as the younger, and he who leads as he that serves. ²⁷For which is greater? he that reclines at table, or he that serves? *Is* not he that reclines at table? But I am in *the* midst of you as he who serves. ²⁸However, you are they who have continued with Me in My temptations. ²⁹And I appoint to you a kingdom, as My Father has appointed to Me, ³⁰that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and that you may sit on thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

³¹And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, Behold! Satan has claimed you for himself, in order to sift *you* as wheat. ³²But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not — and when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers. ³³And he said to Him, Lord, I am ready to go with Thee both into prison and into death. ³⁴And He said, I tell you, Peter, surely the cock shall not crow today before you deny knowing Me three times.

³⁵And He said to them, When I sent you without purse and bag and shoes, did you lack anything? And they said, Nothing. ³⁶Then He said to them, However, now he who has a purse, let him take *it*. And in the same way also *take your* bag. And he who does not have *one*, let him sell his coat and buy a sword. ³⁷For I say to you that this that has been written must still be fulfilled in Me, “And He was numbered with *the* transgressors” (See ISAIAH 53:12) — for the things concerning Me have an end too. ³⁸And they said, Lord, Behold, here *are* two swords. And He said to them, It is enough.

³⁹And going out, according to *His* custom He went to the Mount of Olives. And His disciples also followed Him. ⁴⁰And arriving at the place, He said to them, Pray that you do not enter into temptation. ⁴¹And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw. And falling on *His* knees He prayed, ⁴²saying, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not My will, but Thine be done. ⁴³And there appeared an angel to Him from Heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴And being in an agony He prayed more earnestly. And His sweat became as great drops of blood falling down to the ground. ⁴⁵And rising up from prayer, coming to the disciples, He found them sleeping from the sorrow. ⁴⁶And He said to them, Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, so that you may not enter into temptation.

⁴⁷And as He was yet speaking, Behold, a multitude! and he who was called Judas, one of the twelve, was coming in front of them — and *he* drew near to Jesus to kiss Him. ⁴⁸But Jesus said to him, Judas, do you betray the Son of man with a kiss? ⁴⁹And, those around Him seeing what was about to happen, they said to Him, Lord, shall we strike with *the* sword? ⁵⁰And a certain one of them struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. ⁵¹And answering, Jesus said, Let *them* go this far. And touching the *man's* ear, He healed him. ⁵²And Jesus said to those who had come out against Him, chief priests and captains of the Temple and elders, Have you come out with swords and staves, as if against a thief? ⁵³When I was with you daily in the Temple you did not stretch out *your* hands against Me — but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.

⁵⁴And taking hold of Him, they led Him and took Him into the house of the high priest. And Peter was following afar off. ⁵⁵And they kindled a fire in the midst of the court and sat down together, and Peter sat among them. ⁵⁶And seeing him sitting by the light, and looking closely upon him, a certain girl said, This man was with him too! ⁵⁷But he denied Him, saying, Woman, I do not know Him. ⁵⁸And after a little while, another beholding him said, You are *one* of them too. Put Peter said, Man, I am not! ⁵⁹And about one hour going by, a certain other one said confidently, Truly, this one was with him too, for he is a Galilean. ⁶⁰And Peter said, Man, I do not know what you say. And immediately, while he was still speaking, the cock crew. ⁶¹And turning around, the Lord looked at Peter, and Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had said to him, Before *the* cock crow, you will deny Me three times. ⁶²And going out, Peter cried bitterly.

⁶³And the men who were holding Jesus made fun of Him, beating Him. ⁶⁴And blindfolding Him, they were slapping His face, and were asking Him, saying, Prophesy! Who is it that hit you? ⁶⁵And many other things they said to Him, blaspheming Him.

⁶⁶And when it became day, the elders of the people, both the chief priests and scribes, gathered together. And they led Him in to their *sān-hē'-drin*, saying, ⁶⁷If you are the Christ, tell us. And He said to them, If I should tell you, you will in no way believe *it*; ⁶⁸and if I also ask *you*, you will not answer Me at all, nor let Me go. ⁶⁹From this time the Son of man shall be sitting at the right hand of the power of God. ⁷⁰And they all said, Are you then the Son of God? And He said to them, You say *it*, because I am! ⁷¹And they said, What need do we have of any more witness, for we ourselves heard from his own mouth?

CHAPTER 23

¹And rising the whole multitude of them led Him to Pilate. ²And they began to accuse Him, saying, We found this man leading the nation

astray and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, saying that he is Christ, a king. ³And Pilate questioned Him, saying, Are you the king of the Jews? And answering him He said, You say *it*. ⁴And Pilate said to the chief priests and the people, I do not find any fault in this man. ⁵But they were more urgent, saying, He stirs up the people, teaching throughout the whole of Judea, beginning from Galilee even to here. ⁶But hearing Galilee, Pilate asked if the man was a Gāl-ī-lé'-ān. ⁷And learning that He was from the district of Herod, he sent Him to Herod (he also being at Jerusalem in those days).

⁸And seeing Jesus, Herod rejoiced greatly, for he had been wishing to see Him for a long time, because of hearing many things about Him. And he was hoping to see some miracle done by Him. ⁹And he questioned Him in many words, but He answered him nothing. ¹⁰And the chief priests and the scribes had stood, furiously making charges against Him. ¹¹And Herod humiliated Him with his troops and made fun of Him. And dressing Him with gorgeous clothing, he sent Him back to Pilate. ¹²And that same day Pilate and Herod became friends with one another — for before they were at odds between themselves.

¹³And calling the chief priests and the rulers and the people, ¹⁴Pilate said to them, You brought this man to me as *one* turning away the people. But behold, I have examined him in front of you, I found no fault in this man as to the *things* which you charged against him — ¹⁵nor even Herod, for I sent you up to him — and behold! nothing worthy of death is done by him. ¹⁶Therefore, after I beat him, I will let him go. ¹⁷(For it was needful for him to release one to them at every feast.) ¹⁸And they cried out all together, saying, Away with this man! and, Release Bā-rāb'-bās to us ¹⁹(who was thrown into prison because of a certain revolt and murder done in the city). ²⁰Again, then, Pilate called to them, wishing to let Jesus go. ²¹But they were crying out, saying, Crucify *him!* Crucify *him!* ²²And a third *time* he said to them, Why, then, what evil did this one do? I have found no cause of death in him. Therefore after I beat him, I will let him go. ²³But they were urgent with loud voices, asking for Him to be crucified. And the voices of them, and of the chief priests, prevailed. ²⁴And Pilate gave judgment that their request should be granted. ²⁵And he released to them the one who had been thrown into prison for revolt and murder, whom they had asked for. But he delivered up Jesus to their will.

²⁶And as they led Him away, laying hold on one Simon (a Cy-rē'nī-ān coming from the country) they put the cross upon him, to carry *it* behind Jesus. ²⁷And a great crowd of the people were following Him, and of women, who were smiting their breasts and weeping over Him. ²⁸But Jesus turning to them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, days are

coming in which they will say, Happy *are* the barren, and the wombs which did not bear, and the breasts which never gave suck. ³⁰Then they shall begin to say to the mountains, Fall upon us! and to the hills, Cover us! ³¹For if they do these things in the green tree, what shall happen in the dry?

³²And two other evildoers were also led away with Him, to be put to death. ³³And when they came to the place called Calvary, they crucified Him and the evildoers — the one on the right, and the other on the left. ³⁴And Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do. And dividing His clothes, they threw dice *for them*. ³⁵And the people stood looking on. And the rulers made fun of Him, saying, He saved others, let him save himself if this is the Christ, the chosen of God. ³⁶And the soldiers also made fun of Him, coming near and offering Him vinegar, ³⁷and saying, If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself. ³⁸And there was also a title written over Him in Greek and Latin and Hebrew letters: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹Now one of the evildoers who had been hanged railed at Him, saying, If you are the Christ, save yourself and us. ⁴⁰But the other answered and rebuked him, saying, Do you not even fear God, you that are under the same judgment? ⁴¹And we indeed justly — for we get what we deserve for what we did — but this One did nothing wrong. ⁴²And he said to Jesus, Remember me, Lord, when Thou dost come in Thy kingdom. ⁴³And Jesus said to him, Verily I say unto you, Today you shall be with Me in Paradise.

⁴⁴And it was about *the* sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until *the* ninth hour. ⁴⁵And the sun was darkened, and the veil of the Temple was torn in the middle. ⁴⁶And crying out with a loud voice, Jesus said, Father, into Thy hands I commit My spirit. And saying these things, He breathed forth the spirit. ⁴⁷Now the centurion, seeing that which took place, glorified God, saying, Certainly this Man was righteous. ⁴⁸And all the people who had come together to this sight, seeing the things which took place, returned, beating their breasts. ⁴⁹And all those who knew Him stood afar off, also the women who followed Him from Galilee, watching these things.

⁵⁰And behold! a man named Joseph (who was a council member, a good and righteous man — ⁵¹he had not agreed to their decision and deed), *a man* from Ār-ī-mā-thē'-ā, a city of the Jews — and who himself was also waiting for the kingdom of God. ⁵²Going to Pilate, he begged the body of Jesus. ⁵³And taking it down, he wrapped it in a linen cloth and laid it in a tomb cut in a rock, in which no one ever had been laid. ⁵⁴And it was the day of preparation, and sabbath was coming on.

⁵⁵And the women who had come with Him out of Galilee also followed after *Joseph*, and they saw the tomb and how His body was laid. ⁵⁶And returning they prepared spices and ointments. And on the Sabbath *they* remained quiet, according to the commandment.

CHAPTER 24

¹But on the first *day* of the week at early dawn they came to the tomb, bringing spices which they had prepared, and certain ones with them. ²And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. ³And going in, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴And it came to pass as they were bewildered about this, Behold! two men stood beside them in shining clothes. ⁵And they began to be filled with fear and bowed down their faces to the earth. They said to them, Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He spoke to you while He was yet in Galilee, ⁷saying, It is necessary for the Son of Man to be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and to be crucified, and to rise again the third day. ⁸And they remembered His words. ⁹And returning from the tomb, they told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. ¹⁰Now it was Mary Măg'-dă-lēne, and Jō-ān'-nă, and Mary, *mother* of James, and the rest with them, who told these things to the apostles. ¹¹And their words seemed to them like idle talk, and they did not believe them. ¹²But Peter rising up ran to the tomb. And stooping down, he saw the linen clothes lying by themselves and went away wondering at that which had happened.

¹³And behold! two of them were going to a village called Ĕm-mă'-ūs on that same day, which was sixty furlongs from Jerusalem. ¹⁴And they were talking with one another about all these things which had happened. ¹⁵And it came to pass, as they talked and reasoned together, that Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. ¹⁶But their eyes were held, *so as* not to know Him. ¹⁷And He said to them, What kind of words *are* these which you debate with one another as you walk, and are sad? ¹⁸And answering the one named Clē'-o-pās said to Him, Are you only a stranger in Jerusalem and have not known the things which have come to pass in it in these days? ¹⁹And He said to them, What things? And they said to Him, The things about Jesus the Năz'-ă-rēne, who was a prophet, mighty in deed and word before God and all the people — ²⁰and how the chief priests and our rulers delivered Him up to a sentence of death and crucified Him? ²¹But we were hoping that He was the One who is about to redeem Israel. But also with all these things, this is the third day since these things happened, ²²and furthermore certain women from among us went early to the tomb, ²³and not finding His body, they came claiming to have seen also a vision of angels, who say He is living. ²⁴And some of those with us went to the tomb and found *it* even as the women said, but they did not see Him. ²⁵And He said to them, O fools and slow of heart to

believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Was it not necessary for Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into His glory?

²⁷And beginning from Moses, and from all the prophets, He explained to them the things about Himself in all the Scriptures. ²⁸And they drew near to the village where they were going, and He appeared to be going farther. ²⁹But they pressed Him, saying, Stay with us, for it is towards evening and the day has declined. And He went in to stay with them. ³⁰And it came to pass as He reclined at table with them, taking the bread, He blessed *it*, and breaking it, He gave *it* to them. ³¹And their eyes were opened and they knew Him. And He vanished from them. ³²And they said to one another, Did not our heart burn within us while He was speaking to us in the way, and as He was opening the Scriptures to us? ³³And rising up that same hour they went back to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven gathered together, and those with them, ³⁴saying, The Lord has truly risen and has appeared to Simon. ³⁵And they told what things *happened* in the way, and how He was known to them in the breaking of the bread.

³⁶And as they were telling these things, Jesus Himself stood in their midst and said to them, Peace unto you! ³⁷But being terrified and filled with fear they thought they beheld a spirit. ³⁸And He said to them, Why are you troubled? And why do doubtings arise in your heart? ³⁹Behold! My hands and My feet, that I am He! Handle Me and see! for a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see Me having. ⁴⁰And saying this He showed them *His* hands and feet. ⁴¹And while they were still not believing for joy, and were wondering, He said to them, Have you anything here to eat? ⁴²And they gave to Him a piece of a broiled fish, and of a honeycomb. ⁴³And taking *it*, He ate before them. ⁴⁴And He said to them, These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which have been written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and Psalms about Me. ⁴⁵Then He opened their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures, ⁴⁶and said to them, So it has been written, and so it was necessary that the Christ should suffer and rise from among the dead the third day; ⁴⁷and that repentance and remission should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸And you are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And behold, I send the promise of My Father upon you — but stay in the city of Jerusalem until you are clothed with power from on high.

⁵⁰And He led them out as far as to Bethany, and lifting up His hands He blessed them. ⁵¹And it came to pass as He was blessing them He was separated from them and was carried up into Heaven. ⁵²And after they had worshipped Him, they returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they were continually in the Temple, praising and blessing God. Amen.

The Gospel According to JOHN

CHAPTER 1

¹In *the* beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in *the* beginning with God. ³All things came into being through Him. And without Him not even one thing was made that has come into being. ⁴In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not lay hold of it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name *was* John. ⁷He came for a witness, that he might witness concerning the Light — so that all might believe through Him. ⁸He was not the Light, but *came* so that he might witness concerning the Light — ⁹*that* was the true Light, which is shining upon every man coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him. ¹¹He came unto that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. ¹²But as many as did receive Him, He gave to them *the* authority to become children of God — to those that believe in His name — ¹³who were not born of blood, nor of the will of flesh, nor of the will of man, but were born of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us. And we beheld His glory, the glory as of an only-begotten of the Father — full of grace and truth. ¹⁵John bears witness about Him and has cried out, saying, This was He of whom I said, He who comes after me has the right to go before me, for He was before me. ¹⁶And we all received of His fullness, and grace on top of grace. ¹⁷For the Law was given through Moses, *but* grace and truth came into being through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has seen God at any time, the only-begotten Son has revealed *Him*, (He who is in the bosom of the Father).

¹⁹And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem that they might ask him, Who are you? ²⁰And he confessed and did not deny, but said, I am not the Christ. ²¹And they asked him, What then? Are you Elijah? And he said, I am not. Are you the Prophet? And he answered, No! ²²They said then to him, Who are you, so that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself? ²³He said, "I *am* a voice crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of *the* Lord," as Isaiah the prophet said (See ISALAH 40:3). ²⁴And those who had been sent were from among the Pharisees. ²⁵And they asked him, and said to him, Why then do you baptize, if you are not the Christ, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet? ²⁶John answered them saying, I baptize with water; but One stands in your midst whom you do not know. ²⁷It is He who is coming after me, who has been before me, of whom I am not worthy to untie the thong of His sandal.

²⁸These things happened in Bēth-āb'-ā-rā beyond the Jordan River, where John was baptizing.

²⁹The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰This is He about whom I said, After me a Man comes who has the right to go before me, because He was before me. ³¹And I did not know Him — but in order that He might be shown to Israel, therefore I came baptizing with water. ³²And John witnessed, saying, I have seen the Spirit coming down like a dove out of Heaven, and it stayed upon Him. ³³And I did not know Him, but He who sent me to baptize with water, He said to me, He upon whom you shall see the Spirit coming down and staying upon Him, this is He who baptizes with the Holy Spirit. ³⁴And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.

³⁵Again the next day John was standing, and two of his disciples *also*. ³⁶And looking upon Jesus walking, he says, Behold! The Lamb of God! ³⁷And the two disciples heard him speaking, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸But turning and looking at them following, Jesus said to them, What do you seek? And they said to Him, Rabbi (which translated means Teacher), where are you staying? ³⁹He said to them, Come and see. They went and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day. And it was about *the* tenth hour. ⁴⁰Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard this from John, and followed Him. ⁴¹He first finds his own brother, Simon, and said to him, We have found the Messiah (which translated means, The Christ). ⁴²And he brought him to Jesus. And looking at him, Jesus said, You are Simon the son of Jonah, you shall be called Cephas [Sēe'fās] (which translated means, A stone).

⁴³On the next day Jesus wanted to go into Galilee, and He found Philip and said to him, Follow Me! ⁴⁴Now Philip was from Bēth-sā'-ī-dā, the city of Andrew and Peter. ⁴⁵Philip found Nā-thān'-ā-ēl and said to him, We have found *Him* of whom Moses wrote in the Law and the Prophets: Jesus the son of Joseph, who is from Nāz'-ā-rēth. ⁴⁶And Nā-thān'-ā-ēl said to him, Can any good thing come out of Nāz'-ā-rēth? Philip answered him, Come and see. ⁴⁷Jesus saw Nā-thān'-ā-ēl coming to Him and said concerning him, Behold! Truly an Israelite in whom *there* is no guile. ⁴⁸Nā-thān'-ā-ēl said to Him, From where dost Thou know me? Jesus answered and said to him, Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you. ⁴⁹Nā-thān'-ā-ēl answered and said to Him, Rabbi, Thou art the Son of God! Thou art the King of Israel! ⁵⁰Jesus answered and said to him, Do you believe because I said to you, I saw you under the fig tree? You shall see greater things than these. ⁵¹And He said to him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, From this time on you shall see Heaven open, and the angels of God going up and coming down on the Son of Man.

CHAPTER 2

¹And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee. And the mother of Jesus was there. ²And Jesus was invited to the marriage, and His disciples also. ³And when *the* wine was gone, the mother of Jesus said to Him, They have no wine. ⁴Jesus answered her, What *is that* to Me and to you, woman? My hour has not yet come. ⁵His mother said to the servants, Whatever He may say to you, do *it*. ⁶And there were six waterpots of stone, placed according to the cleansing *laws* of the Jews, each one holding two or three measures. ⁷Jesus said to them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to *the* brim. ⁸And He said to them, Draw out now and carry to the master of the feast. And they carried *it*. ⁹But when the master of the feast had tasted the water that had become wine, he did not know where it came from (but the servants who had drawn the water knew). The master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, Every man, at first, sets out the good wine. And when they have drunk freely, then *he sets out* that which is worse. But you have kept the good wine until now. ¹¹This, the beginning of the miracles, Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and showed forth His glory. And His disciples believed on Him.

¹²After this He went down to Că-per'-nă-ūm, He and His mother and His brothers and His disciples. And they did not stay there many days. ¹³And the Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴And He found in the Temple those who sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the money-changers sitting *there*. ¹⁵And making a whip of small cords, He drove them all out of the Temple, and *also* the sheep and the oxen. And He poured out the money of the money-changers and overthrew the tables. ¹⁶And He said to those who sold the doves, Take these things away from here! Do not make My Father's house a house of merchandise. ¹⁷And His disciples remembered that it was written, "The zeal of Thy house has eaten Me up" (See PsALM 69:9). ¹⁸Then the Jews answered and said to Him, What sign do you show us that you do these things? ¹⁹Jesus answered them and said, Destroy this Temple and in three days I will raise it up. ²⁰Then the Jews said, This Temple was forty-six years in building, and will you raise it up in three days? ²¹But He spoke concerning the Temple of His body. ²²When therefore He was raised from *the* dead, His disciples remembered that He had said this to them, and they believed the Scripture and the word which Jesus had said.

²³Now when He was in Jerusalem at the Passover, during the feast, many looking upon His miracles which He was doing believed on His name. ²⁴But Jesus did not trust Himself to them, because of His knowledge of all men, ²⁵and because He had no need that any should testify about man, for He knew what was in man.

CHAPTER 3

¹And there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nīc-ō-dēm'-ūs, a ruler of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to Him, Rabbi, we know that Thou art a Teacher come from God, for no one is able to do these miracles which Thou art doing unless God be with him. ³Jesus answered and said to him, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Unless a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. ⁴Nīc-ō-dē'-mūs said to Him, How can a man be born, being old? Can he enter a second time into the womb of his mother and be born? ⁵Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Unless a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. ⁶That which has been born of the flesh is flesh — and that which has been born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, You need to be born again. ⁸The Spirit breathes where He desires, and His voice you hear, but *you* do not know from where He comes and where He goes — so is everyone who has been born of the Spirit.

⁹Nīc-ō-dē'-mūs answered and said to Him, How can these things be? ¹⁰Jesus answered and said to him, Are you the teacher of Israel and do not know these things? ¹¹Verily, verily, I say unto you, We speak that which we know, and bear witness of that which we have seen, yet you do not receive our witness. ¹²If I told you earthly things, and you do not believe, how shall you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³And no man has gone up into Heaven, except He who came down out of Heaven — the Son of Man who is in Heaven. ¹⁴And even as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵so that everyone who believes on Him may not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁶For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whosoever believes on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world that He might judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. ¹⁸He that believes on Him is not condemned. But he that does not believe has been condemned already — because he has not believed on the name of the only-begotten Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the condemnation, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light — for their works were evil. ²⁰For everyone that practices evil hates the Light and does not come to the Light, so that his works may not be discovered. ²¹But he that practices the truth comes to the Light, so that his works may be known, that they have been fashioned in God.

²²After these things Jesus and His disciples came into the land of Judea. And He stayed there with them and was baptizing. ²³And John also was baptizing in Ē'-nōn, near Sā'-līm, because there were many waters there. And they were coming and were being baptized — ²⁴for

John was not yet thrown into prison. ²⁵Then there arose a question from the disciples of John with *some* Jews about cleansing. ²⁶And they came to John and said to him, Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have borne witness, lo and behold! He is baptizing, and all come to Him. ²⁷John answered and said, A man is not able to receive anything unless it is given to him from Heaven. ²⁸You yourselves bear me witness that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before Him. ²⁹He that has the bride is the bridegroom. But the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom's voice — therefore my joy is complete. ³⁰It is right for Him to increase, but me to decrease. ³¹He who comes from above is above all. He who is from the earth is of the earth, and he speaks of the earth. He who comes from Heaven is above all, ³²and what He has seen and heard, this He testifies, and no man receives His witness. ³³He that has received His witness has set his seal to *this*, that God is true. ³⁴For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives not the Spirit by measure. ³⁵The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. ³⁶He that believes on the Son has everlasting life. But he that refuses to obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains upon him.

CHAPTER 4

¹Then when the Lord knew that the Pharisees had heard that Jesus was making and baptizing more disciples than John ²(although indeed Jesus Himself was not baptizing, but His disciples), ³He left Judea, and went away again into Galilee. ⁴And it was necessary for Him to pass through Sā-mâr'-i-ā. ⁵He came, then, to a city of Sā-mâr'-i-ā called Sy'-châr, near the parcel of ground which Jacob gave to his son Joseph. ⁶And Jacob's well was there. Jesus therefore, being wearied from the journey, sat thus upon the well. *It* was about *the* sixth hour. ⁷A woman came out of Sā-mâr'-i-ā to draw water. Jesus said to her, Give Me to drink ⁸(for His disciples had gone away into the city that they might buy food). ⁹The Sā-mâr'-i-tān woman then said to Him, How is it that you, being a Jew, ask a drink of me, being a Sā-mâr'-i-tān woman? For Jews have no dealing with Sā-mâr'-i-tāns. ¹⁰Jesus answered and said to her, If you had known the gift of God, and who it is that says to you, Give Me to drink, you would have asked Him, and He would have given living water to you. ¹¹The woman says to Him, Sir, you have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do you get the living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and himself drank of it, and his sons and his cattle? ¹³Jesus answered and said to her, Everyone that drinks of this water will thirst again. ¹⁴But whoever may drink of the water which I will give him shall never ever thirst — but the water which I will give to him shall become within him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. ¹⁵The woman said

to Him, Sir, give me this water so that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw. ¹⁶Jesus says to her, Go, call your husband and come back here. ¹⁷The woman answered and said, I have no husband. Jesus said to her, Well did you say, I have no husband. ¹⁸For you have had five husbands, and he whom you have now is not your husband — you have truly spoken this.

¹⁹The woman said to Him, Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshipped in this mountain, and you say that in Jerusalem is the place where it is necessary to worship. ²¹Jesus said to her, Woman, believe Me that *the* hour is coming when you shall worship the Father neither in this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You worship what you do not know. We worship what we know — for salvation is of the Jews. ²³But *the* hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth — for the Father also seeks the ones who worship Him. ²⁴God is a spirit, and they that worship Him must worship in spirit and truth. ²⁵The woman said to Him, I know that Messiah is coming, who is called Christ. When He comes He will tell us all things. ²⁶Jesus said to her, I am *He* who speaks to you. ²⁷And upon this His disciples came and marveled that He talked with the woman. However, no one said, What dost Thou seek? or, Why dost Thou speak with her?

²⁸The woman then left her waterpot and went away into the city and said to the men, ²⁹Come! see a man who told me all things I ever had done. Is this not the Christ? ³⁰Therefore they went forth out of the city and came to Him.

³¹But in the meantime, His disciples were asking Him, saying, Master, eat. ³²But He said to them, I have food to eat which you do not know. ³³Therefore the disciples said to one another, Did anyone bring Him *anything* to eat? ³⁴Jesus said to them, My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to finish His work. ³⁵Do not say that it is yet four months and the harvest comes. Behold, I say to you, Lift up your eyes and see the fields, for they are white unto harvest already. ³⁶And he that reaps receives a reward and gathers fruit unto everlasting life — so that both he who is sowing and he who is reaping may rejoice together. ³⁷For in this *matter* the saying is true, that there is one who sows, and another who reaps. ³⁸I sent you to reap that on which you have not labored: others have labored, and you have entered into their labor.

³⁹And many of the Sā-mâr'-î-tāns out of that city believed on Him, because of the word of the woman saying, He told me all things I ever had done. ⁴⁰Then when the Sā-mâr'-î-tāns came to Him, they asked Him to stay with them. And He stayed there two days. ⁴¹And many more believed because of His word ⁴²and said to the woman, We no longer

believe because of your saying, for we ourselves have heard, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world, the Christ.

⁴³But after the two days, He departed from there and went away into Galilee. ⁴⁴For Jesus Himself bore witness that a prophet has no honor in his own country. ⁴⁵Then when He came into Galilee, the Gāl-i-lē'-āns received Him (having seen all things which He did in Jerusalem during the feast, for they also went to the feast).

⁴⁶Then Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where He made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman whose son was sick in Cā-per'-nā-ūm. ⁴⁷Hearing that Jesus had come out of Judea into Galilee, he went to Him and begged Him that He would come down and heal his son — for he was about to die. ⁴⁸Then Jesus said to him, Unless you see miracles and wonders, you will not believe. ⁴⁹The nobleman said to Him, Sir, come down before my little child dies. ⁵⁰Jesus said to him, Go! Your son lives! And the man believed the word which Jesus spoke to him and went away. ⁵¹But even as he was going down, his servants met him and reported, saying, Your child lives. ⁵²He therefore asked of them the hour in which he got better. And they said to him, Yesterday *at the seventh hour* the fever left him. ⁵³So the father knew that *it was* at that hour in which Jesus said to him, Your son lives. And he himself believed, and his whole house. ⁵⁴This again *is* a second miracle that Jesus did, coming out of Judea into Galilee.

CHAPTER 5

¹After these things there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ²Now there is a pool at the sheepgate in Jerusalem, which is called in Hebrew Bēth-ēs'-dā, having five porches. ³In these were lying a great multitude of those who were sick, blind, lame, withered, awaiting the moving of the water. ⁴For at a certain time an angel came down into the pool and stirred the water. Then the first one who entered after the stirring of the water became well, whatever disease held him. ⁵And a certain man was there, who had been sick thirty-eight years. ⁶Seeing him lying there, and knowing that he had already been there a long time, Jesus said to him, Do you want to become well? ⁷The ailing man answered Him, Sir, I have no man, that he may put me into the pool when the water has been stirred. But while I am coming, another goes down in front of me. ⁸Jesus said to him, Arise! Take up your bed and walk. ⁹And instantly the man was made well and took up his bed. And he was walking, and that day was a sabbath. ¹⁰Therefore the Jews said to him who had been healed, It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to take up the bed. ¹¹He answered them, The One who made me well said to me, Take up your bed and walk. ¹²Then they asked him, Who is the man who said to you, Take up your bed and walk? ¹³But he

who had been healed did not know who He was. For Jesus had moved away, since a crowd was in that place.

¹⁴Afterward Jesus found him in the Temple and said to him, Behold! you have become well. Sin no more so that a worse thing does not happen to you. ¹⁵The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who made him well. ¹⁶And because of this the Jews persecuted Jesus and wanted to kill Him, because He had done these things on the Sabbath. ¹⁷But Jesus answered them, My Father works until now, and I work. ¹⁸Therefore, because of this, the Jews wanted *even* more to kill Him — because He not only broke the Sabbath, but also called God His own Father, making Himself equal with God. ¹⁹Then Jesus answered and said to them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, The Son is not able to do anything of Himself, except what He may see the Father doing — for whatever He does, the Son does these things also in the same way. ²⁰For the Father loves the Son and shows all things to Him which He Himself does. And He will show Him greater works than these in order that you may marvel. ²¹For even as the Father raises up the dead and gives life, so also the Son gives life to whomever He will. ²²For the Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, ²³so that all may honor the Son even as they honor the Father. He that honors not the Son honors not the Father who sent Him. ²⁴Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that hears My word and believes on Him who sent Me has everlasting life and does not come into judgment — but has passed out of death into life.

²⁵Verily, verily, I say unto you that the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God, and those that hear shall live. ²⁶For even as the Father has life in Himself, so also He gave to the Son to have life in Himself. ²⁷And He gave to Him also authority to execute judgment, because He is *the* Son of man. ²⁸Do not marvel at this, for the hour is coming in which all those in the graves shall hear His voice ²⁹and shall come forth — those who practiced good to *the* resurrection of life — and those who practiced evil to the resurrection of judgment. ³⁰I am not able to do anything of Myself; even as I hear, I judge — and My judgment is right because I do not seek My own will, but the will of the Father, who sent Me. ³¹If I bear witness about Myself, My witness is not true. ³²There is another who bears witness about Me, and I know that the witness which He witnesses about Me is true. ³³You have sent to John, and he has witnessed to the truth. ³⁴But I do not receive witness from man, but these things I say that you may be saved. ³⁵He was a burning and shining lamp, and you were willing to rejoice for an hour in his light. ³⁶But I have a witness greater than John's. For the works which the Father gave Me, that I should finish them, the works themselves which I do witness about Me — that the Father has sent Me. ³⁷And the Father who sent Me has Him-

self witnessed about Me. Neither have you heard His voice at any time, nor have you seen His shape. ³⁸And you do not have His word living within you, for you do not believe Him whom He sent.

³⁹You search the Scriptures, for you think in them you have everlasting life. And those *Scriptures* are they which are witnessing about Me — ⁴⁰and you are not willing to come unto Me so that you may have life. ⁴¹I do not receive glory from men — ⁴²but I have known you, that you do not have the love of God in yourselves. ⁴³I have come in the name of My Father, and you do not receive Me. If another should come in his own name, you will receive him. ⁴⁴How can you believe, who receive glory from one another, and the glory which *is* from the only God you do not desire? ⁴⁵Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father. There is *one* who accuses you, Moses, in whom you have hoped. ⁴⁶For if you believed Moses, you would have believed Me — for he wrote of Me. ⁴⁷But if you do not believe his writings, how shall you believe My words?

CHAPTER 6

¹After these things Jesus went away over the Sea of Galilee, the Tiber'—i-ān *Sea*, ²and a great multitude followed Him — because they saw His miracles which He worked upon those who were sick. ³And Jesus went up into the mountain and sat there with His disciples. ⁴And the feast of the Jews, the Passover, was near. ⁵Then lifting *His* eyes and seeing that a great crowd was coming to Him, Jesus said to Philip, Where shall we buy loaves that these may eat? ⁶But He said this to test him, for He knew what He was about to do. ⁷Philip answered Him, Two hundred pennies worth of loaves are not enough for them, so that each of them may have a little. ⁸One of His disciples, Simon Peter's brother Andrew, said to Him, ⁹Here is a little boy who has five barley loaves and two small fishes — but what are these for so many? ¹⁰And Jesus said, Make the men recline. Now there was much grass in the place. So the men did recline, about five thousand *in* number. ¹¹And Jesus took the loaves, and giving thanks, He passed *them* out to the disciples, and the disciples to those who were reclining. ¹²And in the same way *He gave them* as many of the small fishes as they wanted. And when they were full, He said to His disciples, Gather up the broken pieces which are left, so that nothing may be lost. ¹³Then they gathered up and filled twelve hand-baskets with broken pieces from the five barley loaves which were left over to those who had eaten. ¹⁴Then seeing the miracle which Jesus had done, the men said, This is truly the prophet who is coming into the world. ¹⁵Then knowing that they were about to come and take hold of Him (so that they may make Him king), Jesus drew back again into the mountain alone.

¹⁶And when evening came, His disciples went down to the sea. ¹⁷And entering into the ship, they were going over the sea to Că-per'-nă-ŭm. And it had already become dark, and Jesus had not come to them. ¹⁸And the sea was aroused by a strong wind blowing. ¹⁹After they had pushed forward, then, about twenty-five or thirty furlongs, they saw Jesus walking on the sea, and coming near the ship, and they were afraid. ²⁰But He said to them, I am *He!* Do not be afraid. ²¹They were willing, then, to receive Him into the ship. And instantly the ship was at the land where they were going.

²²On the following day the people that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other small ship there, except one — that one into which His disciples had entered. And *they saw* that Jesus did not go with His disciples into the small ship, but that His disciples went away alone. ²³(But other little ships came from Tĭ-bēr'-ĭ-ās near the place where they ate the bread, after the Lord had given thanks.) ²⁴Therefore when the people saw that neither Jesus nor His disciples were there, they also themselves entered into the ships, and they came to Că-per'-nă-ŭm looking for Jesus. ²⁵And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, Rabbi, when did you come here? ²⁶Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, You do not seek me because you saw miracles, but because you ate of the loaves and were satisfied. ²⁷Do not labor *for* the food which vanishes away — but *labor for* the food which lasts unto everlasting life, which the Son of man will give to you. For *it is Him that* the Father sealed, *even* God. ²⁸Then they said to Him, What shall we do that we may work the works of God? ²⁹Jesus answered and said to them, This is the work of God, that you should believe on Him whom He has sent. ³⁰They said therefore to Him, What miracle then will you do, so that we may see and believe you? What do you work? ³¹Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, “He gave them bread out of Heaven to eat” (See PSALM 78:24). ³²Then Jesus said to them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Moses has not given you the bread out of Heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread out of Heaven. ³³For the bread of God is He who comes down out of Heaven and gives life to the world.

³⁴Then they said to Him, Lord, always give to us this bread. ³⁵But Jesus said to them, I am the Bread of life — he that comes to Me shall never ever hunger, and he that believes on Me shall never thirst at any time. ³⁶But I said to you that you also have seen Me and still do not believe. ³⁷All that the Father gives Me shall come to Me, and him that comes to Me I will in no way ever cast out. ³⁸For I have come down out of Heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. ³⁹And this is the will of the Father who sent Me, that *of* all that He has given Me, I should not lose *any* of it, but should raise it up in the last day. ⁴⁰And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees

the Son and believes on Him should have everlasting life — and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴¹The Jews then were complaining about Him, because He said, I am the bread which came down out of Heaven. ⁴²And they were saying, Is this not Jesus the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? Then how does he now say, I have come down out of Heaven? ⁴³Jesus therefore answered and said to them, Do not murmur with one another. ⁴⁴No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draw him, and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, “And they shall all be taught of God” (See ISAIAH 54:13). Therefore everyone that has heard and has learned from the Father comes to Me — ⁴⁶not that any man has seen the Father. Only He who is from God, He has seen the Father. ⁴⁷Verily, verily, I say unto you, He who believes on Me has everlasting life. ⁴⁸I am the Bread of life. ⁴⁹Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and died. ⁵⁰This is the Bread which comes down out of Heaven, so that anyone may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the Living Bread which came down out of Heaven. If anyone eats of this Bread, he shall live forever. And the bread which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh.

⁵²Therefore the Jews were contending with one another, saying, How is he able to give *his* flesh to eat? ⁵³Then Jesus said to them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Unless you have eaten the flesh of the Son of man, and have drunk His blood, you have no life in yourselves. ⁵⁴He that eats My flesh and drinks My blood has everlasting life — and I will raise him up in the last day. ⁵⁵For My flesh truly is food, and My blood truly is drink. ⁵⁶He that eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him. ⁵⁷As the living Father sent Me, and I live by means of the Father — so he that eats Me, he also shall live because of Me. ⁵⁸This is the bread which came down out of Heaven — not as your fathers ate the manna and died — he who feeds upon this bread shall live forever. ⁵⁹He said these things in *the* synagogue, teaching in Că-per'-nă-ŭm.

⁶⁰Therefore many of His disciples, hearing *this*, said, This word is hard, who is able to hear it? ⁶¹But knowing in Himself that His disciples murmured about this, Jesus said to them, Does this offend you? ⁶²What then if you should see the Son of man going up where He was before? ⁶³It is the Spirit who gives life, the flesh does not profit anything. The words which I speak to you are spirit and are life — but there are some of you who do not believe. ⁶⁴For Jesus had known from the beginning who they were who do not believe, and the one who was to betray Him. ⁶⁵And He said, Because of this I said to you that no one can come unto Me unless it shall have been given to him from My Father.

⁶⁶From that *time* many of His disciples went back and did not walk any more with Him. ⁶⁷Then Jesus said to the twelve, Are you also want-

ing to go away? ⁶⁸Then Simon Peter answered Him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of everlasting life. ⁶⁹And we have believed and have known that Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. ⁷⁰Jesus answered them, Did I not choose you *as* the twelve, and one of you is a devil? ⁷¹But He spoke of Judas Is-câr'-î-ôt, Simon's *son*, for he was about to betray Him, being one of the twelve.

CHAPTER 7

¹And after these things Jesus was walking in Galilee, for He did not wish to walk in Judea because the Jews were trying to kill Him. ²Now the Jewish Feast of the Tabernacles was near. ³Therefore His brothers said to Him, Move away from here and go into Judea so that your disciples may also see your works which you do. ⁴For no one does anything in secret, and he himself seeks to be *known* in public. If you do these things, show yourself to the world. ⁵For neither did His brothers believe in Him. ⁶Then Jesus said to them, My time has not yet come, but your time is always ready. ⁷The world cannot hate you, but it hates Me because I witness concerning it—that the works of it are evil. ⁸You go up to this feast. I am not yet going up to this feast, for My time has not yet been fulfilled. ⁹And saying these things to them, Hé stayed in Galilee. ¹⁰But when His brothers went up, then He also went up to the feast—not openly, but as in secret. ¹¹The Jews therefore were looking for Him at the feast, and said, Where is he? ¹²And there was much talking about Him among the people. Some said, He is good. But others said, No, but he leads the people astray. ¹³However, no one spoke about Him publicly, because of the fear of the Jews.

¹⁴But now *in* the middle of the feast, Jesus went up into the Temple and was teaching. ¹⁵And the Jews were wondering, saying, How does this one know letters, having never learned? ¹⁶Jesus answered them and said, My teaching is not Mine, but His who sent Me. ¹⁷If anyone wants to practice His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is from God, or *if* I speak from Myself. ¹⁸He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory. But He who is seeking the glory of Him who sent Him, He is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him. ¹⁹Has not Moses given you the Law? And not one of you practices the Law! Why do you want to kill Me? ²⁰The people answered and said, You have a demon! Who wants to kill you? ²¹Jesus answered and said to them, I did one work, and all of you wonder. ²²For this cause Moses has given you circumcision, (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers,) and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. ²³If a man receives circumcision on *the* Sabbath in order that the Law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with Me because I made a man perfectly whole upon the Sabbath? ²⁴Do not judge according to sight, but judge righteous judgment. ²⁵Then some of the ones from Jerusalem said, Is this not he whom they are seeking to kill? ²⁶And behold, He speaks out publicly, and they say

nothing to him. Have the rulers recognized indeed that this is truly the Christ? ²⁷But we know where this one is from. But the Christ, whenever He comes, no one knows where He is from. ²⁸Then Jesus cried in the Temple, teaching and saying, You both know Me, and you know where I am from. And, I have not come from Myself, but He who sent Me is true, whom you do not know. ²⁹But I know Him, because I am from Him, and He sent Me. ³⁰They were wishing then to lay hold on Him, but no one laid a hand on Him because His hour had not yet come. ³¹And many out of the multitude believed on Him, and said, The Christ, when He comes, will He do more miracles than these which this One did?

³²The Pharisees heard the people murmuring these things about Him, and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers that they might take Him. ³³Jesus therefore said to them, Yet a little while I am with you, and I go to Him who sent Me. ³⁴You will look for Me and shall not find Me. And, Where I am you are not able to come. ³⁵Therefore the Jews said among themselves, Where is he about to go that we shall not find him? Is he about to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and to teach the Greeks? ³⁶What is this word which he said, You will look for Me and shall not find Me. And, Where I am you are not able to come?

³⁷And in the last day, the great *day* of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If anyone thirst, let him come unto Me and drink. ³⁸He that believes on Me, as the Scripture said, "Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water" (See ISAIAH 12:3; 58:11). ³⁹But He said this concerning the Spirit which those believing on Him were about to receive (*for the Holy Spirit was not yet given because Jesus was not yet glorified*). ⁴⁰Many out of the multitude, then, hearing the word, said, This truly is the Prophet. ⁴¹Others said, This is the Christ. And others said, Does the Christ then come out of Galilee? ⁴²Did not the Scriptures say that the Christ comes out of the seed of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was? ⁴³Therefore a division arose among the people because of Him. ⁴⁴And some of them wanted to lay hold on Him, but no one laid hands on Him. ⁴⁵Then the officers came to the chief priests and Pharisees. And they said to them, Why did you not bring Him? ⁴⁶The officers answered, Never did *any* man speak like this man *speaks*. ⁴⁷Then the Pharisees answered them, Have you also been led astray? ⁴⁸Has any one of the rulers believed on him? or of the Pharisees? ⁴⁹But this crowd, which does not know the Law, are accursed. ⁵⁰Nicō-dē'-mūs said to them (he who came by night to Him), being one of themselves, ⁵¹Does our Law judge a man, unless it has first heard from him and knows what he does? ⁵²They answered and said to him, Are you also of Galilee? Search and see that no prophet has arisen out of Galilee.

⁵³And each one went on to his house.

CHAPTER 8

¹But Jesus went on to the Mount of Olives. ²And at dawn He came again into the Temple, and all the people came to Him. And sitting down, He taught them. ³And the scribes and the Pharisees brought to Him a woman taken in adultery. And setting her in *the* middle, ⁴they said to Him, Master, this woman was taken in the very act, committing adultery. ⁵Now in the Law, Moses commanded us that such ones were to be stoned. What then do you say? ⁶But they said this tempting Him so that they might have *reason* to accuse Him. But stooping down, Jesus wrote with *His* finger on the ground. ⁷And as they continued asking Him, lifting Himself up He said to them, He among you who is without sin, let him first throw a stone at her. ⁸And stooping down again, He wrote on the ground. ⁹And hearing *this*, and being convicted by conscience, they went out one by one, beginning from the elders, unto the last one. And Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the middle. ¹⁰And lifting Himself up and seeing no one but the woman, Jesus said to her, Woman, where are those *men*, your accusers? Did no one give judgment against you? ¹¹And she said, No one, Sir. And Jesus said to her, Neither do I judge you, Go, and sin no more.

¹²Then again Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the Light of the world—he who follows Me shall in no way walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life. ¹³Therefore the Pharisees said to Him, You witness about yourself. Your witness is not true. ¹⁴Jesus answered and said to them, Even if I witness about Myself, My witness is true, because I know where I came from and where I go. But you do not know where I come from and where I go. ¹⁵You judge according to the flesh. I judge no one. ¹⁶And even if I judge, My judgment is true, because I am not alone, but I and the Father who sent Me. ¹⁷And also it has been written in your Law that the witness of two men is true. ¹⁸I am *one* who witnesses about Myself, and the Father who sent Me witnesses about Me. ¹⁹They then said to Him, Where is your Father? Jesus answered, You do not know Me nor My Father. If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also. ²⁰Jesus spoke these words in the treasury, teaching in the Temple—and no one laid hold of Him, for His hour had not yet come.

²¹Then Jesus said to them again, I go away, and you will look for Me, and you will die in your sin—for where I go you are not able to come. ²²Then the Jews said, Will he kill himself? because He said, Where I go you are not able to come. ²³And He said to them, You are from beneath. I am from above. You are of this world. I am not of this world. ²⁴Therefore I said to you that you shall die in your sins—for if you do not believe that I am *He*, you will die in your sins. ²⁵Therefore they said to Him, Who are you? And Jesus said to them, Even the same

which I also say to you. ²⁶I have many things to say and to judge concerning you; but He who sent Me is true, and those things I heard from Him, these I say to the world. ²⁷They did not know that He spoke to them of the Father. ²⁸Then Jesus said to them, When you shall have lifted up the Son of man, then you shall know that I am *He*. And I do nothing of Myself, but I speak these things, just as the Father taught Me. ²⁹And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father did not leave Me alone, because I always do the things that are pleasing to Him. ³⁰As He spoke these things, many believed on Him.

³¹Therefore Jesus said to the Jews who had believed on Him, If you continue in My word you are truly My disciples. ³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free. ³³They answered Him, We are Abraham's seed, and we have never been under bondage to anyone. How do you say, You shall become free? ³⁴Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you that everyone that practices sin is the slave of sin. ³⁵Now the slave does not stay in the house forever, *but* the Son continues for ever. ³⁶If therefore the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are Abraham's seed — but you want to kill Me because My word has no place to enter into you. ³⁸I speak what I have seen with My Father, and you therefore do always what you have seen with your father.

³⁹They answered and said to Him, Our father is Abraham. Jesus says to them, If you were children of Abraham, you would always do the works of Abraham. ⁴⁰But now you want to kill Me — a man who has spoken the truth to you, which I heard from God — Abraham did not do this. ⁴¹You are always doing the works of your father. They said to Him then, We are not born of *fôr-nî-câ'-tion*. We have one father — God. ⁴²Then Jesus said to them, If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came forth and am come from God. For neither of Myself have I come, but He sent Me. ⁴³Why do you not understand My words? Because you are not able to hear My word. ⁴⁴You are of the devil *your* father, and the lusts of your father you choose to do. He was a murderer from *the* beginning, and has not stood in the truth because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own — for he is a liar and the father of it. ⁴⁵And because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. ⁴⁶Who of you convicts Me of sin? But if I speak truth, why do you not believe Me? ⁴⁷He who is of God hears the words of God. Therefore you do not hear them because you are not of God.

⁴⁸Then the Jews answered and said to Him, Do we not say rightly that you are a *Sā-mâr'-i-tān*, and *that you* have a demon? ⁴⁹Jesus answered, I do not have a demon! But I honor My Father, and you dishonor Me. ⁵⁰But I do not seek My own glory — there is *One* who seeks and judges. ⁵¹Verily, verily, I say unto you, If anyone keep My word, he shall in no

way see death forever. ⁵²Then the Jews said to Him, Now we know that you have a demon. Abraham and the prophets died, and you say, If anyone keep my word, he shall in no way taste of death forever. ⁵³Are you greater than our father Abraham, who died? And the prophets died *also*. Whom do you make yourself? ⁵⁴Jesus answered, If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father who glorifies Me, *of* whom you say that He is your God. ⁵⁵And you have not known Him, but I know Him. And if I say I do not know Him, I shall be like you, a liar. But I know Him, and I keep His word. ⁵⁶Your father Abraham greatly rejoiced in that he should see My day, and He saw and was glad. ⁵⁷Then the Jews said unto Him, You are not yet fifty years old, and have you seen Abraham? ⁵⁸Jesus said to them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham began to be, I am! ⁵⁹They then took up stones that they might throw at Him, but Jesus hid Himself. And He went forth out of the Temple, going through the middle of them, and passed on by.

CHAPTER 9

¹And passing on He saw a man blind from birth. ²And His disciples asked Him, saying, Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he should be born blind? ³Jesus answered, Neither this one sinned, nor his parents, but that the works of God should be shown in him. ⁴It is necessary for Me to work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day Night comes when no man is able to work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am *the* Light of the world. ⁶Saying these things, He spat upon *the* ground and made clay of the spittle, and He spread the clay upon the eyes of the blind one. ⁷And He said to him, Go! Wash in the pool of Sī-lō'-ām (which translated means Sent). He therefore went away and washed, and he came away seeing. ⁸Then the neighbors and those who saw him before, that he was blind, said, Is this not he who was sitting and begging? ⁹Some said, It is he. But others *said*, He is like him. He said, I am *he*. ¹⁰Then they said to him, How were your eyes opened? ¹¹He answered and said, A man called Jesus made clay and spread it upon my eyes and said to me, Go to the pool of Sī-lō'-ām and wash. And after I had gone and washed, I received sight. ¹²Then they said to him, Where is he? He said, I do not know.

¹³So they brought him who once *was* blind to the Pharisees. ¹⁴Now it was the Sabbath when Jesus made the clay and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Again, therefore, the Pharisees also asked him how he received sight. And he said to them, He put clay upon my eyes, and I washed, and I see. ¹⁶Therefore some of the Pharisees said, This man is not of God because he does not keep the Sabbath. Others said, How can a man *who* is a sinner do such miracles? And there was a division among them. ¹⁷They said to the blind one again, What do you say about him, for he opened your eyes? And he said, He is a prophet. ¹⁸The Jews, therefore, did not believe con-

cerning him, that he was blind and received sight, until they called the parents of him who had received sight. ¹⁹And they asked them, saying, Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he see? ²⁰His parents answered and said, We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. ²¹But how he now sees we do not know, or who opened his eyes, we do not know. Ask him. He is of age. He shall speak concerning himself. ²²His parents said these things because they feared the Jews. For the Jews had already agreed together that if anyone should confess Him to be the Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. ²³Because of this his parents said, Ask him, he is of age.

²⁴Then a second time they called the man who was blind and said to him, Give glory to God; we know that this man is a sinner. ²⁵Then he answered and said, I do not know if he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that I was blind but now I see. ²⁶And they said to him again, What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes? ²⁷He answered them, I told you already, and you did not hear. Why do you want to hear again? Do you also want to become his disciples? ²⁸And they railed at him, and said, You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but we do not know where this man is from. ³⁰The man answered and said to them, Why, this is a wonderful thing indeed, that you do not know where he is from, and he opened my eyes. ³¹But we know that God does not hear sinners, and if anyone is a worshipper of God, and does His will, He hears him. ³²Since the world began it was never heard that anyone opened the eyes of one who has been born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing. ³⁴They answered and said to him, You were born entirely in sins, and do you teach us? And they threw him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they threw him out, and finding him said to him, Do you believe on the Son of God? ³⁶He answered and said, Who is He, Lord, that I may believe on Him? ³⁷And Jesus said to him, You have both seen Him, and He who speaks with you is He. ³⁸And he said, I believe, Lord! And he worshiped Him. ³⁹And Jesus said, I came into this world for judgment, that they that see not might see, and they that see might become blind. ⁴⁰And those of the Pharisees who were with Him heard these things, and they said to Him, Are we blind too? ⁴¹Jesus said to them, If you were blind, you would have no sin. But now you say, We see! Therefore your sin remains.

CHAPTER 10

¹Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that does not enter in by the door to the sheepfold, but climbs up some other place, the same is a thief and a robber. ²But he that enters in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. ³The gatekeeper opens to him, and the sheep hear his voice, and he calls

his own sheep by name and leads them out. ⁴And when he puts forth his own sheep, he goes in front of them. And the sheep follow him because they know his voice. ⁵But they will not follow a stranger, but will flee from him because they do not know the voice of strangers. ⁶Jesus spoke this parable to them, but they did not understand what it was which He spoke to them.

⁷Therefore Jesus said to them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. ⁸All those who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. ⁹I am the door. If anyone enter in through Me, he shall be saved and shall go in and shall go out and shall find pasture. ¹⁰The thief does not come except that he may steal and kill and destroy. I have come that they might have life, and might have *it* abundantly. ¹¹I am the Good Shepherd! The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. ¹²But the hired servant, and he who is not the shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away. And the wolf catches them and scatters the sheep. ¹³Now the hired servant runs away because he is a hired servant, and does not care about the sheep. ¹⁴I am the Good Shepherd, and I know those that *are* Mine. And *I* am known of those who *are* Mine. ¹⁵Even as the Father knows Me, I also know the Father, and I lay down My life for the sheep. ¹⁶And I have other sheep which are not of this fold. It is needful that I bring these also, and they shall hear My voice, and there shall be one flock, one Shepherd. ¹⁷Because of this the Father loves Me, because I lay down My life, in order that I may take it again. ¹⁸No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it again. This commandment I received from My Father. ¹⁹Then again there was a division among the Jews, because of these words. ²⁰And many of them said, He has a demon and is mad, why do you listen to him? ²¹Others said, These are not *the* words of one who is demon-possessed. Is a demon able to open the eyes of *the* blind?

²²Now the Feast of Dēd-ī-cā'-tion took place at Jerusalem, and it was winter. ²³And Jesus was walking in the Temple, in the porch of Solomon. ²⁴Then the Jews came round about Him and said to Him, How long do you hold our soul in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly. ²⁵Jesus answered them, I told you, and you do not believe. The works which I do in the name of My Father, these witness about Me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not of My sheep. As I told you, ²⁷My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me, ²⁸and I give unto them eternal life. And they shall never perish, neither shall anyone pluck them out of My hand. ²⁹My Father who has given *them* to Me is greater than all, and no one is able to pluck *them* out of My Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one!

³¹Then again the Jews took up stones that they might stone Him. ³²Jesus answered them, I showed you many good works from My Father — for which of these are you stoning Me? ³³The Jews answered Him, saying, We do not stone you for a good work, but for blasphemy, and because you, being a man, make yourself God. ³⁴Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, “I said, you are gods?” (See PSALM 82:6) ³⁵If He called them gods unto whom the word of God came — and the Scripture cannot be broken — ³⁶do you say of Him whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, You blasphemest because I said, I am the Son of God? ³⁷If I do not do the works of My Father, do not believe Me. ³⁸But if I do, even if you do not believe Me, believe the works so that you may know and believe that the Father *is* in Me, and I in Him. ³⁹Therefore they tried again to lay hold on Him, but He went forth out of their hand. ⁴⁰And He went away again beyond the Jordan into the place where John was at first baptizing — and He stayed there.

⁴¹And many came to Him, and said, John indeed did no miracle, but all things whatever John said about this One were true. ⁴²And many believed on Him there.

CHAPTER 11

¹Now there was a certain one sick, Lāz'-ā-rūs of Bēth'-ā-ny, of the town of Mary and her sister Martha. ²And it was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lāz'-ā-rūs was sick. ³Therefore the sisters sent to Him, saying, Lord, lo, he whom Thou dost love is sick. ⁴And hearing *this* Jesus said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it. ⁵Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lāz'-ā-rūs. ⁶When, therefore, He heard that he was sick, then indeed he stayed there where He was two days. ⁷Then after this He said to the disciples, Let us go into Judea again. ⁸The disciples said to Him, Master, the Jews were just now seeking to stone Thee, and dost Thou go there again? ⁹Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the daytime he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. ¹⁰But if anyone walks in the nighttime, he stumbles because the light is not in him. ¹¹He said these things, and after this He says to them, Our friend Lāz'-ā-rūs has fallen asleep, but I go that I may awake him. ¹²Therefore His disciples said, Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will get well. ¹³But Jesus had spoken of his death, and they thought that He had spoken of the rest of sleep. ¹⁴Then, therefore, Jesus said to them plainly, Lazarus died. ¹⁵And I rejoice for your sakes that I was not there, in order that you may believe. But let us go to him. ¹⁶Then Thomas, the one called Did'-y-mūs, said to his fellow-disciples, Let us go too so that we may die with him.

¹⁷So when Jesus came, He found him. He had already been four days in the tomb. ¹⁸Now Bēth'-ā-ny was near to Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to those around Martha and Mary, that they might comfort them concerning their brother. ²⁰Then when she heard that Jesus was coming, Martha met him. But Mary was still sitting in the house. ²¹Then Martha said to Jesus, Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know even now that whatever Thou mayest ask of God, God will give Thee. ²³Jesus says to her, Your brother will rise again. ²⁴Martha said to Him, I know that he will rise again in the resurrection in the last day. ²⁵Jesus said to her, I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believes on Me, though he die, he shall live. ²⁶And everyone who lives and believes on Me shall never die. Do you believe this? ²⁷She says to Him, Yes, Lord. I have believed that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God, who comes into the world. ²⁸And saying these things she went away. And she called her sister Mary secretly, saying, The Master has come and calls you. ²⁹When she heard, she rose up quickly and came to Him. ³⁰Now Jesus had not yet come into the town, but was in that place where Martha met Him.

³¹Then the Jews who were with her in the house, and were comforting her, seeing that Mary quickly rose up and went out, they followed her, saying, She is going to the tomb that she may weep there. ³²Then when she came where Jesus was, seeing Him, Mary fell down at His feet, saying to Him, Lord, if Thou hadst been here, my brother would not have died. ³³Then when Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in spirit and troubled Himself, ³⁴and said, Where have you laid him? They said to Him, Lord, come and see. ³⁵Jesus wept. ³⁶Therefore the Jews said, Behold! How He loved him! ³⁷But some of them said, Was not this One who opened the eyes of the blind able also to cause that this one should not have died?

³⁸Then again groaning within Himself, Jesus came to the tomb. Now it was a cave, and a stone was lying upon it. ³⁹Jesus says, Take away the stone. Martha, the sister of him who had died, said to Him, Lord, by this time he stinks, for it is four days. ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, Did I not say to you that if you would believe you shall see the glory of God? ⁴¹Then they took away the stone where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted *His* eyes upwards, and said, Father, I thank Thee that Thou didst hear Me; ⁴²and I knew that Thou dost always hear Me — but on account of the people who stand around I said *it*, in order that they might believe that Thou didst send Me. ⁴³And saying these things, He cried out with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth! ⁴⁴And he who had been dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes. And his face was tied up with a handkerchief. Jesus said to them, Untie him and let him go.

⁴⁵Therefore many of the Jews who came to Mary and saw what Jesus did believed on Him. ⁴⁶But some of them went to the Pharisees and told

them what Jesus did. ⁴⁷Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, What can we do? for this man does many miracles. ⁴⁸If we let him alone this way, all will believe on him, and the Romans will come and will take away from us both *our* place and nation. ⁴⁹But a certain one of them, Cai'-ā-phās, being high priest of that year, said to them, You do not know anything, ⁵⁰nor consider that it is good for us that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should be lost. ⁵¹And he did not say this of himself, but being high priest of that year *he* prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation — ⁵²and not for the nation only, but that also He might gather together into one the children of God, who have been scattered abroad. ⁵³Then from that day forth they put their heads together that they might put Him to death. ⁵⁴Therefore Jesus no longer walked openly among the Jews, but went away from there into the country near the wilderness, to a city called Ē'-phrā-īm. And He stayed there with His disciples.

⁵⁵Now the Passover of the Jews was near, and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the Passover, so that they might purify themselves. ⁵⁶Then they were looking for Jesus, and were saying among one another, standing in the Temple, What do you think, that He will not come to the feast? ⁵⁷Now both the chief priests and the Pharisees had given a command, that if anyone should come to know where He was, he should show *it*, so that they might take Him.

CHAPTER 12

¹Then six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bēth'-ā-ny, where Lazarus was (*the one* who had died, whom He raised from among *the* dead). ²Therefore, they made Him a supper there, and Martha served. And Lazarus was one of those reclining with Him. ³Mary, then, taking a pound of ointment of pure spikenard, of great price, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. ⁴Then said one of His disciples (Judas Īs-cār'-ī-ōt, Simon's *son*, who was about to betray Him,) ⁵Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred pieces of silver and given to the poor? ⁶Now he said this, not because he cared for *the* poor, but because he was a thief and had the bag, and he carried away whatever was put in *it*. ⁷Then Jesus said, Let her alone! She has kept it for the day of My burial. ⁸For you always have the poor with you, but you do not always have Me.

⁹Then a great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there. And they came, not because of Jesus only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He raised from among *the* dead. ¹⁰But the chief priests planned together so that they might put Lazarus to death too, ¹¹because many of the Jews were leaving and were believing on Jesus because of him.

¹²On the next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, hearing that Jesus was coming into Jerusalem, ¹³took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him. And *they* were crying, Hosanna! "Blessed is He who comes in *the* name of *the* Lord, the King of Israel" (See PSALM 118:26). ¹⁴And finding a young ass, Jesus sat upon it — as it is written, ¹⁵"Fear not, daughter of Zion: Behold! Your king comes sitting upon the colt of an ass" (See ZECHARIAH 9:9). ¹⁶Now His disciples did not understand these things at the first, but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written of Him, and that they did these things to Him. ¹⁷Then the people (who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from among *the* dead) were testifying. ¹⁸Also *it was* because they had heard that He had done this miracle that the people met Him. ¹⁹The Pharisees, therefore, said among themselves, Do you see that you gain nothing? Behold, the world has gone after Him!

²⁰And there were certain Greeks among those who came up in order that they might worship in the feast. ²¹Then these came to Philip, who was from Bêth-sâ'-i-dâ of Galilee. And they asked him, saying, Sir, we want to see Jesus. ²²Philip came and told Andrew. And again, Andrew and Philip told Jesus. ²³But Jesus answered them, saying, The hour has come that the Son of man should be glorified. ²⁴Verily, verily, I say unto you, Unless the grain of wheat falling into the ground should die, it stays *there* alone. But if it should die, it brings forth much fruit. ²⁵He that loves his life shall lose it. And he that hates his life in this world shall keep it unto life everlasting. ²⁶If any one serves Me, let him follow Me. And where I am, there also shall My servant be. And if any one serves Me, the Father will honor him.

²⁷Now My soul has been troubled, and what shall I say? Father, save Me from this hour. But because of this I came to this hour — ²⁸Father, glorify Thy name. Then a voice came out of Heaven, I both have glorified it and will glorify *it* again. ²⁹Therefore the people that were standing *there*, and heard, said, It has thundered. Others said, An angel has spoken to Him. ³⁰Jesus answered and said, This voice has not come because of Me, but because of you. ³¹Now there is a judging of this world! Now the prince of this world shall be thrown out! ³²And if I shall be lifted up from the earth, I will draw all unto Myself. ³³But He said this showing by what kind of death He was about to die. ³⁴The people answered Him, We heard out of the Law that the Christ lives for ever. And how do you say that the son of man must be lifted up? Who is this son of man? ³⁵Then Jesus said to them, Yet a little while the Light is with you. Walk while you have the Light, so that darkness may not overtake you. And he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes. ³⁶While you have the Light, believe in the Light, so that you may become sons of

light. Jesus spoke these things, and *then*, going away, He was hidden from them.

³⁷Yet *even though* He had done so many miracles before them, they did not believe on Him — ³⁸in order that the word of Ī-sā'-i-āh the prophet might be fulfilled, which he said, "Lord, who believed our report? and the arm of *the* Lord — to whom was it revealed?" (See ISAIAH 53:1). ³⁹Because of this, therefore, they could not believe. Again, because Ī-sā'-i-āh said, ⁴⁰"He has blinded their eyes, and has hardened their heart, so that they should not see with the eyes and understand with the heart, and be converted, and I should heal them" (See ISAIAH 6:9, 10). ⁴¹Ī-sā'-i-āh said these things when he saw His glory and spoke about Him. ⁴²Nevertheless, even from among the rulers, many did believe on Him. But because of the Pharisees they did not confess, so that they might not be put out of the synagogue — ⁴³for they loved the glory of men more than the glory of God. ⁴⁴And Jesus cried, and said, He that believes on Me believes not on Me but on Him who sent Me. ⁴⁵And he who beholds Me beholds Him who sent Me. ⁴⁶I have come *as* a Light into the world, so that everyone who believes on Me may not remain in the darkness. ⁴⁷And if anyone hears My words, and does not believe, I do not judge him — because I did not come that I might judge the world, but that I might save the world. ⁴⁸He that rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has one that judges him: the word which I spoke, that shall judge him in the last day. ⁴⁹Because I did not speak from Myself, but the Father who sent Me, He Himself gave me commandment what I should say, and what I should speak — ⁵⁰and I know that His commandment is life everlasting. Therefore what I speak, I speak just as the Father has said to Me.

CHAPTER 13

¹Now before the feast of the Passover, Jesus knowing that His hour had come that He should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved His own which *were* in the world — He loved them to *the very* end. ²And *as the* supper *was* taking place, the devil had already put *it* into the heart of Judas Īs-cār'-i-ōt, Simon's *son*, that he should betray Him. ³And Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He came out from God, and to God He was going — ⁴He rose from the supper and laid aside *His* robes. And taking a towel, He tied it around Himself. ⁵After that He poured water into the washbowl and began to wash the feet of the disciples, and to wipe *them* with the towel which He had tied around Him. ⁶He then comes to Simon Peter. And he says to Him, Lord, dost Thou wash my feet? ⁷Jesus answered and said to him, You do not know what I do now, but you shall know hereafter. ⁸Peter says to Him, In no way shalt Thou wash my feet. Never! Jesus answered him, Unless I wash you, you have no part with Me. ⁹Simon Peter

says to Him, Lord, not my feet only but also the hands and the head. ¹⁰Jesus says to him, He that has been bathed has no need, except to wash his feet, but he is clean altogether. And you are clean, but not all of you. ¹¹For He knew him who was betraying Him. Because of this He said, You are not all clean. ¹²Therefore, when He had washed their feet, and had taken His robes, reclining again, He said to them, Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call Me Master, and, The Lord, and you say well, for I am. ¹⁴Then if I, the Lord and Master, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash the feet of one another. ¹⁵For I gave you an example, that as I did to you, you should do also. ¹⁶Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his master, nor the messenger greater than he who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸I do not speak of you all — I know whom I chose — but that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “He that eats bread with Me lifted up his heel against Me” (See PSALM 41:9). ¹⁹From this time I tell you, before it happens, so that when it comes to pass you may believe that I am He. ²⁰Verily, verily, I say unto you, He who receives whomsoever I shall send receives Me. And he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

²¹Saying these things, Jesus was troubled in spirit, and witnessed and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray Me. ²²Then the disciples looked upon one another, wondering whom He was talking about. ²³And there was one of His disciples lying upon the bosom of Jesus, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴Simon Peter, therefore, made a sign for him to find out who it might be of whom He spoke. ²⁵And leaning on the breast of Jesus, he said to Him, Lord, who is it? ²⁶Jesus answers, It is he to whom I shall dip the morsel and give it. And dipping the morsel, He gave it to Judas Īs-câr'-ĭ-ōt, Simon's son. ²⁷And after the morsel, Satan then entered into him. Then Jesus said to him, What you do, do quickly! ²⁸But no one of those reclining at table knew why He said this to him. ²⁹For some thought, since Judas had the bag, that Jesus said to him, Buy what things we have need of for the feast. Or, that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰Receiving the morsel, then, he immediately went out. And it was night.

³¹Then when he had left, Jesus said, Now the Son of man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in Him. ³²If God has been glorified in Him, God shall also glorify Him in Himself, and He shall glorify Him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you yet a little while. You will look for Me, and, even as I said to the Jews — Where I go, you are not able to come — that I also say to you now. ³⁴I give to you a new commandment, that you should love one another. Even as I loved you, that you also should love one another. ³⁵By this all shall know that you are My disciples, if you have love among one another. ³⁶Simon Peter says to Him, Lord, where dost Thou go? Jesus answered him, Where I go you are not able to follow now, but you shall follow Me afterwards. ³⁷Peter said to

Him, Lord, why am I not able to follow Thee now? I will lay down my life for Thee. ³⁸Jesus answered him, You will lay down your life for Me? Verily, verily, I say unto you, The cock will not crow until you have denied Me three times.

CHAPTER 14

¹Do not let your heart be troubled. You believe on God. Believe also on Me. ²In My Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you. I go *now* to prepare a place for you. ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I am coming again, and I will receive you unto Myself — so that where I am, you may be also. ⁴And where I go you know, and the way you know. ⁵Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where Thou goest. And, How can we know the way? ⁶Jesus says to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father but by Me. ⁷If you had known Me, you would have also known My Father. And from now on you do know Him and have seen Him. ⁸Philip said to Him, Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us. ⁹Jesus said to him, Have I been with you so long a time and you have not known Me, Philip? He that has seen Me has seen the Father; and how do you say, Show us the Father? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I *am* in the Father and the Father is in Me? The words which I speak unto you, I do not speak from Myself; but the Father who is in Me, He does the works. ¹¹Believe Me that I *am* in the Father, and the Father in Me. But if not, *then* believe Me because of the works themselves. ¹²Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believes on Me, he shall do the works which I do also — and he shall do greater *works* than these, because I go unto My Father. ¹³And whatever you may ask in My name, this I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.

¹⁵If you love Me, keep My commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, that He may be with you forever — ¹⁷the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him, nor know Him. But you know Him, for He is with you and shall be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphans, I am coming to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world sees Me no longer. But you see Me. Because I live, you shall live also. ²⁰In that day you shall know that I *am* in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you. ²¹He that has My commandments and keeps them, he it is that loves Me. But he that loves Me shall be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will reveal Myself unto him. ²²Judas (not the Is-câr'-i-öt) said to Him, Lord, what has happened that Thou art about to reveal Thyself to us, and not to the world? ²³Jesus answered and said to him, If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come unto him and will make Our home with him. ²⁴He that does not love Me does not keep My words. And the word which you hear is not Mine, but of the Father who sent Me.

²⁵I have spoken these things to you while I *am* still with you. ²⁶But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and He will bring to your memory all the things which I said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you. My peace I give unto you — I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. ²⁸You heard that I said to you, I am going away and I am coming to you. If you loved Me, you would have been happy that I said, I am going to the Father, for My Father is greater than I. ²⁹And now I have told you, before it happens, so that when it shall have come to pass, you may believe. ³⁰I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world comes and has nothing in Me. ³¹But that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go away from here.

CHAPTER 15

¹I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser. ²He takes away every branch in Me that is not bearing fruit. And every one that bears fruit, He prunes it that it may bear more fruit. ³Now you are clean through the word which I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch is not able to bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither *can* you unless you abide in Me. ⁵I am the Vine. You *are* the branches. He that abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit — for apart from Me you are not able to do anything. ⁶If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown out as a branch and is dried up. And they gather and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you shall ask whatever you desire, and it shall be done to you. ⁸In this is My Father glorified, that you should bear much fruit, and *so* shall you become My disciples. ⁹As the Father loved Me, I also loved you.

Continue in My love. ¹⁰If you keep My commandments, you shall continue in My love — even as I have kept the commandments of My Father and continue in His love. ¹¹I have spoken these things to you so that My joy in you may continue and your joy may be full. ¹²This is My commandment, that you love one another, even as I loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, that one should lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are My friends, if you practice whatever I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, for the servant does not know what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, for all things which I heard of My Father I have made known unto you. ¹⁶You did not choose Me, but I chose you. And I planted you, that you should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should last — so that whatever you may ask the Father in My name, He may give to you. ¹⁷I command you these things, that you love one another. ¹⁸If the world hates you, you know that it has hated Me before *it* hated you. ¹⁹If you were of the world, the world would love

its own. But because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, the world hates you because of this. ²⁰Remember the word which I said to you, The servant is not greater than his master. If they have persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours too. ²¹But they will do all these things to you on account of My name, because they do not know Him who sent Me. ²²If I had not come and had not spoken to them, they would not have had sin — but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³He that hates Me hates My Father also. ²⁴If I had not done among them the works which no other one did, they would not have had sin — but now they have both seen and have hated both Me and My Father. ²⁵But *it is* in order that the word might be fulfilled that has been written in their law, “They hated Me without a cause” (See PSALM 35:19). ²⁶But when the Comforter comes (whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of Truth who comes forth from the Father) He will bear witness concerning Me. ²⁷And you also bear witness because you were with Me from the beginning.

CHAPTER 16

¹I have spoken these things unto you that you may not stumble. ²They will put you out of the synagogues. And the hour is coming that everyone who kills you will think *he is* offering service to God. ³And they will do these things to you because they do not know the Father nor Me. ⁴But I have said these things to you, that when the hour may come, you may remember that I told you of them. But I did not say these things to you from *the* beginning because I was with you. ⁵But now I go to Him who sent Me, and none of you asks Me, Where dost Thou go? ⁶But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. ⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth. It is better for you that I should go away — for if I do not go away the Comforter will not come to you. But if I go, I will send Him to you.

⁸And when *He* comes, He will prove the world wrong about sin and about righteousness and about judgment — ⁹about sin, because they do not believe on Me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I go away to My Father, and you *can* no longer see Me; ¹¹and about judgment, because the prince of this world has been judged. ¹²I still have many things to say to you, but you are not able to bear them now. ¹³But when He has come, the Spirit of Truth, He will guide you into all the truth. For He will not speak from Himself, but as many things as He hears, He will speak. And He will tell you the things *that are* coming. ¹⁴He will glorify Me, for He will receive of Mine and will declare it to you. ¹⁵All things that the Father has are Mine. This is why I said, He will take of Mine and will declare it to you. ¹⁶A little while and you do not see Me. And again a little while, and you will see Me — because I go away to the Father.

¹⁷Then *some* of the disciples said to one another, What is this which He says to us? — a little while and you do not see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me? And, Because I go away to the Father?¹⁸ Therefore they said, What is this which He says, A little while? We do not know what He says.¹⁹ Jesus knew then that they wanted to ask Him, and He said to them, Do you ask about this among one another, that I said, A little while and you do not behold Me; and again a little while and you will see Me? ²⁰Verily, verily, I say unto you that you will weep and wail, but the world will rejoice. And you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall become joy. ²¹When she gives birth, a woman has sorrow because her hour is come. But when she brings forth the child, she no longer remembers the pain because of the joy that a man has been born into the world. ²²And you, therefore, now indeed have sorrow — but I will see you again, and your heart will rejoice, and no one will take your joy away from you. ²³And in that day you shall ask nothing of Me. Verily, verily, I say unto you, As many things as you may ask the Father in My name, He will give you. ²⁴Up to this time you have not asked anything in My name. Ask, and you shall receive, so that your joy may be full.

²⁵I have spoken these things to you in parables, but the hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in parables, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in My name — and I do not say I shall ask the Father for you — ²⁷for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me and have believed that I came out from God. ²⁸I came out from the Father and have come into the world. Again, I leave the world and go to the Father. ²⁹His disciples said to Him, See, now Thou dost speak plainly and speak no parable. ³⁰Now we know that Thou hast known all things and need not that anyone should ask Thee. By this we believe that Thou didst come forth from God. ³¹Jesus answered them, Do you believe now? ³²Behold! the hour is coming, and now is, that you will be scattered, everyone to his own home, and you will leave Me alone. And *yet* I am not alone because the Father is with Me. ³³I have spoken these things to you so that you may have peace in Me. You have trouble in the world, but be of good courage, I have overcome the world.

CHAPTER 17

¹Jesus spoke these things, and lifting up His eyes to Heaven, He said, Father, the hour has come! Glorify Thy Son so that Thy Son also may glorify Thee, ²even as Thou didst give to Him authority over all flesh, so that He should give everlasting life to all which Thou hast given Him. ³And this is life everlasting, that they should know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom Thou didst send. ⁴I did glorify Thee upon the earth. I have finished the work which Thou hast given Me, that I should do *it*. ⁵And now, O Father, glorify Thou Me beside Thyself, with

the glory which I had beside Thee before the world ever was. ⁶I made Thy name known to the men whom Thou hast given Me out of the world. They were Thine, and Thou hast given them to Me, and they have kept Thy word. ⁷Now they have known that all things that Thou hast given Me are from Thee. ⁸For the words which Thou hast given Me I have given them, and they received them. And they know truly that I came out from Thee, and they believed that Thou didst send Me.

⁹I pray for them. I do not pray for the world, but for those whom Thou hast given to Me, because they are Thine, ¹⁰and all My things are Thine, and Thine *are* Mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And I am no longer in the world, and these are in the world, and I come unto Thee. Holy Father, keep them in Thy name whom Thou hast given to Me, so that they may be one, *even as We are*. ¹²While I was with them in the world I kept them in Thy name. I watched over those Thou hast given to Me, and not one of them is lost, but only the son of perdition, in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³And now I come to Thee, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have My joy fulfilled in them. ¹⁴I have given them Thy word, and the world hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not pray for Thee to take them out of the world, but for Thee to keep them from evil. ¹⁶They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them by Thy truth. Thy word is truth. ¹⁸As Thou didst send Me into the world, I also sent them into the world. ¹⁹And I sanctify Myself for them, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰Neither do I pray for these alone, but for those who shall believe on Me through their word — ²¹that they also may be one, as Thou, Father, *art* in Me, and I in Thee, that they also may be one in Us — so that the world may believe that Thou didst send Me. ²²And the glory which Thou hast given Me, I have given them, so that they may be one, *even as We are one*: ²³I in them, and Thou in Me, so that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that Thou didst send Me and dost love them as Thou didst love Me. ²⁴Father, I want those whom Thou hast given Me to be with Me where I am, so that they may behold My glory which Thou didst give unto Me, because Thou didst love Me before *the* foundation of *the* world. ²⁵O righteous Father! The world did not know Thee, but I knew Thee, and these came to know that Thou didst send Me. ²⁶And I made Thy name known to them, and will make *it* known, so that the love with which Thou didst love Me may be in them, and I in them.

CHAPTER 18

¹When Jesus had spoken these words, He went out with His disciples beyond the brook of Kē'-drōn, where there was a garden, into which He

and His disciples entered. ²And Judas, who was betraying Him, also knew the place, because Jesus often went there to meet with His disciples. ³Therefore, receiving the band and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees, Judas came there with torches and lamps and weapons. ⁴Then, knowing all things that were coming upon Him, going forward, Jesus said to them, Whom do you seek? ⁵They answered Him, Jesus the Nāz-ā-rē'-ān. Jesus said to them, I am *He!* And Judas, who betrayed Him, was standing with them also. ⁶When, therefore, He said unto them, I am *He!* they went backward and fell to the ground. ⁷Then He asked them again, Whom do you seek? And they said, Jesus the Nāz-ā-rē'-ān. ⁸Jesus answered, I told you that I am *He*. If therefore you seek Me, let these go away ⁹(*which He said that the word might be fulfilled, "Of those whom Thou hast given Me, I did not lose one."*) ¹⁰Then Simon Peter drew the sword he had and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his right ear. And the servant's name was Māl'-chūs. ¹¹Then Jesus said to Peter, Put your sword into the sheath; the cup which the Father has given Me, should I not drink it?

¹²Then the band, and the chief captain, and the officers of the Jews took hold of Jesus and tied Him up. ¹³And they led Him away to Annas first, for he was father-in-law to Cai'-ā-phās, who was high priest that year. ¹⁴And it was Cai'-ā-phās who advised the Jews that it is good for one man to die for the people. ¹⁵And Simon Peter was following Jesus, and the other disciple *too*. And that disciple was known to the high priest, and he entered with Jesus into the court of the high priest — ¹⁶but Peter stood at the door outside. Then the other disciple went out (*the one who was known to the high priest,*) and spoke to the doorkeeper and brought Peter inside. ¹⁷Then the girl who kept the door said to Peter, Are you not *one* of the disciples of this man too? He says, I am not. ¹⁸And the servants and the officers were standing and were warming themselves (*for they had made a fire of coals because it was cold*). And Peter was standing with them and *was* warming himself.

¹⁹Then the high priest asked Jesus about His disciples and about His teaching. ²⁰Jesus answered him, I spoke openly to the world. I always taught in the synagogue and in the Temple, where the Jews always come together, and I spoke nothing in secret. ²¹Why do you ask Me? Ask those who have heard what I said to them. Behold! they know what I said. ²²But as He said these things, one of the officers standing beside Jesus gave Him a blow with the palm of the hand, saying, Do you answer the high priest so? ²³Jesus answered him, If I spoke evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me? ²⁴Now Annas had sent Him bound to Cai'-ā-phās the high priest.

²⁵And Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. Then they said to him, Are you not *one* of his disciples too? He denied *it*, and said, I am

not. ²⁶One of the servants of the high priest (who was a kinsman of *him* whose ear Peter cut off) says, Did I not see you in the garden with him? ²⁷Again, then, Peter denied *it*. And immediately a cock crew.

²⁸Then they led Jesus from Cai'-ā-phās to the judgment hall, and it was early. And they did not go into the judgment hall so that they might not be made unclean, and that they might eat the passover. ²⁹Therefore Pilate came out to them, and said, What charge do you bring against this man? ³⁰They answered and said to him, If he were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered him up to you. ³¹Pilate then said to them, You take him and judge him according to your law. Then the Jews said to him, It is not allowed to us to put anyone to death ³²(that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which He spoke, showing by what death He was about to die). ³³Then Pilate entered into the judgment hall again. And *he* called Jesus and said to Him, Are you the king of the Jews? ³⁴Jesus answered him, Do you say this of yourself, or did others say *it* to you about Me? ³⁵Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests delivered you up to me. What did you do? ³⁶Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom was of this world, My servants would fight in order that I might not be delivered up to the Jews, but now My kingdom is not from here. ³⁷Pilate therefore said to Him, Then, are you a king? Jesus answered, You say it, because I am a king. For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, that I may bear witness to the truth. Every one that is of the truth hears My voice. ³⁸Pilate said to Him, What is truth?

And saying this, he went out to the Jews again and said to them, I do not find any fault at all in him. ³⁹But it is a custom with you that I should release one to you at the Passover. Therefore, do you desire that I should release to you the king of the Jews? ⁴⁰Then they all cried out again, saying, Not this one, but Bār-āb'-bās. Now Bār-āb'-bas was a robber.

CHAPTER 19

¹Therefore Pilate then took Jesus and whipped *Him*. ²And after they had plaited a crown of thorns, the soldiers put *it* on His head. And they put a purple robe around Him, ³and said, Hail! King of the Jews! And they gave Him blows with the palm of the hand. ⁴Pilate then went out again and said to them, Behold! I bring Him out to you so that you may know that I do not find any fault in him. ⁵Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And he said to them, Behold! The man!

⁶When the chief priests and the officers saw Him, then they cried out saying, Crucify! Crucify! Pilate said to them, You take him and crucify *him*, for I do not find any fault in him. ⁷The Jews answered him, We have

a law, and according to our law he ought to die, because he made himself Son of God. ⁸Then when Pilate heard this saying, he was more afraid, ⁹and went again into the judgment hall. And he said to Jesus, Where are you from? But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Then Pilate said to Him, Do you not speak to me? Do you not know that I have authority to crucify you, and I have authority to let you go? ¹¹Jesus answered, You would have no authority against Me if it were not given to you from above. Because of this, he who delivers Me up to you has the greater sin. ¹²From this *time* Pilate wanted to let Him go, but the Jews cried out, saying, If you let this *man* go, you are not Caesar's friend. Everyone who makes himself a king speaks against Caesar. ¹³Therefore, hearing these words, Pilate led Jesus out. And he sat down upon the judgment seat at a place called Pavement (but in Hebrew, Gāb'-bāth-ā). ¹⁴And it was the time to make ready the Passover, and about *the* sixth hour. And he says to the Jews, Behold, your king! ¹⁵But they cried out, Away! Away! Crucify him! Pilate said to them, Shall I crucify your king? The chief priests answered, We have no king except Caesar. ¹⁶Then he delivered Him up to them that He might be crucified.

And they took Jesus and led *Him* away. ¹⁷And bearing His cross, He went out to the place called *Place* of a Skull (which is called in Hebrew, Gol'-gōth-ā), ¹⁸where they crucified Him. And with Him *were* two others, *one* on this side, and *one* on that side, and Jesus in the middle. ¹⁹And Pilate also wrote a title and put *it* on the cross. And it was written, JESUS THE NĀZ-Ā-RĒ'-ĀN, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰Therefore many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. And it was written in Hebrew, in Greek, and in Latin. ²¹Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, Do not write, The king of the Jews, but *write* that he said, I am king of the Jews. ²²Pilate answered, What I have written, I have written.

²³Then when they crucified Jesus, the soldiers took His garments and made four parts, one part to each soldier. *They* also *took* the coat, but the coat was seamless, woven from the top throughout. ²⁴Therefore they said to one another, Let us not tear it, but let us throw dice for it *to see* whose it shall be. *This was* in order that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says, "They parted My clothes among them, and for My robe they threw lots" (See PSALM 22:18). Therefore the soldiers did these things.

²⁵And His mother stood by the cross of Jesus, and the sister of His mother, Mary the *wife* of Clō'-pās, and Mary Magdalene. ²⁶Jesus, therefore, seeing His mother, and the disciple whom He loved standing by, He says to His mother, Woman, Behold your son! ²⁷Then He says to the disciple, Behold your mother! And from that hour that disciple took her into his own *home*. ²⁸After this, knowing that all things now had been

finished, Jesus said, I thirst! (so that the Scripture might be fulfilled).²⁹ Now there was set a vessel full of vinegar. And filling a sponge with vinegar, and putting it on hyssop [hiss'-öp], they brought it to His mouth.³⁰ Then when Jesus received the vinegar, He said, It has been finished! And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

³¹Then the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that *they be* taken away (so that the bodies might not stay on the cross on the Sabbath, because it was the time to make ready *the* Passover — for that Sabbath was a great day).³² Therefore the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who was crucified with Him.³³ But coming to Jesus, when they saw He already was dead, they did not break His legs.³⁴ But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.³⁵ And he who has seen this has testified, and his witness is true, and he knows that he speaks true things, so that you may believe.³⁶ For these things were done so that the Scripture might be fulfilled, “Not a bone of Him shall be broken” (See Exodus 12:46).³⁷ And again another Scripture says, “They shall look upon Him whom they pierced” (See Zechariah 12:10).

³⁸And after these things Joseph of Ar-i-mä-thë'-ä (*who* was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly through fear of the Jews) asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus. And Pilate gave *him* permission. Therefore he came and took away the body of Jesus.³⁹ And Nic-ö-dë'-müs also came (*the one* who at first came to Jesus by night) bearing a mixture of myrrh [mërr] and ä'l'-öes, about a hundred pounds.⁴⁰ Then they took the body of Jesus and wrapped it in linen clothes with the spices, as it was the custom among the Jews to prepare for burial.⁴¹ Now there was a garden in the place where He was crucified, and a new tomb in the garden, in which no one was ever laid.⁴² Therefore, because it was the Jews' time to make ready, because *this* tomb was near, they laid Jesus there.

CHAPTER 20

¹And on the first of the Sabbaths, Mary Mäg'-dä-lëne came early to the tomb, while it was still dark. And *she* saw the stone already taken away from the tomb.² Then she ran and came to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and said to them, They took away the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid Him.³ Therefore Peter and the other disciple went forth, and they were coming to the tomb,⁴ and the two were running together. And the other disciple ran forward faster than Peter and came first to the tomb.⁵ And stooping down, he saw the linen clothes lying *there*. Yet he did not go in.⁶ Then Simon Peter came following him and entered into the tomb. And *he* saw the linen clothes lying *there*,⁷ and the handkerchief which was upon His head (*which* was not lying with the linen clothes, but *was* folded up in a

place by itself). ⁸Then, therefore, the other disciple who came to the tomb first also entered in, and he saw and believed ⁹(for they did not yet know the Scripture, that it was necessary for Him to rise again from among *the* dead). ¹⁰Then the disciples went away again to their home.

¹¹But Mary was standing at the tomb, weeping outside. As she was weeping, then, she stooped down into the tomb, ¹²and she saw two angels in white, one sitting at the head, and one at the feet where the body of Jesus was laid. ¹³And they say to her, Woman, why do you weep? She said to them, Because they took away my Lord, and I do not know where they laid Him. ¹⁴And saying these things, she turned backward and saw Jesus standing *there* (but *she* did not know that it was Jesus). ¹⁵Jesus says to her, Woman, why do you weep? Whom do you seek? Thinking that it was the gardener, she said to Him, Sir, if you carried Him away, tell me where you laid Him, and I will take Him away. ¹⁶Jesus says to her, Mary! Turning around, she said to Him, Rāb-bō'-nī! (that is to say, Master!) ¹⁷Jesus said to her, Do not touch Me, for I have not yet gone up unto My Father; but go to My brothers and say to them, I go up to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God. ¹⁸Mary Māg'-dā-lēne came bringing word to the disciples that she had seen the Lord, and that He had spoken these things to her.

¹⁹Then, it being evening on that day, the first of the Sabbaths, and the doors having been shut where the disciples were gathered together, through fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst. And He said to them, Peace unto you! ²⁰And saying this, He showed to them His hands and His side. Therefore the disciples rejoiced, seeing the Lord. ²¹Jesus then said to them again, Peace unto you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you. ²²And saying this, He breathed on *them*, and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit! ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven to them. If of any you keep, they have been kept.

²⁴But Thomas, called Did'-y-mūs, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵Therefore the other disciples said to him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Unless I see in His hands the mark of the nails, and put my finger into the mark of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not at all believe. ²⁶And after eight days again His disciples were inside, and Thomas *was* with them. The door being shut, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said, Peace unto you! ²⁷Then He said to Thomas, Bring your finger here and see My hands; and bring your hand and put *it* into My side; and be not unbelieving, but believing. ²⁸And Thomas answered and said to Him, My Lord and my God! ²⁹Jesus says to him, Have you believed because you have seen Me, Thomas? Blessed are the ones who have not seen and have believed.

³⁰Then Jesus did many other miracles also in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book — ³¹but these have been written

that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you might have life in His name.

CHAPTER 21

¹After these things Jesus showed Himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tī-bē'-rī-ās. Now He showed Himself this way: ²There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Did'y-mūs, and Nā-thān'-ā-ēl from Cana of Galilee, and the sons of Zēb'-ē-dēe, and two others of His disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, I go to fish. They say to him, We will come with you too. They went out and went up into the ship immediately. And during that night they took nothing. ⁴But when morning had already come, Jesus stood on the shore. However, the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus then says to them, Little children, have you any food? They answered Him, No. ⁶And He said to them, Throw the net to the right side of the ship and you shall find *some*. Therefore they threw *there*, and they were no longer able to draw it, because of the multitude of the fish. ⁷Then that disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, It is the Lord! Then, hearing that it was the Lord, Simon Peter tied on *his* outer coat (for he was naked) and threw himself into the sea. ⁸And the other disciples came dragging the net *full* of fish in the small ship, for they were not far from the land, but somewhere around three hundred feet off.

⁹Then when they went up on the land, they saw a fire of coals lying, and fish lying upon *it*, and bread. ¹⁰Jesus said to them, Bring some of the fish which you caught just now. ¹¹Simon Peter went up and drew the net full of large fish to land, a hundred and fifty three. And *though* there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, Come and eat. But none of the disciples dared to ask Him, Who art Thou, knowing that it was the Lord. ¹³Then Jesus came and took the bread and gave to them, and the fish likewise. ¹⁴This *is* now the third time Jesus was revealed to His disciples after being raised from among *the* dead.

¹⁵Then when they had eaten, Jesus said to Simon Peter, Simon, *son* of Jonas, do you love Me more than these? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee. He said to him, Feed My lambs. ¹⁶Again He said to him a second time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, do you love Me? He said to Him, Yes, Lord, Thou knowest that I love Thee. He said to him, Shepherd My sheep. ¹⁷He said to him the third time, Simon, *son* of Jonas, do you have love for Me? Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, Do you have love for Me? And he said to Him, Lord, Thou knowest all things, Thou knowest that I love Thee. Jesus said to him, Feed My sheep. ¹⁸Verily, verily, I say unto you, When you were

younger you dressed yourself, and walked where you desired. But when you are old, you shall stretch out your hands, and another shall dress you and bring *you* where you do not desire *to go*. ¹⁹And He said this to show by what death he should glorify God. And saying this, He said to him, Follow Me!

²⁰But turning around, Peter saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following *them* (*the one* who rested upon His breast at the supper, and said, Lord, who is it who is betraying Thee?). ²¹Peter seeing him said to Jesus, Lord, but what of this one? ²²Jesus said to him, If I want him to stay until I come, what *is that* to you? You follow Me. ²³Then this saying went out among the brothers that that disciple does not die. However, Jesus did not say to him that he does not die, but, If I want him to stay until I come, what *is that* to you?

²⁴This is the disciple who bears witness concerning these things, and who wrote these things: and we know that his witness is true. ²⁵And there are many other things—as many as Jesus did—which, if they should be written one by one, I suppose not even the world itself would have place for the books written. Amen.

The ACTS of the Holy Apostles

CHAPTER 1

¹Truly, O Theophilus [Thē-ōf'-ī-lūs], I made the first report about all *the* things which Jesus began both to do and to teach, ²until the day in which He was taken up (after He had given commandments through *the* Holy Spirit to the apostles whom He had chosen). ³He also showed Himself alive to them after His suffering, with many proofs that cannot be denied. *And He* was seen by them for forty days and spoke about the things of the kingdom of God. ⁴*And when He was* gathered together with *them*, He commanded them not to go away from Jerusalem, but *said*, Wait for the promise of the Father, which you have heard from Me. ⁵For John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized in *the* Holy Spirit not many days after this.

⁶Then, indeed, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, Lord, Dost Thou at this time give the kingdom back to Israel? ⁷And He said to them, It is not your *business* to know *the* times or seasons, which the Father placed within His own authority. ⁸But you will receive power at the coming of the Holy Spirit upon you, and you shall be witnesses to Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the furthest part of the earth. ⁹And when He had said this, *as they were* watching, He was taken up, and a cloud hid Him from their eyes.

¹⁰And as He was going up, while they were looking steadfastly into heaven, then behold! two men stood by them in white clothing. ¹¹And they said, Men! Gāl'-il-ē-āns! Why do you stand looking up into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into Heaven, shall come in the same way you saw Him going up into Heaven.

¹²Then they returned to Jerusalem from *the* mount called *the Mount* of Olives, which is near Jerusalem, being a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had come in, they went up to the upper room where both Peter, and James, and John, and Andrew, Philip, and Thomas, Bär-thöl'-ō-mew and Matthew, James *the son of* Alpheus [Āl-fēe'-ūs], and Simon Zē-lō'-tēs, and Judas *the brother* of James, were staying. ¹⁴All of these were continuing together in prayer and seeking unto God, with *the* women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

¹⁵And in those days, after he had stood up in *the* middle of the disciples — the number of names together was about a hundred and twenty — Peter said, ¹⁶Men! Brothers! It was necessary that this Scripture should be fulfilled — which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by *the* mouth of David — about Judas, who became guide to those who took Jesus. ¹⁷For he was counted with us, and got a part in this ministry. ¹⁸Now then, this man bought a field out of the reward of unrighteousness, and falling

face down, he broke open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all those living in Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language, *Ā-kēl'-dā-mā*, which means, Field of Blood. ²⁰For it has been written in *the* book of Psalms, "Let his home become forsaken, and let there be no one living in it," and "let another take his place" (See PSALM 69:25; 109:8).

²¹Therefore, it is right *that* one of those men who have been with us all the time during which the Lord Jesus came in and went out among us — ²²beginning from the baptism of John, until the day in which He was taken up from us — should become a witness of His resurrection with us. ²³And they put forward two *men*, Joseph called *Bār'-sā-bās*, whose last name was Justus; and *Māt-thī'-ās*. ²⁴And praying, they said, Thou, Lord, who doth know the hearts of all *men*, show *us* which one of these two Thou didst choose ²⁵to receive a part of this ministry and apostleship, from which Judas fell away, by sin, to go to his own place. ²⁶And they gave their lots, and the lot fell upon *Māt-thī'-ās*, and he was counted with the eleven apostles.

CHAPTER 2

¹And when the day of Pentecost was being fulfilled, they were all together in the same place. ²And suddenly a sound came out of the sky, like a rushing violent wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³And forked tongues, like fire, appeared to them, and sat upon each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with *the* Holy Spirit, and began to speak other languages, just as the Spirit made them able to speak.

⁵Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, God-fearing men from every nation under the sky. ⁶And when this sound had come *to them*, the multitude came together and were dumfounded because they were each one hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were all amazed and wondered, saying to one another, Behold! Aren't these all Galileans who are speaking? ⁸and, How *is it that* we each hear in our own language in which we were born? ⁹*Pār'-thī-āns*, and *Mēdes*, and *Ē'-lām-ites*, and those who live in *Mēs-ō-pō-tā'-mī-ā*, and Judea, and *Cāp-pā-dō'-cī-a*, Pontus, and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia [*Fridg'-ī-a*] also, and Pamphylia [*Pām-fill'-ī-ā*], Egypt, and the parts of Libya which *is* around Cyrene [*Sy-rēen'-ee*], and the strangers from Rome, both Jews and *their* converts, ¹¹Crêtes and Arabians — we hear them speaking the great things of God in our own languages. ¹²And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What does this mean? ¹³But others making fun of them said, They are full of new wine.

¹⁴But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spoke to them, Men! Jews! and all of you who live in Jerusalem! Let this be known unto you, and listen to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunken, as you suppose, for it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is that which has been spoken by the prophet Joel, ¹⁷“And it shall come to pass in the last days, God says, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh. And your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸And also upon My menservants and upon My maidservants I will pour out of My Spirit in those days, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will give wonders in the heaven above, and miracles on the earth below — blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke. ²⁰The sun shall be turned into darkness and the moon into blood, before *the* coming of the great and unmistakable day of *the* Lord. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who shall call upon the name of *the* Lord shall be saved” (See JOEL 2:28-32).

²²Men! Israelites! Hear these words: Jesus the Nazarene, a man approved of God among you by mighty works and wonders and miracles, which God worked by Him in your midst — even as you yourselves know — ²³this One who *was* delivered to you by the before-determined counsel and foreknowledge of God, you did take by wicked hands. Crucifying Him, you killed Him. ²⁴Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pains of death, because it was not possible *for* Him to be held by it. ²⁵For David says in regard to Him, “I foresaw the Lord always before Me, because He is at My right hand, that I may not be moved: ²⁶Therefore My heart rejoiced, and My tongue was glad; yea, more, My flesh also shall rest in hope, ²⁷because Thou wilt not leave My soul in hell, neither wilt Thou give Thy Holy One to see corruption. ²⁸Thou didst make known unto Me ways of life. Thou wilt fill Me with joy with Thy face” (See PSALM 16:8-11).

²⁹Men! Brothers! *I* may speak with freedom to you about the pā'-trī-ärch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is among us unto this day. ³⁰Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God swore to him with an oath, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, *He would* raise up the Christ to sit upon his throne — ³¹he, foreseeing *this*, spoke about the resurrection of the Christ — that His soul was not left in hell, nor did His flesh see corruption. ³²God did raise up this Jesus, of which we all are witnesses. ³³Then, having been exalted by the right hand of God, and having received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father, He poured out this which you now see and hear. ³⁴For David did not go up into the heavens, but he says himself, “The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit at My right hand ³⁵until I place Thy enemies as a footstool at Thy feet” (See PSALM 110:1). ³⁶Therefore, let all *the* house of Israel surely know that God did make Him both Lord and Christ, this same Jesus whom you did crucify.

³⁷Now having heard *this*, they were stabbed in the heart, and said to Peter and the other apostles, What shall we do, men, brothers? ³⁸But Peter said to them, Repent and be baptized, every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, unto remission of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all those that are afar off, as many as *the* Lord our God shall call. ⁴⁰And with many other words he earnestly testified and encouraged *them*, saying, Be saved from this wicked generation.

⁴¹Then those who gladly welcomed his word were baptized, and there were about three thousand souls added on that day. ⁴²And they were firmly devoted to the teaching of the apostles, and in fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. ⁴³And fear came upon every soul, also many wonders and miracles were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all who believed were together, and had all things common, ⁴⁵and they sold their possessions and goods and divided them to all as anyone had any need. ⁴⁶And continuing steadfastly together in the Temple, and breaking bread in *their* houses, they took their food with gladness and purity of heart, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added those who were being saved day by day to the church.

CHAPTER 3

¹Now about this time Peter and John went up into the Temple at the ninth hour, the hour of prayer. ²And a certain man who was lame from his mother's womb was being carried, whom they put down daily at the gate of the Temple called *Beautiful Gate*, so as to beg alms from those who were entering into the Temple. ³*When he* saw Peter and John about to go into the Temple, he begged to receive alms. ⁴And Peter, with John, fastening his eyes upon him said, Look unto us! ⁵And he watched them eagerly, expecting to get something from them. ⁶But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none, but what I have, that I give unto you: In the name of Jesus Christ, the Nazarene, rise up and walk! ⁷And taking him by the right hand, he raised *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle-bones were strengthened. ⁸And leaping up, he stood, and walked, and entered into the Temple with them walking and leaping and praising God.

⁹And all the people saw him walking and praising God. ¹⁰And they recognized him, that it was he who was sitting at the *Beautiful Gate* of the Temple for alms. And they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened to him. ¹¹And as the lame man who had been healed held Peter and John, the people all ran together to them in the porch called *Solomon's Porch*, greatly wondering. ¹²And seeing *it*, Peter answered to the people, Men! Israelites! Why do you wonder at this?

Or why do you look so strongly upon us, as if we had made him to walk by our own power or goodness? ¹³The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our fathers, glorified His Son, Jesus, whom you delivered up *to die*. And *you* denied Him in the presence of Pilate, after he had decided to let *Him* go. ¹⁴But you denied the holy and righteous One, and asked that a man who was a murderer be given to you *instead*. ¹⁵And you killed the Author of life, whom God raised up from among *the dead*, of which we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in His name, this one whom you see and know has been made strong by His name. And the faith which *is* through Him has given him this perfect soundness in the presence of you all. ¹⁷And now, *my* brothers, I know that you did this without knowing what you did, as also *is true* of your rulers. ¹⁸But what God had before preached by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ should suffer, He fulfilled in this way.

¹⁹Therefore repent and be converted, for the blotting out of your sins, so that the times of refreshing from *the* presence of the Lord may come. ²⁰And *so that* He may send Him who was before preached to you, Jesus Christ, ²¹whom Heaven must indeed receive until the times when all things shall be restored — of which God spoke by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. ²²For Moses indeed said to the fathers, *The Lord your God shall raise up a Prophet to you from among your brothers, One like me. You shall hear Him in all things, whatever He may say to you.* ²³And it shall come to pass *that* every soul which will not hear that Prophet shall be destroyed from among the people. ²⁴Yes, and all the prophets from Samuel, and those following — as many as spoke — also told of these days beforehand. ²⁵You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, “And in your seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed” (See GENESIS 12:3) ²⁶When *He* had raised up His Son Jesus, God sent Him to you first, blessing you in turning each one *of you* away from your sins.

CHAPTER 4

¹And, as they were speaking to the people, the priests, and the captain of the Temple, and the Sād'-dū-cées came upon them. ²*They* were distressed because they *were* teaching the people and preaching the resurrection which *is* from among *the dead* by Jesus. ³And they laid hands on them and put them under guard until the next day, for it was evening already. ⁴But many of those who had heard the word believed. And the number of the men was about five thousand.

⁵And it came to pass on the next day that their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together at Jerusalem. ⁶And Annas the high priest, and Caiaphas [Ky'-ā-fās], and John, and Alexander, and as many as

were of the high-priestly family *were there*.⁷ And when they had placed them in the middle, they asked, By what power or by what name did you do this?⁸ Then Peter, filled with *the* Holy Spirit, said to them, Rulers of the people, and elders of Israel,⁹ if we are tried this day as to the good work *done to the* lame man — by what *power* he has been cured —¹⁰ be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ, the Nazarean, whom you crucified, whom God raised from among *the* dead, it is by Him this one stands before you sound.¹¹ This is the Stone which you builders have counted worthless, which has become Head of the corner.¹² And neither is there salvation in any other; for there is no other name under Heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.

¹³Now seeing the boldness of Peter and of John, and having become aware that they were without learning or education, they wondered. And they took note of them that they had been with Jesus.¹⁴ And looking at the man who had been healed standing with them, they had nothing to reply.¹⁵ But having commanded them to go outside the Sān-hē-drīn, they talked it over with one another,¹⁶ saying, What shall we do to these men? For that a truly notable miracle has come to pass through them is plain to all those living in Jerusalem, and we are not able to deny it.¹⁷ But that it spread no further among the people, let us threaten them strictly to speak no more in this name to any man.

¹⁸And having called them, they commanded them not to speak at all, nor teach in the name of Jesus.¹⁹ But Peter and John answering them said, Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you judge.²⁰ For we cannot but speak what we saw and heard.²¹ But after further threatening *them*, they let them go, finding nothing as to how they might punish them, on account of the people. Because all *the people* were glorifying God for that which had been done —²² for the man was over forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing had taken place.

²³And when they had been released, they came to their own friends and reported to them whatever the chief priests and the elders said.²⁴ And when they heard *it*, they all together lifted up their voice to God and said, O Master, Thou *art* God, who didst make the sky and the earth and the sea, and all that *are* in them. *Thou art He*²⁵ who, through the mouth of David Thy servant didst say, "Why did the heathen rage, and the peoples think vain things?"²⁶ The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against His Christ" (See PSALM 2:1, 2).²⁷ For truly against Thy holy child Jesus, whom Thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the heathen and the peoples of Israel, were gathered together²⁸ to do whatever Thy hand and counsel before determined to be done.²⁹ And now, O Lord,

look upon their threats, and give to Thy servants to speak Thy word with all boldness —³⁰in the stretching forth of Thy hand for healing and miracles and wonders to come to pass through the name of Thy holy child Jesus.³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with *the* Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.

³²And of the multitude of those who did believe, the heart and the soul were one. And no one said that anything which he possessed was his own, but all things were common to them.³³ And with great power the apostles told of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.³⁴ For neither was there anyone among them in need, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the prices of the things sold,³⁵ and they laid *them* down at the feet of the apostles. And it was distributed to each as everyone had need.³⁶ And Joses, who was surnamed Bärnabas by the apostles (which means Son of cōn-sō-lā'-tion,) a Levite, of Cyprus by birth,³⁷ having *some* land sold *it and* brought the money and laid *it* at the feet of the apostles.

CHAPTER 5

¹But a certain man named Ān-ā-nī'-ās, with his wife Sapphira [Sāf-fūr'-ā], sold a possession² and kept back part of the price, his wife also was aware of this. And bringing a certain part, *he* laid *it* at the feet of the apostles.³ But Peter said, Ān-ā-nī'-ās! why did Satan fill your heart for you to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep part of the price of the land? ⁴While it remained *unsold*, did it not belong to you? And when it was sold, was it *not still* in your own power? Why did you think this thing in your heart? You did not lie to men, but to God! ⁵And Ān-ā-nī'-ās hearing these words fell down and died. And great fear came upon all who heard these things.⁶ And the younger men arose, bound him up, and carried him out and buried *him*.

⁷And it happened that about three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what had happened.⁸ And Peter answered her, Tell me if you sold the land for so much? And she said, Yes, for so much.⁹ And Peter said to her, Why *is it* that you agreed together to tempt the Spirit of *the* Lord? Behold! the feet of those who buried your husband *are* at the door, and they shall carry you out.¹⁰ And she fell down immediately at his feet and died. And coming in, the younger men found her dead. And they carried *her* out and buried *her* beside her husband.¹¹ And great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.

¹²And many miracles and wonders were worked among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in the porch of Solomon.¹³ And of the rest no one dared join them, but the people greatly

magnified them. ¹⁴And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women. ¹⁵And they brought out the sick into the streets and put *them* on beds and couches so that at least the shadow of Peter might overshadow some one of them. ¹⁶And *there* came together also the crowds from the cities round about Jerusalem bringing sick ones and those who were beset by unclean spirits—who were all healed.

¹⁷And rising up, the high priest and all those with him (which is *the* sect of the Sād'-dū-cēes) were filled with anger. ¹⁸And *they* laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But an angel of *the* Lord opened the prison doors during the night and bringing them out said, ²⁰Go! Stand in the Temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.

²¹And hearing *this*, they went into the Temple at dawn, and were teaching. And the high priest and the ones with him arrived. And they called the Sanhedrin together, and all the senate of the sons of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. ²²But the officers that came did not find them in the prison. And returning, they reported, ²³saying, Truly we found the prison shut with all safety, and the keepers standing outside in front of the doors; but when we had opened, we did not find anyone inside.

²⁴And when they heard these words, both the priest and the captain of the Temple, and the chief priests, were bewildered about them, what this might come to. ²⁵But someone came and told them, saying, Behold! the men whom you put in the prison are in the Temple, standing and teaching the people. ²⁶Then the captain, going with the officers, brought them without violence—for they feared that they might get stoned by the people. ²⁷And having brought them, they set them in the Sān-hē'-drin. And the high priest asked them, ²⁸saying, Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And lo and behold! you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and intend to bring upon us the blood of this man.

²⁹And Peter and the apostles answering said, *We* ought to obey God rather than men. ³⁰The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you killed *by* hanging *Him* upon a tree. ³¹*This One*, a Prince and a Saviour, God has exalted by His right hand in order to give repentance to Israel and remission of sins. ³²And we are His witnesses of these things, and the Holy Spirit also, whom God gave to those that obey Him. ³³But hearing *this*, they were cut, and took counsel to put them to death. ³⁴But a certain Pharisee named Gā-mā'-li-ēl, a teacher of the Law, honored by all the people, rising up in the Sān-hē'-drin commanded the apostles to be put out for a short while. ³⁵And *he* said to them, Men! Israelites!

Be careful what you are about to do in regards to these men. ³⁶For before these days Theū'-dās rose up, boasting himself to be somebody, to whom a number of men (about four hundred) were joined. *He* was killed. And all of them were scattered and came to nothing, even as many as were obeying him. ³⁷After this one, Judas the Galilean rose up, in the days of the census, and drew away many people after him. He also perished, and all of them were scattered — as many as were obeying him. ³⁸And now I say to you, Draw back from these men and let them alone — for if this counsel or this work is of men it will be overthrown. ³⁹But if it is from God you are not able to overthrow it, lest you also be found to be fighters against God.

⁴⁰And they were persuaded by him, and having called the apostles, they beat them and commanded *them* not to speak in the name of Jesus and let them go. ⁴¹Then they departed from the presence of the Sān-hē'-drīn, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame in His name. ⁴²And daily in the Temple, and in the houses, they did not stop teaching and preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 6

¹And in those days the disciples multiplied, and there arose a murmuring of the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews, because their widows were overlooked in the daily serving of *food*. ²And the twelve, calling the multitude of the disciples near, said, It is not right for us to leave the word of God in order to wait on tables. ³Therefore, brethren, find out seven men from among yourselves who are of good report *and* full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we can appoint over this business. ⁴But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, and to the ministry of the word.

⁵And the saying was pleasing before all the multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit — and Philip and Prochorus [Prök'-ōr-ūs], and Nī'-cā-nōr, and Tī'-mōn, and Pār'-mēn-ās, and Nicolas [Nick'-ō-lās], a convert from Antioch. ⁶They set *these* before the apostles — and when they had prayed, they laid their hands on them. ⁷And the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly. And a great multitude of the priests were obedient to the faith.

⁸And Stephen, full of faith and power, worked great wonders and miracles among the people. ⁹And there arose certain ones of those of the synagogue called Libertines, and of Cyrenians [Sy-rēen'-yāns], and of Alexandrians, and of those from Cilicia [Sy-lish'-yā] and Asia, debating with Stephen. ¹⁰But they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spoke. ¹¹Then they secretly urged men on, saying, We

have heard him speaking words that blaspheme Moses and God. ¹²And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes. And coming upon him, they caught him and brought him to the Săn-hē'-drîn. ¹³And they set up false witnesses, saying, This man does not stop speaking words that blaspheme this holy place and the Law. ¹⁴For we have heard him saying that Jesus the Nazarean will destroy this place, and will change the customs which Moses delivered to us. ¹⁵And all that sat in the Săn-hē'-drîn, fastening their eyes upon him, saw his face as *if it were the face of an angel*.

CHAPTER 7

¹Then the high priest said, Then are these things so? ²And *Stephen* said, Men! Brothers and fathers! Listen! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mēs-ō-pō-tā'-mī-ā before he lived in Haran, ³and said to him, "Go away from your country, and your kinsfolk, and come into the land which I will show unto you" (See GENESIS 12:1). ⁴Then going out from *the* land of the Chaldeans [Kāl-dēe'-āns], he lived in Haran. And after his father died, He moved him from there into this land in which you now live. ⁵And He gave him no inheritance in it, not even a foot-breadth. But *He* promised to give it to him for his own, and to his seed after him (at the time when he had no children).

⁶And God spoke in this way: That his seed shall be living in a strange land, and they will bring them into slavery and mistreat them four hundred years. ⁷And the nation to whom they shall be in slavery I will judge, said God, and after these things they shall come out and serve Me in this place. ⁸And He gave to him a covenant of circumcision. And so he fathered Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day, and Isaac *fathered* Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs. ⁹And moved with envy, the patriarchs sold Joseph into Egypt. ¹⁰But God was with him, and delivered him out of all his troubles, and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh king of Egypt. And he made him governor over Egypt and all of his house. ¹¹And there came a famine upon all the land of Egypt and Canaan [Kāy'-nān], and great distress, and our fathers found no food. ¹²But Jacob, hearing that there was grain in Egypt, sent out our fathers the first time. ¹³And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brothers, and Joseph's kinsfolk became known to Pharaoh. ¹⁴And Joseph sent, calling for his father Jacob and all his kinsfolk (seventy-five souls in all). ¹⁵And Jacob went down into Egypt and died, he and our fathers. ¹⁶And they were carried over to Shechem [Shē'-kēm], and were laid in the tomb which Abraham bought for a sum of money from the sons of Emmor, of Shechem.

¹⁷But as the time of the promise was drawing near (*the promise* which God had sworn to Abraham), the people increased and multiplied in

Egypt, ¹⁸until another king arose—*one* who had not known Joseph. ¹⁹*This one* acted slyly with our race, wickedly mistreating our fathers, causing them to put their babies outside so that they might not live.

²⁰In this time Moses was born, and he was beautiful unto God and was nursed three months in the house of his father. ²¹And when he was put outside, the daughter of Pharaoh took him up and brought him up for her own son. ²²And Moses was taught in all *the* wisdom of the Egyptians, and he was mighty in words and in deeds. ²³And when forty years was fulfilled to him, it came into his heart to see his brothers, the sons of Israel. ²⁴And seeing a certain one suffering wrong, he defended *him by* smiting the Egyptian, and he avenged him who was being mistreated. ²⁵For he thought that his brothers would understand that God by his hand was giving them their salvation. But they did not understand. ²⁶And the next day, also, he showed himself to them as they fought and urged them to peace, saying, Men! you are brothers, why do you wrong one another? ²⁷But he that was doing wrong to his neighbor pushed him away, saying, Who made you a ruler and judge over us? ²⁸Do you want to kill me in the way you killed the Egyptian yesterday?

²⁹And at this saying Moses ran away and became a stranger in the land of Midian, where he fathered two sons. ³⁰And when forty years were fulfilled, an angel of *the* Lord appeared to him in the desert of Mount Sinai [Sŷ'-nŷ'], in a flame of fire in a bush. ³¹And Moses seeing *the fire* wondered at the sight. And *as* he was coming near to look, there came a voice of *the* Lord to him: ³²"*I am* the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses trembled, not daring to look. ³³And the Lord said to him, "Put off the shoes from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground." ³⁴"I have seen the affliction of My people in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and came down in order to take them out. And now come, I will send you into Egypt" (See Exodus 3:3-10). ³⁵This Moses whom they had refused, saying, Who made you a ruler and judge?—this one God sent *as* ruler and deliverer, by the hand of the Angel who appeared to him in the bush. ³⁶This one led them out, after working wonders and miracles in the land of Egypt and in the Red Sea and in the wilderness forty years.

³⁷This is the Moses who said to the sons of Israel, *The* Lord your God will raise up a Prophet to you from among your brothers, *One* like me. You shall hear Him. ³⁸This is he who was in the con-grē-gā'-tion in the wilderness with the Angel who spoke to him in Mount Sinai and with our fathers. *This is he* who received living words to give to us—³⁹to whom our fathers would not be obedient. But they pushed him away and turned their hearts back to Egypt, ⁴⁰saying to Aaron, Make us gods who will go before us—for we do not know what has happened to this

Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt. ⁴¹And they made a calf in those days and offered sacrifice to the idol and rejoiced in the works of their hands. ⁴²But God turned and delivered them up to serve the bodies of the sky, as it has been written in the book of the Prophets, "Did you offer slain beasts and sacrifices to Me forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? ⁴³And you took up the tent of Moloch [Mō'-lock] and the star of your god Remphan [Rēm'-fän] — the figures which you made to worship them — and I will remove you beyond Babylon" (See AMOS 5:25). ⁴⁴But the tabernacle of witness was among our fathers in the wilderness, as He who spoke to Moses commanded him to make it according to the pattern which he had seen. ⁴⁵This *tabernacle* our fathers received in turn, bringing it in with Joshua when they took possession of the nations which God drove out from before the face of our fathers — until the days of David, ⁴⁶who found favor before God. And *he* asked to find a tabernacle for the God of Jacob, ⁴⁷but Solomon built Him a house.

⁴⁸But the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands — as the prophet says, ⁴⁹"Heaven is My throne, and earth is a footstool for My feet. What house will you build Me? says *the* Lord, or, Where is the place of My rest? ⁵⁰Has My hand not made all these things?" (See ISAIAH 66:1). ⁵¹O you stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always hold back against the Holy Spirit. As your fathers *were*, so *are* you. ⁵²Which one of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed the ones who preached before concerning the coming of the Just One — of whom you now have become betrayers and murderers! — ⁵³*you* who received the Law through orders of angels, and did not keep it.

⁵⁴And hearing these things they were cut to their hearts and gnashed their teeth at him. ⁵⁵But being full of *the* Holy Spirit, looking into Heaven he saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶*He* said, Behold! I see the heavens opened and the Son of man standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁷And crying out with a loud voice, they held their ears and rushed upon him with one mind. ⁵⁸And throwing him out of the city, they stoned him. And the witnesses laid their clothes at the feet of a young man called Saul. ⁵⁹And they stoned Stephen praying, saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. ⁶⁰Moreover, kneeling down, he cried with a loud voice, Lord, do not lay this sin to them. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

CHAPTER 8

¹And Saul was agreeing to his death. And there came on that day a great persecution against the church which was in Jerusalem. And they were all scattered throughout the countries of Judea and Sā-mâr'-î-ā, except the apostles. ²And devout men buried Stephen and made great

lamentation over him. ³But Saul was ravaging the church. Entering house by house and dragging men and women, *he* delivered them up to prison.

⁴Therefore, they who had been scattered went everywhere preaching the Gospel, the Word. ⁵And Philip, going down to a city of Sā-mār'-ī-ā, preached Christ to them. ⁶And the people with one accord listened to the things spoken by Philip, when they heard and saw the miracles which he did. ⁷For unclean spirits came out from many of those who were possessed, crying with a loud voice. And many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. ⁸And there was great joy in that city.

⁹But a certain man, named Simon, had been using magic arts in the city before, and had been amazing the nation of Sā-mār'-ī-ā, declaring himself to be someone great. ¹⁰To whom they were all listening, both the small and the great, saying, This is the power of God, which *is* great. ¹¹And they were giving attention to him because for a long time he had amazed them with the magic arts. ¹²But when they believed Philip preaching the Gospel—the things about the kingdom of God, and the name of Jesus Christ—they were baptized, both men and women. ¹³And Simon himself also believed. And when he had been baptized, he continued to follow Philip. And seeing miracles and great works of power being done, he was amazed. ¹⁴And when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Sā-mār'-ī-ā had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. ¹⁵And they, when they had come, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit—¹⁶for as yet He had fallen upon none of them, but they had only been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷Then they laid hands upon them, and they received *the* Holy Spirit.

¹⁸And when Simon saw that the Holy Spirit was given through the laying on of the hands of the apostles, he offered them money, ¹⁹saying, Give me also this power, that on whomever I may lay hands, he may receive *the* Holy Spirit. ²⁰But Peter said to him, May your money be destroyed with you, because you thought the gift of God could be gotten by money. ²¹You have neither part nor lot in this matter, for your heart is not right in the sight of God. ²²Repent therefore of this your wickedness and pray God if indeed the thought of your heart may be forgiven to you. ²³For I see that you are in the gall of bitterness and the bond of iniquity. ²⁴And Simon answering them said, Pray to the Lord on my behalf, so that none of these things of which you have spoken may come upon me. ²⁵Then when they had testified and preached the word of the Lord, they returned to Jerusalem. And they preached the Gospel in many villages of the Sā-mār'-ī-tāns.

²⁶And an angel of *the* Lord spoke to Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south, on the way which goes down from Jerusalem to Gā'-zā

(the same is desert). ²⁷And rising up, he went. And behold! an Ēth-ī-ō'-pī-ān man, a eū'-nūch, one in power under Cān'-dā-cē the queen of the Ē-thī-ō'-pī-āns, who was over all her treasure, who had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸and was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Ī-sā'-ī-āh. ²⁹And the Spirit said to Philip, Go near and join yourself to this chariot. ³⁰And running near to him, Philip heard him reading the prophet Ī-sā'-ī-āh, and said, Do you then know what you read? ³¹And he said, How could I unless someone should guide me? And he asked Philip to come up to sit with him. ³²And the passage of the Scripture which he was reading was this, "He was led as a sheep to slaughter, and as a lamb dumb before his shearer, so He does not open His mouth. ³³In His humiliation His judgment was taken away, and who shall declare His generation? for His life is taken from the earth" (See ISALAH 53:7). ³⁴And the eunuch answering to Philip said, I pray you, about whom does the prophet say this? about himself, or about some other? ³⁵And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached to him the Gospel of Jesus.

³⁶And as they were going along the way, they came upon a certain water, and the eunuch says, Behold! Water! What keeps me from being baptized? ³⁷And Philip said, *If you believe from the whole heart, it is lawful. And answering he said, I believe Jesus Christ to be the Son of God.* ³⁸And he commanded the chariot to stand still, and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch, and he baptized him. ³⁹And when they came up out of the water, *the Spirit of the Lord* took Philip away, so that the eunuch saw him no more, for he went his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰And Philip was found at Ā-zō'-tūs, and passing through he preached the Gospel to all the cities until he came to Caesarea [Sēe-zā-rē'-ā].

CHAPTER 9

¹But Saul, still breathing out threatenings and murder against the Lord's disciples, went to the high priest ²asking for letters from him to the synagogues at Dā-mās'-cūs, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring *them* bound to Jerusalem. ³But in going, he drew near to Dā-mās'-cūs, and suddenly a light from heaven shone round about him. ⁴And he fell down on the ground and heard a voice saying to him, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me? ⁵And he said, Who are you, lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom you persecute. *It is hard for you to kick against the goads.* ⁶And trembling and amazed, he said, Lord, What wilt Thou have me to do? And the Lord *said* to him, Get up and go into the city and you will be told what you should do. ⁷But the men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing indeed the voice, but seeing no one. ⁸And Saul rose up from the ground, and his eyes being opened, he saw no one. But lead-

ing him by the hand, they brought him to Dă-măs'-cūs. ⁹And he was three days without seeing and did not eat or drink.

¹⁰And there was a certain disciple in Dă-măs'-cus, named Ān-ā-nī'-ās. And the Lord said to him in a vision, Ān-ā-nī'-ās! And he said, Behold me, Lord. ¹¹And the Lord *said* to him, Get up! go into the street called *Straight Street* and ask in the house of Judas for one named Saul of Tār'-sūs: for behold, he prays. ¹²And he has seen in a vision a man named Ān-ā-nī'-ās coming in and putting a hand upon him, so that he might see. ¹³And Ān-ā-nī'-ās answered, Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how many evils he has done to Thy saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to chain all who call upon Thy name. ¹⁵And the Lord said to him, Go! for this man is a chosen vessel unto Me, to bear My name before nations and kings and *the* sons of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for My name. ¹⁷And Ān-ā-nī'-ās went away and entered into the house. And laying his hands on him, he said, Brother Saul, the Lord has sent me — Jesus who appeared to you in the way in which you came — in order that you might receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he instantly saw again.

And rising up, *he* was baptized. ¹⁹And taking food, he was strengthened. And Saul was with the disciples at Dă-măs'-cūs certain days. ²⁰And immediately he preached Christ in the synagogues, that He is the Son of God. ²¹And all those who heard were amazed and said, Is this not he who destroyed those who called on this Name in Jerusalem? and *who* had come here for this, that he might bring them chained to the chief priests? ²²But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Dă-măs'-cūs, proving *to them* that this is the Christ. ²³Now when many days were fulfilled, the Jews plotted together to kill him. ²⁴But their plot became known to Saul. They were also watching the gates both day and night, so that they might kill him. ²⁵But the disciples, taking him by night, let him down through the wall, lowering him in a basket.

²⁶And after Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join himself to the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. ²⁷But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles and told them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that He spoke to him — and how he had spoken boldly in Dă-măs'-cūs in the name of Jesus. ²⁸And he was with them, coming in and going out in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus. ²⁹And he spoke and reasoned with the Hellenists; but they undertook to kill him. ³⁰But when the brothers knew it, *they* brought him down to Caē-sā-rē'-ā, and sent him away to Tār'-sūs. ³¹Then indeed the churches through all of Judea

and Galilee and Sā-mâr'-î-ă had peace — being built up and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, *they* were multiplied.

³²Now it came to pass that Peter, passing through all *the places*, went down also to the saints that lived at Lÿd'-dă. ³³And he found there a certain man named Ē-nē'-ās, who had been lying on a bed for eight years, being paralyzed. ³⁴And Peter said to him, Ē-nē'-ās, Jesus the Christ heals you! Get up and spread *a bed* for yourself. And he rose up immediately. ³⁵And all of those living in Lÿd'-dă and Sâr'-ōn saw him and turned to the Lord.

³⁶And there was a certain disciple at Jop'-pă named Tăb'-î-thă (which means she was called Dôr'-căs). She was full of good works and of kind-hearted acts which she did. ³⁷And it happened in those days that she became sick and died. And after they had bathed her, they put her in an upper room. ³⁸And as Lÿd'-dă was near to Jöp'-pă, *and* the disciples had heard that Peter was there, they sent two men to him asking him to come to them without delay. ³⁹And Peter rose up and went with them. When he had come, they brought him into the upper room. And all the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing coats and clothes which Dorcas was making with them. ⁴⁰But Peter put them all out and kneeled down and prayed. Then turning to the body, he said, Tăb'-î-thă, Arise! And she opened her eyes, and, seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹And he gave her his hand and raised her up, and when he had called the saints and the widows back, he showed her alive. ⁴²And it became known throughout all Jöp'-pă, and many believed on the Lord. ⁴³And it came to pass that he stayed many days in Jöp'-pă with a certain tanner named Simon.

CHAPTER 10

¹And there was a certain man in Caē-sā-rē'-ă named Cornelius, a captain of the Italian Band. ²*He was* pious and feared God with all his house, doing also many good deeds unto the people, and praying to God continually. ³About the ninth hour of the day he saw in a vision plainly an angel of God coming to him, and saying to him, Cornelius! ⁴And when he looked earnestly on him, he was afraid and said, What is it, lord? And he said to him, Your prayers and your charity have come up for a memorial before God. ⁵And now send men to Joppa, and send for Simon whose last name is Peter. ⁶He stays with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by *the* sea. He shall tell you what you ought to do. ⁷And when the angel who spoke to Cornelius went away, he called two of his servants and a pious soldier from among those who always waited on him. ⁸And after he told them all things, he sent them to Joppa.

⁹And on the next day, as these *men* were traveling and drawing near to the city, Peter went up on the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour. ¹⁰And he became very hungry and wanted to eat. But as they were making ready, a trance fell upon him, ¹¹and he saw heaven opened up. And *he saw* a certain vessel coming down upon him, like a great sheet bound by *the* four corners. And *it was* let down on the earth, ¹²in which were all kinds of four-footed animals of the earth and the wild beasts, and creeping things, and the birds of the sky. ¹³And a voice came to him *saying*, Get up, Peter, kill, and eat. ¹⁴But Peter said, Oh no, Lord, for I never have eaten anything common or unclean. ¹⁵And a voice *came* again the second time to him *saying*, What God has made clean, you do not make common. ¹⁶And this took place three times, and *then* the vessel was again taken up into heaven. ¹⁷And even as Peter was bewildered as to what the vision which he saw might mean, then behold! the men who were sent from Cornelius (having asked for the house of Simon), stood at the gate. ¹⁸And *they* called out asking if Simon, whose last name was Peter, was staying there.

¹⁹And even while Peter thought upon the vision, the Spirit said to him, Behold! three men are looking for you. ²⁰But arise and go down and go with them, doubting nothing, for I have sent them. ²¹And Peter went down to the men who were sent to him from Cornelius, and said, Behold! I am he whom you seek. Why did you come? ²²And they said, Cornelius, a captain, a righteous and God-fearing man, also one well spoken of by all the nation of the Jews, was warned by a holy angel to send for you *to come* to his house, and to hear words from you. ²³Then he called them in, and lodged them. And on the next day Peter went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa went with him. ²⁴And on the next day they entered Caē-sā-rē'-ā. And Cornelius was expecting them, having called together his close friends and relatives. ²⁵And as Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him, falling down at his feet, worshipping. ²⁶But Peter raised him up, saying, Stand up, I myself also am a man.

²⁷And talking with him he went in, and he found many gathered together. ²⁸And he said to them, You know that it is not lawful for a Jewish man to go with or come near to one of another race. But God taught me not to call any man common or unclean. ²⁹Therefore when I was sent for, I came without doubt. I ask, therefore, for what reason did you send for me? ³⁰And Cornelius said, Four days ago until this hour, I was fasting, and *at* the ninth hour praying in my house, and behold! a man stood in front of me in bright clothing ³¹and said, Cornelius, your prayer was heard and your kind-hearted deeds were remembered before God. ³²Therefore send to Joppa, and call for Simon, whose last name is Peter. He is staying in Simon's house, a tanner, by the sea. When he comes, he

will speak to you. ³³Therefore, I immediately sent to you, and you did well to come. Now then we are all present before God to hear all things that God has commanded you. ³⁴And Peter, opening his mouth said, Of a truth I see that God is not a respecter of persons, ³⁵but in every nation he who fears Him and works righteousness is acceptable to Him. ³⁶The word which He sent to the sons of Israel, preaching the Gospel, peace by Jesus Christ — He is Lord of all — you know. ³⁷*It is* the message which came throughout all Judea, having begun from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: ³⁸How that God anointed Jesus (who *was* from Nazareth) with the Holy Spirit and with power. *He* went about doing good and healing all that were pressed down by the devil, because God was with Him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all things which He did, both in the country of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they killed *by* hanging *Him* on a tree. ⁴⁰This One God raised up on the third day and revealed Him to be seen, ⁴¹not to all the people, but to witnesses who had been chosen before by God — even to us who ate with Him and drank with Him after He had risen from among *the* dead. ⁴²And He commanded us to preach to the people and to fully testify that it is He who has been appointed by God to be the Judge of living and dead. ⁴³All the prophets bear witness to Him, that through His name everyone that believes on Him receives remission of sins.

⁴⁴Even while Peter was speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those hearing the word. ⁴⁵And those of the circumcision-believers (those who came with Peter) were amazed that the gift of the Holy Spirit had also been poured out upon the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they heard them speaking with languages and magnifying God. Then Peter answered, ⁴⁷Can anyone forbid water, that these should not be baptized who have received the Holy Spirit even as we also? ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord. Then they begged him to stay certain days.

CHAPTER 11

¹And the apostles and brothers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles received the word of God also. ²And when Peter went up to Jerusalem, they of the circumcision contended with him, ³saying, You went in to men not circumcised and ate with them. ⁴But Peter began explaining to them in order, saying, ⁵I was in the city of Joppa praying. And in a trance I saw a vision of a certain vessel like a great sheet coming down, lowered by *its* four corners out of heaven. And it came as far as me. ⁶Looking into *it*, I considered, and I saw the four-footed animals of the earth, and the wild beasts, and the creeping things, and the birds of the sky. ⁷And I heard a voice saying to me, Arise, Peter! kill and eat. ⁸But I said, Not so, Lord! for nothing common or unclean has entered my mouth. ⁹But a voice answered me the second time out of heaven,

What God made clean, you do not make common. ¹⁰And this took place three times, and all was again drawn up into the sky. ¹¹And behold! immediately three men stood at the house where I was, having been sent from Caē-sā-rē'-ā to me.

¹²And the Spirit said for me to go with them, doubting nothing. And these six brothers also went with me, and we entered into the house of the man. ¹³And he told us how he saw the angel standing in his house and saying to him, Send men to Joppa, and send for Simon, who is surnamed Peter. ¹⁴He shall speak words to you whereby you and all your house shall be saved. ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them also, even as upon us in *the* beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of *the* Lord, how He said, John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with *the* Holy Spirit. ¹⁷If then God gave the same gift to them as also to us, when we had believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to be able to withstand God? ¹⁸And hearing these things, they were silent and glorified God, saying, Then truly God gave repentance unto life to the Gentiles also.

¹⁹Then, indeed, they who were scattered abroad by the pēr-sē-cū'-tion that took place over Stephen passed through to Phenicia [Fē-nish'-ya], and Cyprus, and Antioch, preaching the word to no one except to Jews only. ²⁰But certain ones of them were men of Cyprus and Cŷ-rē-nē who, coming into Antioch, spoke to the Greek-speaking Jews, preaching the Gospel of the Lord Jesus. ²¹And *the* hand of *the* Lord was with them, and a great number turned to the Lord, believing.

²²And the news about them was heard in the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem. And they sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch. ²³He rejoiced when he had come and had seen the grace of God and encouraged them all to cleave to the Lord with purpose of heart. ²⁴For he was a good man and full of *the* Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great multitude was added to the Lord. ²⁵And Barnabas went out to Tarsus to look for Saul, ²⁶and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And it came to pass that they gathered together in the church a whole year and taught a great multitude. And the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.

²⁷And in these days prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸And one rising up from among them (named Āg'-ā-būs), he showed by the Spirit that a great famine was about to be over the whole world — which also came to pass in the time of Claudius Caesar. ²⁹And every one of the disciples decided to send relief to the brothers living in Judea, as much as anyone was able — ³⁰which they also did, sending *it* to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

CHAPTER 12

¹And at that time Herod the king put forward his hands to do evil to some of those of the church. ²And he killed James, the brother of John, with the sword. ³And seeing that it was pleasing to the Jews, he went further to lay hold on Peter too. And then were the days of unleavened bread. ⁴When *he* had caught *Peter* too, he put *him* in prison, delivering him to four sets of four soldiers each to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵Then, indeed, Peter was kept in the prison, but fervent prayer for him was made by the church unto God. ⁶But when Herod was about to bring him out, in the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and guards were keeping the prison in front of the *cell* door.

⁷And behold! an angel of *the* Lord stood by, and a light shone in the building. And hitting Peter on the side, he wakened him, saying, Get up quickly! And the chains fell off from *his* hands, and the angel said to him, Dress yourself, and put on your sandals — and he did so. ⁸And he says to him, Put your robe around *you* and follow me. ⁹And he followed him, going out. And *he* did not realize this which was happening by means of the angel was really true, but thought he saw a vision. ¹⁰And passing through the first guard, and the second, they came to the iron gate that leads into the city, which opened to them of its own accord. And going out, they went on through one street, and suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹Now coming to himself, Peter said, Now I know truly that the Lord sent out His angel and delivered me out of *the* hand of Herod and *from* all the hope of the people of the Jews.

¹²And considering *it*, he came to the house of Mary the mother of John, who is surnamed Mark, where many were gathered together and praying. ¹³And when Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a girl named Rhoda came to see who was at the door. ¹⁴And recognizing the voice of Peter, she did not open the gate for pure joy. But running inside she told them of Peter standing in front of the gate. ¹⁵But they said to her, You are crazy. But she insisted it was so. And they said, It is his angel. ¹⁶But Peter still kept on knocking. And when they opened up, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷But waving to them with his hand to be silent, he told them how the Lord brought him out of the prison. And he said, Go tell these things to James, and to the brothers. And going out, he went into another place.

¹⁸And day coming, there was no small stir among the soldiers. What then had become of Peter? ¹⁹And Herod, after searching for him and not finding him, examined the guards. And he commanded *them* to be led away to *death*. And going down from Judea to Caē-sā-rē'-ā, he stayed *there*. ²⁰And Herod was bitterly displeased with the Ty'-rī-āns

and Sī-dō'-nī-āns. But they (having made a friend of Blastus, who was over the bedchamber of the king) came to *Herod* all together and sought peace, because their country was fed by the king's *country*. ²¹And on an appointed day, Herod *was* dressed up in royal clothing and was sitting upon the throne, making a speech to them. ²²And the people were crying out, *It is* the voice of a god, and not of a man! ²³But immediately an angel of *the* Lord struck him because he did not give the glory to God. And he died, being eaten of worms.

²⁴But the word of God grew and multiplied. ²⁵And Barnabas and Saul came back from Jerusalem, having completed their mission, taking with them John also, who was surnamed Mark.

CHAPTER 13

¹Now there were certain prophets and teachers there in the church in Antioch: Both Barnabas and Simeon (who was called Niger), and Lucius the Cy-rēn'-ī-ān, and Mān'-ā-ēn (the foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch), and Saul. ²And as they were doing service to the Lord, and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, Now separate both Barnabas and Saul to Me, for the work to which I have called them. ³Then when they had fasted and prayed and had laid hands on them, they let *them* go. ⁴Then they went down to Seleucia [Sē-loose'-yā], having been truly sent forth by the Holy Spirit, and from there sailed away to Cyprus. ⁵And coming into Sāl'-ā-mus, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they also had John *as* a minister.

⁶And passing through the island as far as Paphos [Pāy'-foss], they found a certain magician (a false prophet—a Jew whose name was Bār-jē'-sūs) ⁷who was with the governor, Ser'-gī-ūs Paul'-ūs, an intelligent man. *He* called Barnabas and Saul to *him*, asking to hear the word of God. ⁸But there Ēl'-y-mās the magician (for so is the meaning of his name) withstood them, wanting to turn away the governor from the faith. ⁹But Saul (*who is* also Paul), being filled with *the* Holy Spirit, and fastening his eyes on him, ¹⁰said, O son of *the* devil, full of all guile and all cunning, enemy of all righteousness, will you not stop perverting the right ways of *the* Lord? ¹¹And now behold! *the* hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for some time. And immediately a mist and darkness fell upon him, and he went about asking some to lead him by the hand. ¹²Then seeing what had happened, the governor believed, being gladly amazed at the teaching of the Lord.

¹³Paul and those with *him* sailed from Pā'-phōs and came to Perga of Pamphylia [Pām-fīl'-ī-ā]. And John left them and returned to Jerusalem. ¹⁴But after passing through from Perga, they came to Antioch of Pisidia. And going into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, they sat

down. ¹⁵And after the reading of the Law and the Prophets, the rulers of the synagogue sent to them, saying, Men! Brothers! if there is among you a word of encouragement to the people, say on. ¹⁶And Paul rose up and made a signal with his hand, saying, Men! Israelites! and those fearing God, listen! ¹⁷The God of this people Israel chose out our fathers, and lifted up the people in their stay in the land of Egypt. And *He* brought them out of it with a high arm, ¹⁸and He endured their manners about *the* time of forty years in the desert. ¹⁹And having destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, He gave their land to them by lot. ²⁰And after these things, about four hundred and fifty years, He gave judges until Samuel the prophet. ²¹And then they asked for a king, and God gave Saul to them, *the* son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for forty years. ²²And after taking him away, He raised up David for their king—to whom also He witnessed and said, I found David the son of Jesse a man according to My own heart, who shall do all My will. ²³Of the seed of this man, according to promise, God raised up a Saviour unto Israel, Jesus—²⁴after John had first preached a baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel before His coming. ²⁵And as John was finishing his course, he said, Who do you think that I am? I am not *He!* but behold! He comes after me, of whom I am not worthy to loose the sandal of His feet.

²⁶Men! Brothers! sons of the race of Abraham, and those among you fearing God! To you was the word of this salvation sent. ²⁷For those living in Jerusalem and their rulers, not knowing Him, nor the voices of the prophets who are being read on every Sabbath, they have fulfilled *them* in condemning *Him*. ²⁸And no one finding any cause of death *in Him*, they begged Pilate to put Him to death. ²⁹And when they finished all things that had been written about Him, taking Him down from the tree, they laid Him in a tomb. ³⁰But God raised Him from among *the* dead, ³¹and *He* was seen for many days by those who came up with Him from Galilee to Jerusalem—who are His witnesses to the people.

³²And we preach to you the Gospel, the promise made to the fathers, ³³that God has fulfilled this to us, their children, having raised up Jesus. As it has been written in the second Psalm also, “Thou art My Son. Today have I begotten Thee” (See PSALM 2:7). ³⁴And that He raised Him from among *the* dead, never more to return to corruption, He spoke in this way: “I will give unto you the sure mercies of David” (See ISAIAH 55:3). ³⁵Therefore He also says in another, “Thou wilt not allow Thy Holy One to see corruption” (See PSALM 16:10). ³⁶For after serving his own generation by the will of God, David died and was added to his fathers, and did see corruption. ³⁷But He whom God raised up did not see corruption! ³⁸Be it known to you, therefore, Men, Brothers, that through this One is remission of sins preached. ³⁹And in Him everyone who be-

lieves is justified from all things from which you were not able to be justified by the law of Moses.

⁴⁰Take care, therefore, that it may not come upon you which has been spoken in the prophets — ⁴¹“Behold, you despisers! and wonder and perish, for I work a work in your days, a work which you in no way would believe, *not even* if one should declare it to you” (See HABAKKUK 1:5). ⁴²But after the Jews left the synagogue, the Gentiles asked that these words be spoken to them on the next Sabbath. ⁴³And after the synagogue had broken up, many of the Jews and the devoted converts followed Paul and Barnabas — who, speaking to them, persuaded them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴And on the coming Sabbath, almost all the city was gathered together to hear the word of God. ⁴⁵But seeing the multitudes, the Jews were filled with envy and denied the things spoken by Paul, opposing and blaspheming. ⁴⁶But speaking boldly, Paul and Barnabas said, *It was right that the word of God should be spoken to you first, but because you thrust it away, and you do not judge yourselves worthy of everlasting life, behold! we turn to the Gentiles.* ⁴⁷For so the Lord has commanded us: “I have set Thee for a light of *the* Gentiles, that Thou *mightest* be for salvation to the uttermost part of the earth” (See ISAIAH 49:6).

⁴⁸And the Gentiles hearing *this* rejoiced and glorified the word of the Lord — and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹And the word of the Lord was spread abroad through all that country. ⁵⁰But the Jews stirred up the devoted and honorable women, and the chief men of the city, and raised a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and they expelled them out of their borders. ⁵¹But shaking off the dust of their feet against them, they came to Iconium [Ī-kō'-nī-ŭm]. ⁵²And the disciples were filled with joy and *the* Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER 14

¹And it came to pass that they entered together into the synagogue of the Jews in Iconium and spoke so that a great multitude believed, both of Jews and Grecian Jews. ²But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the souls of the Gentiles, making them evil-hearted against the brethren. ³Therefore they stayed a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who bore witness to the word of His grace, giving miracles and wonders to be done through their hands.

⁴And the multitude of the city was divided, and some were with the Jews, and some with the apostles. ⁵And when there was an attack of both the Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, in order to abuse and to stone them, ⁶they became aware of *it* and escaped to the cities of Ly-

caonia [Lÿ-kāy-ō'-nī-äh], Lystra [Līs'-trā], and Derbe, and the country round about. ⁷And there they were preaching the Gospel.

⁸And a certain man sat in Lystra powerless in the feet, being lame from his mother's womb, who had never walked. ⁹This man heard Paul speaking: who, fastening his eyes upon him, and seeing that he had faith to be healed, ¹⁰said with a loud voice, Stand up on your feet! And he jumped up and walked. ¹¹And the people, seeing what Paul did, lifted up their voice in the Lycaonian [Lÿ-kāy-ōwn'-yän] language, saying, The gods have become like men and have come down to us. ¹²And Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul, Hermes, because he was the leader in speaking.

¹³And the priest of Zeus, who was before the city, bringing up oxen and garlands to the gates, along with the people, wanted to sacrifice. ¹⁴And hearing *this*, Barnabas and Paul tore their clothes and rushed into the crowd, crying out ¹⁵and saying, Men! why do you do these things? We also are men with feelings like you, preaching the Gospel to you in order to turn you from these worthless things to the living God—who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all the things in them—¹⁶who in the past ages allowed all the nations to go on in their own ways, ¹⁷although He truly did not leave Himself without witness, doing good *by* giving rains from Heaven to us, and fruitful seasons, and filling our hearts with food and gladness. ¹⁸And saying these things, they barely stopped the people from sacrificing to them.

¹⁹But Jews from Antioch and Ī-cō'-nī-ūm came there, and having persuaded the people, they stoned Paul and drew him outside the city, supposing him to have died. ²⁰But the disciples gathered around him, and he rose up and went into the city. And on the next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹And having preached the Gospel to that city, and having taught many, they returned again to Lystra and Iconium and Antioch—²²confirming the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and that through many afflictions we must enter into the kingdom of God. ²³And after electing elders for them in every church, and praying, with fastings, they gave them to the Lord, on whom they had believed. ²⁴And passing through Pī-sīd'-i-ā, they came to Pamphylia [Pām-fill'-i-ā], ²⁵and after they had spoken the word in Perga, they came down to Āt-tā'-lī-ā. ²⁶And from there they sailed to Antioch, from where they had been delivered up to the grace of God for the work which they had completed. ²⁷And having come and gathered together the church, they reported all that God did with them, and that He opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸And they stayed there for some time with the disciples.

CHAPTER 15

¹And certain ones who had come down from Judea were teaching the brothers, *saying*, Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved. ²Therefore, after an uproar had taken place, and not a little discussion by Paul and Barnabas with them, they appointed Paul and Barnabas, and certain others from among them, to go up to the apostles and elders in Jerusalem about this question. ³Then, indeed, having been sent forward by the church, they passed through Phenicia [Fē-nish'-yā] and Samaria telling of the conversion of the Gentiles. And they caused great joy to all the brothers. ⁴And coming to Jerusalem, they were welcomed gladly by the church and the apostles and the elders. And they made known all that God did with them.

⁵And there rose up certain of those of the sect of the Pharisees who believed, saying, It is only right to circumcise them and command *them* to keep the law of Moses. ⁶And the apostles and the elders were gathered together to see about this matter. ⁷And after there had been much talk, rising up, Peter said to them, Men! Brothers! you know that from early days from among us God chose that the Gentiles were to hear the word of the Gospel by my mouth, and to believe. ⁸And the heart-knowing God bore witness to them, giving to them the Holy Spirit, even as also to us. ⁹And *also He* put no difference between us and them, for He had made their hearts pure by faith. ¹⁰Now, therefore, why do you tempt God, to put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples? *a yoke* which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? ¹¹But we believe through the grace of *the* Lord Jesus Christ, to be saved in the same manner as they also.

¹²And all the multitude kept silence and heard Barnabas and Paul telling what miracles and wonders God did among the Gentiles by them. ¹³And after they were silent, James answered, saying, Men! Brothers! hear me. ¹⁴Simon *Peter* has said how God at first looked out in order to take out of the Gentiles a people for His name. ¹⁵And with this agree the words of the prophets: as it has been written, ¹⁶“After these things I will return and will build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen; and the ruins of it I will build again, and will set it up, ¹⁷so that the men who are left may seek out the Lord, and all the Gentiles upon whom My name has been called, says the Lord, who is doing all these things” (See AMOS 9:11, 12). ¹⁸All His works are known unto God from eternity. ¹⁹Therefore I judge: *We are* not to trouble those who from the Gentiles turn to God; ²⁰but to write to them to abstain from the unclean things of the idols and from fornication and from things strangled and from blood. ²¹For Moses from ages past has those preaching him in the synagogues, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath.

²²Then it seemed good to the apostles and to the elders, with the whole church, to send men chosen from among them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. *They sent* Judas (whose last name was Barsabas) and Silas, chief men among the brothers, ²³writing thus by their hand: The apostles and the elders and the brothers to *those* in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia. Brothers from among the Gentiles, greeting: ²⁴Inasmuch as we have heard that certain ones who went forth from us troubled you by words, unsettling your souls, saying, Be circumcised and keep the Law — to whom we gave no command — ²⁵it seemed good to us, having come together with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul — ²⁶men who have given up their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, and they by word will tell *you* the same things. ²⁸For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay no further burden upon you than these necessary things: ²⁹to abstain from things sacrificed to idols and from blood and from what is strangled and from fornication, from which if you keep yourselves, you will do well. Farewell.

³⁰They, therefore, being let go, went to Antioch. And gathering the multitude together, *they* delivered the letter. ³¹And having read *it*, they rejoiced at the comfort. ³²And Judas and Silas also, being themselves prophets, encouraged the brethren through much discussion and strengthened *them*. ³³And after some time had passed, they were let go in peace from the brothers to the apostles. ³⁴But it seemed good to Silas to stay there. ³⁵And Paul and Barnabas stayed in Antioch, with many others also, teaching and preaching the Gospel, the word of the Lord.

³⁶But after some days Paul said to Barnabas, Now then, let us go back and search out our brothers in every city in which we have preached the word of the Lord, *to see* how they are. ³⁷And Barnabas planned to take John, the *one* called Mark. ³⁸But Paul did not think it good to take him who withdrew from them from Päm-phyl'-i-ä and did not go with them to the work. ³⁹Therefore there arose a sharp fit of anger so that they parted from one another. And Barnabas, taking Mark, sailed to Cyprus. ⁴⁰But Paul, choosing Silas, went forth after being commended to the grace of God by the brothers. ⁴¹And he went through Syria and Cilicia [Sy-lish'-yă], making the churches strong.

CHAPTER 16

¹And he came to Dēr'-bē and Lystra [Liss'-träh]. And behold! a certain disciple was there, named Timothy (*the* son of a certain woman who was a believing Jewess, but *his* father *was* a Greek). ²*He* was well reported of by the brothers in Lys'-trä and Ī-cōn'-i-üm. ³Paul wanted this one to go with him, and he took and circumcised him on account of

the Jews who were in those places—for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

⁴And as they were passing through the cities, they delivered to them the commandments to keep, *those* decided on by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem. ⁵Then, truly, the churches were made stronger in the faith and increased in number every day. ⁶And having passed through Phryg'-i-ā and the country of Galatia [Gā-lāy'-shāh], they were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in Asia. ⁷After coming down to Mysia [Mīsh'-yāh] they were trying to go on to Bithynia [Bī-thīn'-yāh], but the Spirit did not allow them. ⁸And passing by Mys'-i-ā, they came down to Trō'-ās. ⁹And a vision appeared to Paul during the night: A certain man of Macedonia [Māss-ē-dō'-nī-āh] was standing and calling to him, saying, Cross over into Māc-ē-dō'-nī-ā! Help us! ¹⁰And when he saw the vision, we immediately tried to go into Māc-ē-dō'-nī-ā, feeling sure that the Lord had called us to preach the Gospel to them.

¹¹Therefore, after sailing from Trō'-ās, we came with a straight course to Samothracia [Sām-ō-thrāy'-shāh]. And on the next day *we came* to Nē-ā'-pō-lis, ¹²and from there to Philippi [Fill'-īp-pī], which is the chief city of *that* part of Māc-ē-dō'-nī-ā, a colony. And we were staying in this city for some days. ¹³And on the day of the Sabbath, we went outside the city by a river, where it was the custom for prayer to be made. And sitting down, we spoke to the women who came together there. ¹⁴And a certain woman, named Lydia [Līd'-yāh], a seller of purple *cloth*—who was from the city of Thy-ā-tī'-rā—who worshipped God, was listening: whose heart the Lord opened in order to pay attention to the things spoken by Paul. ¹⁵And when she was baptized, and her household, she appealed to *us*, saying, If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house and stay. And she compelled us.

¹⁶And it came to pass as we were going to prayer, a certain young girl met us—*one* who had a spirit which could divine things, who brought much gain to her masters by divining. ¹⁷Following Paul and us, she cried out, saying, These men are servants of the Most High God, who show to us the way of salvation. ¹⁸And this she did for many days. But Paul, being grieved, turning to the spirit said, I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And it came out the same hour. ¹⁹And seeing that the hope of their gain was gone, her masters caught Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market place before the rulers. ²⁰And bringing them up to the judges, they said, These men, who are Jews, trouble our city, ²¹and they teach customs which it is not lawful for us to receive nor to do, being Romans. ²²And the multitude rose up together against them. And the judges, after tearing their clothes off them, commanded *them* to be beaten with rods. ²³And after they laid on them many stripes, they threw them into prison, warning

the jailor to keep them safely. ²⁴After getting such a warning, he shoved them into the inner prison and fastened their feet to the wood *stocks*.

²⁵And towards midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners listened to them. ²⁶Then suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened and all of the bonds were loosened. ²⁷And the jailor being awakened out of sleep, and seeing the doors of the prison opened, drawing a sword was about to kill himself — supposing the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸But Paul called out with a loud voice saying, Do no harm to yourself! for we are all here. ²⁹And he, after he had called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling in front of Paul and Silas.

³⁰And after he had brought them out, he said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? ³¹And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved, you and your household. ³²And they spoke to him the word of the Lord, and to all those in his household. ³³And taking them in that hour of the night, he washed *dirt* from the stripes. And he and all *who were* his were baptized at once. ³⁴And bringing them into his own house, he laid a table *for them*, and rejoiced with all *his* household, having believed in God.

³⁵And when day had come, the judges sent the floggers saying, Let those men go. ³⁶And the jailor spoke these words to Paul, The judges have sent that you may be set free. Now, then, when you have gone out, go in peace. ³⁷But Paul said to them, After they had beaten us publicly, who are Romans and not found guilty, they threw *us* into prison — and now they secretly throw us out! No indeed! But let them come themselves and bring us out. ³⁸And the floggers reported these words to the judges. And when they heard that they were Romans, they were afraid. ³⁹They came and appealed to them, and bringing them out they begged *them* to go out of the city. ⁴⁰And after going forth out of the prison, they came to Lÿd'-i-ă's, and having seen the brothers, they comforted them, and went away.

CHAPTER 17

¹And after they had traveled through Ām-phīp'-ō-lis and Āp-ōl-lō'-nī-ā, they came to Thēss-ā-lō-nī'-cā, where the Jews' synagogue was. ²And according to the custom with Paul, he went in to *talk* to them. And for three sabbaths he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, ³opening and setting out that the Christ must needs have suffered and to have risen from among *the* dead — and that this Jesus whom I preach unto you is the Christ.

⁴And some of them were persuaded, and joined themselves to Paul and Silas. And a great many of the Greeks who worshipped, and quite a few of the leading women *were persuaded*. ⁵But the unbelieving Jews, becoming jealous, and taking some evil men from the market-loafers, collected a crowd and set the city in an uproar. And after setting themselves against Já-son's house, they tried to bring them out to the people. ⁶But not finding them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city judges, crying out, Those who have turned the world upside down have come here too, ⁷and Jason has received *them*. And all of these do things contrary to the commandments of Caesar, saying there is another king — Jesus. ⁸And they stirred up the people and the city judges who heard these things. ⁹But after they had taken bond from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

¹⁰But the brothers immediately sent both Paul and Silas away by night to Bě-rě'-ă. *They*, when they arrived, went into the synagogue of the Jews. ¹¹And these were more noble-minded than those in Thēs'-sā-lō-nī'-cā. *For they* received the word with all readiness, daily searching the Scriptures *to see* if these things were so. ¹²Then, indeed, many of them believed, and quite a few of the honorable Greek women and men. ¹³But when the Jews from Thēs'-sā-lō-nī'-cā found out that the word of God was preached by Paul in Bě-rě'-ă also, they came there too, stirring up the people. ¹⁴And then immediately the brothers sent Paul away to go toward the sea, but both Silas and Timothy stayed there. ¹⁵And those bringing Paul brought him to Āth'-ĕns. And after they had received a command to Silas and Timothy, that they should come to him as quickly as possible, they went away.

¹⁶But waiting for them in Āth'-ĕns, Paul saw the city was full of idols, and his spirit was sharply stirred within him. ¹⁷Then truly he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews, and with those who worshipped — and in the market-place every day with those he met with. ¹⁸But some of the philosophers, the Ēp-ī-cū-rě'-ăns and the Stoics [Stōw'-icks], met him. And some said, What would this chatterer want to say? And others *said*, He seems to be a preacher of strange gods (because he preached the Gospel of Jesus and the resurrection to them).

¹⁹And taking hold of him they brought him to Mars Hill, saying, Are we able to know what this new teaching *is*, which is taught by you? — ²⁰for you bring strange things to our ears. We would like to know, therefore, what these things mean. ²¹Now all the Āth-ĕ'-nī-ăns and the strangers living there spent their leisure time in nothing else than to tell and to hear some new thing. ²²And Paul, standing in the middle of Mars Hill, said, Men! Āth-ĕ'-nī-ăns! I see you are very fearful of gods in all things. ²³For passing through and seeing the things which you worship, I found also an altar on which *this* had been written, TO AN

UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore not knowing whom you worship, I make Him known to you — ²⁴the God who made the world and all things that are in it. He being Lord of Heaven and earth does not live in temples made with hands. ²⁵Neither is He served by the hands of men, as if He needed anything, He Himself giving to all life, breath and all things. ²⁶And He made every nation of men of one blood, to live on all the face of the earth. *For He* had ordained the times and boundaries of their living place, which He before determined, ²⁷so that they might seek the Lord — if perhaps they might feel after Him, and might find Him. Though, indeed, He is not far from each one of us, ²⁸for in Him we live and move and have our being; as also some of the poets among you have said, For we are also His offspring. ²⁹Being offspring of God, then, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold or silver or stone, engraved by art and imagination of man. ³⁰Truly, then, having before overlooked the times of ignorance, God now commands all men everywhere to repent. ³¹Because He has set a day in which He is going to judge the world in righteousness, by the Man whom He ordained — *for He* has given assurance to all, having raised Him from among *the* dead.

³²But hearing of a resurrection of *the* dead, some indeed made fun of it, but others said, We will hear you again concerning this. ³³And so Paul went out from their midst. ³⁴But some men believed, joining themselves to him; among whom also was Dionysius [Dy-ō-nīss'-yūs] the Ār-ē-ōp'-ā-gīte, and a woman named Dām'-ā-rīs, and others with them.

CHAPTER 18

¹And after these things, Paul left Athens and came to Corinth. ²And after he had found a certain Jew named Aquila (of Pontus by birth) and Priscilla his wife (who had lately come from Italy because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome,) he came to *live with* them. ³And because he was of the same trade, he stayed with them and worked — for they were tentmakers by trade. ⁴And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath and persuaded both Jews and Greeks.

⁵And when both Silas and Timothy came down from Māc-ē-dō'-nī-ā, Paul was pressed in the spirit, earnestly witnessing to the Jews *that* Jesus is the Christ. ⁶But as they set themselves in opposition, and were blaspheming *God*, he shook his robes and said to them, Your blood *be* upon your own head! I *am* clean. From now on I will go to the Gentiles. ⁷And leaving there, he came to the house of a certain one named Justus, who worshipped God, whose house was next to the synagogue.

⁸And Crispus, the ruler of the synagogue, believed in the Lord with

all his house. And many of the Corinthians hearing *this* believed and were baptized. ⁹And by a vision in the night, the Lord said to Paul, Fear not, but speak, and do not keep still, ¹⁰because I am with you, and no one shall set upon you to do evil to you, for I have many people in this city. ¹¹And he stayed there a year and six months, teaching among them the word of God.

¹²But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia [Ā-ky'-āh], the Jews rose up against Paul all together and led him to the judgment seat, ¹³saying, This one persuades men to worship God contrary to the Law. ¹⁴But as Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said to the Jews, If, indeed, then, it was anything unrighteous, or some wicked fraud, O Jews, according to reason I would have borne with you. ¹⁵But if it is a question about words and names, and a law which is among you, you will see to it yourselves—for I do not want to be a judge of these things. ¹⁶And he drove them away from the judgment seat. ¹⁷Then all the Greeks, taking Sōs'-thē-nēs, the ruler of the synagogue, were beating him in front of the judgment seat. But Gallio did not care, even for these things.

¹⁸But Paul still remained *there* many days. And then, taking leave of the brothers, *he* sailed away to Syria. And Priscilla and Aquila *were* with him. *And he* had shorn *his* head in Cenchrea [Sēn'-krē-āh], for he had a vow. ¹⁹And he came to Ephesus [Ēf'-ē-sūs] and left them there. But he himself reasoned with the Jews, after he had entered into the synagogue. ²⁰And when they asked him to stay for a longer time with them, he did not agree. ²¹But *he* left them, saying, It is needful for me by all means to keep the coming feast at Jerusalem, but I will come again to you, God willing. And he sailed from Ephesus. ²²And having landed at Caesarea, he went up and greeted the church, *then* went down to Antioch. ²³And after staying some time, he left, passing through the countries of Galatia and Phrygia [Frīdg'-ē-ā] in *that* order, giving strength to all the disciples.

²⁴But a certain Jew named Apollos, an Āl-ēx-ān'-drī-ān by birth, came to Ephesus. *He was* a learned man, being mighty in the Scriptures. ²⁵He was taught in the way of the Lord, and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and exactly taught the things concerning the Lord—*though* knowing only the baptism of John. ²⁶And he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. And when Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him and more exactly explained the way of God to him. ²⁷And when he wanted to pass through into Ā-chaī'-ā, the brothers wrote to the disciples encouraging them to welcome him. *And* after *he* had arrived, he very much helped the ones who believed through grace. ²⁸For he powerfully confuted the Jews publicly, showing by the Scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

CHAPTER 19

¹And it came to pass while Apollos was in Corinth, Paul came to Ephesus, after he had passed through the upper countries. And finding certain disciples, ²he said to them, Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed? And they said to him, We did not even hear if there is any Holy Spirit. ³And he said to them, Then unto what were you baptized? And they said, Unto the baptism of John. ⁴And Paul said, John truly baptized *with the* baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on Him, *who was* coming after him — that is, on the Christ: Jesus. ⁵And hearing this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. ⁶And after Paul laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they were speaking with tongues and prophesying. ⁷And there were about twelve men in all.

⁸And entering into the synagogue, he spoke boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading *as to* the things concerning the kingdom of God. ⁹But when some were hardened and did not believe, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he left them and separated the disciples — day by day reasoning in the school of a certain Ty-răn'-nūs. ¹⁰And this was for two years, so that all those who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks. ¹¹And God worked special miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹²so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his skin to those who were sick, and the diseases left them, and the evil spirits went out from them.

¹³But some of the Jews, who went around throwing out demons, took *it upon themselves* to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, We command you by Jesus, whom Paul preaches. ¹⁴And there were certain ones (the seven sons of Sceva, a Jew and a chief priest) who were doing this. ¹⁵But the evil spirits answering said, Jesus I know and Paul I know, but you, who are you? ¹⁶And the man, in whom the evil spirit was, leaped upon them. And overcoming them, he gained the victory against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded. ¹⁷And this became known to all who lived in Ephesus, both Jews and Greeks. And fear fell upon them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified. ¹⁸And many of those who believed came confessing and declaring their deeds. ¹⁹And many of those who had practiced the magic arts, bringing their books, burned them before all. And they counted up the prices of them and found *it* fifty thousand pieces of silver. ²⁰So with power the word of the Lord increased and triumphed.

²¹And when these things were ended, passing through Macedonia and Achaia, Paul purposed in the Spirit to go to Jerusalem, saying, After I have been there, it is needful for me to also see Rome. ²²And having sent two of those who ministered to him into Macedonia (Timothy and Erastus), he stayed for a time in Asia.

²³And there came at that time quite a disturbance about the Way. ²⁴For a certain one named Dē-mē'-trī-ūs, a silversmith making silver shrines of Diana, brought no little profit to the skilled workers. ²⁵After bringing *these* together, and the workmen *doing* the same kind of things, he said, Men! you know that we have our riches from this work. ²⁶And you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but almost in all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away a great multitude, saying that they which are made by hands are not gods. ²⁷Now not only is this dangerous to us *lest our* trade come to be lightly regarded, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised. And her majesty may also be about to be destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worships. ²⁸And hearing this, becoming full of anger, they cried out, saying, Great is Diana of the Ephesians [Ē-fēe'-zī-āns]. ²⁹And the whole city was filled with disorder, and they rushed all together into the theatre, having *first* laid hold on Paul's traveling companions from Macedonia, Gaius [Gāy'-ūs] and Aristarchus [Ā-rīs-tārk'-ūs]. ³⁰But when Paul wanted to go in to the people, the disciples did not let him go. ³¹And some of the chief men of Asia, being his friends, sent to him and urged him not to try to go into the theatre himself.

³²Then some were crying out one thing and some another — for the gathering was excited, and the greater part of them did not know why they had come together. ³³But from among the crowd they put forward Alexander, the Jews pushing him forward. And Alexander, making a signal with his hand, wanted to make a defense to the people. ³⁴But when they recognized that he was a Jew, there was one cry from all, crying out for about two hours, Great is Diana of the Ē-phē'-sī-āns!

³⁵And after the townclerk calmed the crowd, he said, Men! Ē-phē'-sī-āns! Why, who is the man who does not know the city of the Ē-phē'-sī-āns as being *the* temple-keepers of the great goddess Diana, and of that which fell down from Zeus? ³⁶These things, then, being without doubt, you ought to be quiet and to do nothing rashly. ³⁷For you brought these men, *who are* neither temple-robbers nor blaspheming your goddess. ³⁸If, then, Dē-mē'-trī-ūs and the workers with him truly have a matter against anyone, court *days* are held, and there are proconsuls — let them accuse one another. ³⁹But if you ask about other matters, it shall be decided in a lawful meeting. ⁴⁰For we are also in danger to be accused of riot in regard to this day, there being not one cause by which we shall be able to give a reason for this riotous gathering. ⁴¹And when he had spoken these things, he sent the crowd away.

CHAPTER 20

¹And after the uproar stopped, Paul called the disciples and embraced *them*, *then* left to go into Māc-ē-dō'-nī-ā. ²And after he had passed

through those parts, and had encouraged them with many words, he came to Greece. ³And after staying three months, as he was about to sail into Syria *he* decided to return through Măc-ê-dô'-nî-ă *because of* a plot being made against him by the Jews.

⁴And Sô'-pă-těr of Berea; and Ār-īs-tăr'-chūs and Sě-cūn'-dus of the Thěss-ă-lô'-nî-ăns; and Gaius [Gāy'-ūs] of Derbe; and Timothy; and Tychicus [Tīck'-īk-ūs] and Trophimus [Trōf'-ī-mūs] of Asia went with him as far as Asia. ⁵These, going before us, waited in Troas. ⁶And after the days of the unleavened bread, we sailed away from Philippi. And we came to them at Troas in five days, where we stayed seven days.

⁷And on the first *day* of the week, when the disciples had been gathered together to break bread, Paul preached to them. *He was* about to leave on the next day, and he continued the sermon until midnight. ⁸And there were many lamps in the upper room where they were gathered together. ⁹And a certain youth named Eutychus [Yōū'-tīk-ūs] was sitting upon the window. *And* overpowered by deep sleep as Paul preached for a long time, he sunk down from the sleep and fell from the third story down, and was taken up dead. ¹⁰But after he had come down, Paul fell upon him, embracing him, and said, Do not wail, for his life is in him. ¹¹And after he had gone up, and had broken and tasted bread, and had talked for a long time (until day-break), he left. ¹²And they brought the boy alive and were not a little comforted.

¹³But we, going ahead to the ship, sailed to Ās'-sōs, intending to take in Paul there — for so he had ordered, intending himself to go on foot. ¹⁴And when he met with us at Assos, taking him in we went to Mitylene [Mīt-ī-lēe'-nēe]. ¹⁵And sailing away from there, we arrived the following day across from Chios [Kŷ'-ōss]. And the next day we arrived at Să'-mos. And after staying in Trogyllium [Trō-jīl'-lī-um], the next day we came to Mī-lē'-tūs: ¹⁶for Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus so that he might not lose time in Asia. For if it were possible for him, he hurried *so as* to be at Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost. ¹⁷And sending from Mī-lē'-tūs to Ephesus, he called for the elders of the church. ¹⁸And when they had come to him, he said to them, You know how I was with you at all times, from the first day I arrived in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all lowliness of mind and many tears and temptations which happened to me through the plots of the Jews. ²⁰*You know* how I kept nothing back, so as not to tell you of those things that are profitable to you, and to teach you publicly, and from house to house — ²¹earnestly testifying both to Jews and Greeks repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

²²And now, behold! I go on to Jerusalem, bound in the Spirit, not knowing the things which shall happen to me in it: ²³except that the Holy Spirit in every city fully testifies, saying that bonds and trials are

waiting for me. ²⁴But I think nothing of these things, nor do I hold my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, so as to fully testify the Gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, lo, I know that you will see my face no more, *you* among whom I have gone about preaching the kingdom of God. ²⁶On account of this I bear witness to you in this day that I *am* pure from the blood of all, ²⁷for I did not hold back from preaching to you all the counsel of God. ²⁸Therefore watch yourselves and all the flock in which the Holy Spirit made you overseers, to feed the church of God which He bought with the blood of His own *Son*.

²⁹For I know this, that after my departing grievous wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰And from among your own selves will rise up men speaking evil things, in order to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Watch, therefore, remembering that I did not stop warning each one *of you* day and night, with tears, for three years. ³²And now, *my* brothers, I give you up unto God, and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you an inheritance among all the sanctified. ³³I have not desired any man's silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴But you yourselves know that these hands supplied my needs, and to those who were with me. ³⁵I showed you all things, that working in this way we ought to help those who are weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive. ³⁶And after he had said these things, he bowed his knees and prayed with all of them. ³⁷And there was much crying by all. And falling upon Paul's neck, they kissed him lovingly, ³⁸sorrowing most of all for the word that he had said — that they were to see his face no more. And they went with him into the ship.

CHAPTER 21

¹And it came to pass, after we had torn ourselves away from them, that we sailed. After a direct run we came to Cōs, and on the next day to Rhodes, and from there to Păt'-ă-ră. ²And finding a ship passing over into Phenicia [Fě-nīsh'-yă], we went on board and sailed away. ³And sighting Cyprus, and leaving it behind on the left, we sailed to Syria and landed at Tyre — for the ship was unloading there.

⁴And searching out the disciples, we stayed there seven days. *And they* said to Paul, by the Spirit, not to go up to Jerusalem. ⁵But when it came about that we completed the days *there*, setting out, we traveled on. All with their wives and children went with us as far as the outside of the city. And bowing our knees on the shore, we prayed. ⁶And after embracing one another we went up into the ship, and they went back to their own homes. ⁷And after we finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais [Töll-e-mă'-is]. And *after* greeting the brothers, we stayed one day with them. ⁸And on the next day, after Paul and those with him had gone forth, they came to Caē-să-rē'-ă. And entering into the house of

Philip the evangelist (who was *one* of the seven *deacons*,) we stayed with him. ⁹Now this man had four virgin daughters who prophesied. ¹⁰And as we stayed on many more days, there came down a certain man from Judea, a prophet named Agabus. ¹¹And when he had come to us, and had taken up Paul's belt, and had tied his hands and feet, he said, Thus says the Holy Spirit, So shall the Jews in Jerusalem tie up the man who owns this belt. And they shall deliver him up into the hands of the Gentiles. ¹²And when we heard these things, both we and those of that place begged him not to go up to Jerusalem. ¹³But Paul answered, What are you doing, weeping and breaking my heart! For I not only am ready to be bound, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁴And when he was not persuaded, we were quiet, saying, The Lord's will be done.

¹⁵And after these days we packed the baggage *and* went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁶And *some* of the disciples from Caē-sā-rē'-ā also went with us, bringing along with them a certain Mnason [Nāy'-son] of Cyprus, an old disciple, with whom we might stay. ¹⁷After we had arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers gladly welcomed us. ¹⁸And on the next day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were gathered. ¹⁹And after greeting them, he told them one by one what things God worked among the Gentiles by his ministry. ²⁰And hearing *this*, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, You see, brother, how many myriads of Jews there are who have believed, and all are zealous of the Law. ²¹And concerning you, they have been told that you teach a falling away from Moses, telling all the Jews among the Gentiles not to circumcise their children, nor to walk in the customs. ²²What is it, therefore? A multitude will surely come together, for they will hear that you have come. ²³Therefore, you do what we say to you. There are four men with us who have a vow upon themselves. ²⁴Taking these, be purified with them. And pay their expenses, so that they may shave their head. And *then* all may know that the things they have been told about you are nothing, but that you yourself walk orderly also, keeping the Law. ²⁵But concerning those of the Gentiles who have believed, we have written — judging that they observe no such thing, only to keep themselves from things offered to idols and blood and what is strangled and fôr-nî-cā'-tion.

²⁶Then taking the men on the next day, Paul purified himself with them and went into the Temple, in order to declare the fulfilling of the days of purification, until the offering was offered for each one of them. ²⁷But when the seven days were about to be completed, the Jews from Asia saw him in the Temple and stirred up the people. And *they* laid hands on him, ²⁸crying out, Men! Israelites! Help! This is the man who teaches all everywhere against the people, the Law, and this place. And furthermore he also has brought Greeks into the Temple and has defiled this holy place. ²⁹For they had seen Trophimus [Trof'-i-mūs] the Ē-phē'-sî-ān with him in the city before, whom they supposed that Paul brought into the Temple.

³⁰And all the city was moved. And there was a running together of the people. And laying hold on Paul, they drug him outside the Temple, and the doors were shut immediately. ³¹But as they were trying to kill him, a report came to the chief captain of the band that all Jerusalem was in an uproar. ³²At once taking soldiers and centurions, he ran down upon them. And seeing the chief captain and the soldiers, they stopped beating Paul. ³³Then drawing near, the chief captain laid hold on him, and commanded *him* to be bound with two chains. And he asked who he might be, and what he had been doing. ³⁴But some cried out one thing, and some another, from within the crowd. And not being able to know *with* certainty, on account of the uproar, he commanded him to be brought into the fortress. ³⁵But when he came upon the stairs, it happened he was carried by the soldiers, because of the violence of the crowd. ³⁶For the multitude of the people followed, crying out, Away with him!

³⁷But as Paul was about to be brought into the fortress, he said to the chief captain, Is it permitted for me to say something to you? And he said, Do you know Greek? ³⁸Then are you not the Egyptian who before these days caused an uprising and led four thousand men of the assassins into the desert? ³⁹But Paul said, I truly am a Jew, a man of Tarsus in Cī-li'-cī-ā, a citizen of no small city. And I beg you, let me speak to the people. ⁴⁰And *as* he permitted *it*, Paul standing on the stairs beckoned with his hand to the people. And as a great silence took place, he spoke to them in the Hebrew language, saying,

CHAPTER 22

¹Men! Brothers and Fathers! Hear my defense now unto you. ²And when they heard that he was speaking in the Hebrew language, they gave the more silence. And he says, ³I am truly a Jew, a man born in Tarsus of Cī-li'-cī-ā, but brought up in this city at the feet of Gā-mā'-li-ēl. *I was* taught according to the strictness of the Law of the fathers, being zealous for God, even as all of you are this day. ⁴And *I* persecuted this Way unto death, binding and delivering up into prisons both men and women — ⁵as also the high priest witnesses to me, and all the elders. From whom also I received letters to the brothers, going to Damascus in order to also bring those who were there to Jerusalem bound, so that they might be punished.

⁶But traveling on and drawing near Damascus about midday, it happened to me! Suddenly out of heaven a great light shone about me. ⁷And I fell to the ground, and I heard a voice saying to me, Saul! Saul! why do you persecute Me? ⁸And I answered, Who are you, lord? And He said to me, I am Jesus, the Nāz-ā-rē'-ān, whom you persecute. ⁹But those who were with me indeed saw the light, and were afraid, but did not hear the voice of Him speaking to me. ¹⁰And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said to me, Arise! Go to Damascus, and there you shall be told about all the things which it has been appointed for you to do. ¹¹And as I

could not see because of the brightness of that light, I came to Damascus being led by the hand of those who were with me.

¹²And a certain Ān-ā-nī'-ās, a man devoted according to the Law, who was witnessed to by all the Jews living *there*, ¹³came to me. And standing by, he said to me, Brother Saul, Look up! And in the same hour I looked up upon him. ¹⁴And he said, The God of our fathers appointed you to know His will and to see the Just One and to hear a voice out of His mouth — ¹⁵for you shall be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard. ¹⁶And now why do you wait? Arise! Be baptized and wash away your sins, calling upon the name of the Lord.

¹⁷And it came to pass when I returned to Jerusalem, and while I was praying in the Temple, that I began to be in a trance. ¹⁸And I saw Him saying unto me, Hurry and go quickly out of Jerusalem, because they will not receive your testimony about Me. ¹⁹And I said, Lord, they themselves know that I was putting in prison and beating those that believed on Thee in every synagogue. ²⁰And when the blood of Stephen, Thy witness, was poured out, I also was standing by and agreeing to his death, and I kept the clothes of those who killed him. ²¹And He said to me, Go, for I will send you afar off to the Gentiles.

²²And they listened to him until this statement, but *now* they lifted up their voice, saying, Away from the earth with such a one, for it is not fit that he should live. ²³And as they were shouting, and throwing off clothes, and throwing dust into the air, ²⁴the chief captain commanded him to be brought into the fortress — ordering him to be examined by lashes, so that he might know for what cause they cried out against him. ²⁵But as he stretched him out with straps, Paul said to the centurion who stood by, Is it lawful for you to whip a Roman who has not been found guilty? ²⁶And when the centurion heard *this*, he went away and reported to the chief captain, saying, Be careful what you are about to do, for this man is a Roman. ²⁷And the chief captain coming up said to him, Tell me, are you a Roman? And he said, Yes. ²⁸And the chief captain answered, I bought this citizenship with a great sum. And Paul said, But I was even born *free*. ²⁹Immediately, then, those who were about to examine him left, and the chief captain also was afraid when he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had bound him.

³⁰And on the next day, wanting to know *with* certainty why he was accused by the Jews, he turned him loose from the bonds. And he commanded the chief priests and their entire Sān-hē'-drin to come. And bringing Paul down, he set him among them.

CHAPTER 23

¹And after looking earnestly upon the Sanhedrin, Paul said, Men! Brothers! I have behaved myself in all good conscience toward God to

this day. ²But the high priest, Ananias, commanded those standing by him to hit him on the mouth. ³Then Paul said to him, God is about to strike you, *you* whited wall! And do you sit judging me according to the Law, and against Law command me to be struck? ⁴And those who stood by said, Do you revile the high priest of God? ⁵And Paul said, I did not know, brothers, that he is high priest; for it has been written, "You shall not speak evil of the ruler of your people" (See EXODUS 22:28).

⁶But knowing that the one part were of the Sād'-dū-cēes, and the other of the Pharisees, Paul cried out in the Sān-hē'-drīn, Men! Brothers! I am a Pharisee, son of a Pharisee. I am judged concerning a hope and resurrection of *the* dead. ⁷And when he had spoken this, there was a striving *between* the Pharisees and the Sād'-dū-cēes, and the multitude was divided. ⁸For indeed, the Sād'-dū-cēes say there is no resurrection nor angel nor spirit. But the Pharisees believe in both. ⁹And there was a great uproar, and the scribes on the side of the Pharisees were standing up, contending, saying, We do not find anything evil in this man. And if a spirit spoke to him, or an angel, let us not fight against God. ¹⁰And as a great strife rose up, the chief captain feared lest Paul should be torn in pieces by them. *So he* commanded the soldiers to go down to take him from their midst by force, and to bring him to the fortress. ¹¹But the following night, standing by him, the Lord said, Be of good courage, Paul, for as you fully testified the things about Me at Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome.

¹²And when it became day, the Jews made a plot, putting themselves under a curse, saying that they would neither eat nor drink until they had killed Paul. ¹³And they were more than forty *men* who had made this plot. ¹⁴And coming to the chief priests and elders, *they* said, With a curse we have cursed ourselves, to taste nothing until we have killed Paul. ¹⁵Now, then, you make a statement to the chief captain, with the Sān-hē'-drīn, so that tomorrow he may bring him down to you, as if you were about to ask more exactly the things concerning him. And we are ready to put him to death before he comes near.

¹⁶But the son of Paul's sister, hearing of the ambush, after he had come and entered into the fortress, reported to Paul. ¹⁷And calling one of the centurions, Paul said, Take this young man to the chief captain, for he has something to tell him. ¹⁸Indeed, then, taking him he brought him to the chief captain, and said, The prisoner Paul called me near asking that this young man be brought to you, for he has something to say to you. ¹⁹And the chief captain, taking hold of his hand and drawing him off to one side, asked, What is it which you have to tell me? ²⁰And he said, The Jews agreed to ask you that tomorrow you may bring Paul down into the Sān-hē'-drīn, as if they were about to ask something more exactly about him. ²¹You, therefore, be not persuaded by them, for more than forty men of them lie in wait for him, putting themselves under a curse neither

to eat nor drink until they put him to death. And now they are ready, waiting for the promise from you. ²²Then, indeed, the chief captain let the young man go, after commanding him, Tell no one that you revealed these things to me.

²³And calling a certain two of the centurions near, he said, Make ready two hundred soldiers, that they may go as far as Caē-sā-rē'-ā, and seventy horsemen, and two hundred spearmen, for the third hour of the night. ²⁴And provide animals so that, setting Paul thereon, they may carry him safe to Felix the governor. ²⁵And he wrote a letter, in this way: ²⁶Claudius Lysias [Līss'-ēe-ās], to the most excellent governor Felix, greeting. ²⁷This man was caught by the Jews and was about to be killed by them. *But* coming up with the troop, I rescued him. ²⁸Learning that he was a Roman, and wanting to know the cause for which they were accusing him, I brought him down to their Sān-hē'-drīn. ²⁹*But* I found *him* to be accused concerning questions of their law, and having no charge against him worthy of death or of bonds. ³⁰But when it was suggested to me that a plot against the man was about to be *carried out* by the Jews, I sent him at once to you, commanding the ones who accuse him also to say the things against him before you. Farewell.

³¹Then the soldiers, according to the orders given to them, took Paul and brought him by night to Ān-tip'-a-trīs. ³²And on the next day, leaving the horsemen to go with him, they went back to the fortress. ³³And entering into Caē-sā-rē'-ā, they delivered the letter to the governor, also delivering Paul to him. ³⁴And after the governor had read *it*, and had asked of what province he was, and had learned that *he was* from Cī-lī'-cī-ā, ³⁵he said, I will hear you fully when your accusers also have come. And he commanded him to be kept in Herod's palace.

CHAPTER 24

¹And after five days Ān-ā-nī'-ās the high priest came down, with the elders, and a certain public speaker, Tēr-tūll'-ūs, who made a statement to the governor against Paul. ²And when Tertullus was called, he began to accuse, saying, ³*We are* enjoying great peace through you, and through your forethought very worthy things *are* being done for this nation. Both in every way and everywhere we gladly accept *it*, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness. ⁴But that I may no longer keep you, I beg you in your mercy to hear us briefly. ⁵For we have found this man a pest, and moving rebellion among all the Jews in the world, and a ring-leader of the sect of the Nāz-ā-rē'-āns, ⁶also trying to profane the Temple. We also caught him and according to our law wished to judge him. ⁷But Lys'-ī-ās, the chief captain, coming up with great force took him out of our hands, commanding his accusers to come to you, ⁸from whom you will be able to know that of which we accuse him, after judging for yourself. ⁹And the Jews also agreed these things to be so.

¹⁰But after the governor signaled to him to speak, Paul answered, Knowing that for many years you have been a judge to this nation, the more cheerfully I answer concerning myself. ¹¹You are able to find out that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship at Jerusalem. ¹²And neither did they find me arguing with anyone in the Temple, nor making a stir among the people, either in the synagogues or in the city. ¹³Neither can they prove the things concerning which they now accuse me. ¹⁴But I confess this to you, that, according to the Way (which they call heresy), so I serve the God of the fathers. I believe all things that have been written throughout the Law and the Prophets, ¹⁵having a hope in God which they themselves also hold, that there is going to be a resurrection of *the* dead, both of the just and the unjust. ¹⁶And in this I exercise myself to have a conscience without offense towards God and men continually. ¹⁷And after many years I came bringing alms and offerings to my nation. In the midst of this they found me purified in the Temple—not with a crowd, nor with tumult. ¹⁸But certain Jews from Asia *were there*, ¹⁹who ought to appear before you, and to accuse me if they have anything against me. ²⁰Or let these themselves speak, if they found any unrighteousness in me when I stood before the Sān-hē'-drin, ²¹*except* about this one speech which I cried out as I stood among them: I am judged today by you concerning a resurrection of *the* dead.

²²And after Felix heard these things, he put them off, knowing more precisely of the things concerning the Way, saying, When Lysias the chief captain comes down, I will know more fully the things about you. ²³And he commanded the centurion to keep Paul, and to let him have liberty, and to forbid none of his own to minister or to come to him. ²⁴And after certain days, Felix came with Drusilla his wife, who was a Jewess. He sent for Paul and heard him concerning faith in Christ. ²⁵And as he reasoned about righteousness, and self-control, and the Judgment that is about to come, Felix, becoming afraid, answered, For this time go away. And when I have found a convenient time I will call for you. ²⁶He hoped that Paul would give him money, so that he might let him go. For this reason also he often sent for him and talked with him. ²⁷But after two years had been completed, Felix welcomed a successor, Porcius Festus [Pōr'-shus Fēs'-tūs]. And desiring to obtain favors for himself with the Jews, Felix left Paul in bonds.

CHAPTER 25

¹Then after Festus had come into the province, three days later he went up to Jerusalem from Caē-sā-rē'-ā. ²And the high priest and the chief of the Jews made charges to him against Paul. ³And *they* begged him, asking a favor against *Paul*, that he might send after him in order to *bring him* to Jerusalem (preparing an ambush in order to kill him on the way). ⁴Then, indeed, Festus answered that Paul should be kept at Caesarea, and that he himself was shortly to go *there*. ⁵He says, Then those in power among you may come down together. Let them accuse him if there

is anything *wicked* in this man. ⁶And after he had stayed among them more than ten days, going down to Caē-sā-rē'-ā, sitting on the judgment seat, he commanded Paul to be brought. ⁷And when he had come, the Jews who had come down from Jerusalem stood around, bringing many and heavy charges against Paul (which they were not able to prove). ⁸He said in defense, Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the Temple, nor against Caesar did I commit any sin at all.

⁹But Festus, wanting to obtain favor for himself with the Jews, answered Paul saying, Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem to be judged before me regarding these things? ¹⁰And Paul said, I am standing before the judgment seat of Caesar, where I ought to be judged. I did nothing wrong to the Jews, as you very well know. ¹¹For if I truly did wrong and have done anything deserving of death, I do not refuse to die. But if there is none of the things of which they accuse me, no one can give me up to them. I appeal to Caesar! ¹²Then, after he talked with the council, Festus answered, You have appealed to Caesar, to Caesar you shall go!

¹³And after some days passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice came down to Caē-sā-rē'-ā, greeting Festus. ¹⁴And as they stayed there many days, Festus laid the things relating to Paul before the king, saying, There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix, ¹⁵about whom the chief priests and the elders of the Jews made charges when I was in Jerusalem, asking judgment against him. ¹⁶I answered that it is not a custom of Romans to give up any man to die before he who is accused has his accusers face to face, and has an opportunity for defense regarding the crime laid against him. ¹⁷Then when they had come together here, making no delay whatever I sat upon the judgment seat the next day and commanded the man to be brought. ¹⁸But regarding *him*, the accusers when they stood up brought no charges such as I expected. ¹⁹But they had certain questions about their own religion with him, and about a certain Jesus who is dead, whom Paul claimed to be alive. ²⁰But being doubtful as to the inquiry about this, I asked if he would be willing to go to Jerusalem and be judged there regarding these things. ²¹But when Paul appealed for himself to be kept for the examination of Augustus, I commanded him to be kept until I might send him to Caesar. ²²And Agrippa said to Festus, I would like to hear the man myself. And he says, Tomorrow you shall hear him.

²³Therefore on the next day Paul was brought out, after Agrippa and Bernice had come with great pomp, and had entered into the place of hearing with the chief captains and the important men of the city, and after Festus had commanded *it*. ²⁴And Festus says, King Agrippa, and all the men who are here with us, you see this one, about whom all the multitude of the Jews pleaded with me, both here and in Jerusalem, crying out that he ought not to live any longer. ²⁵But when I found him to have done nothing deserving of death, and when he also had appealed to Augustus, I decided to send *him*. ²⁶But I have nothing to write about

him to my lord. For this reason I brought him forth before you, and especially before you, O king Agrippa, so that after the examination has been completed I may have something to write. ²⁷For it seems to me unreasonable to send a prisoner and not to state the charges against him.

CHAPTER 26

¹And Agrippa said to Paul, You are permitted to speak for yourself. Then stretching out his hand, Paul spoke for himself: ²Regarding all of which I am accused by the Jews, king Agrippa, I consider myself happy as I am about to speak for myself before you today. ³For you are especially acquainted with both the customs and questions among Jews, and for this reason I ask you to hear me patiently.

⁴Truly, then, all the Jews know my manner of life from my youth, which from the beginning was among my nation in Jerusalem. ⁵They knew me from the first, if they would but testify, that I lived a Pharisee, according to the strictest sect of our religion. ⁶And now I stand, being judged for the hope of the promise made to the fathers by our God, ⁷the hope to which our twelve tribes hope to attain, serving God fervently night and day. *It is* concerning this hope that I am accused by the Jews, O king Agrippa. ⁸Why is it thought unbelievable by any of you that God raises the dead? ⁹Indeed, I then thought within myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus the Nāz-ā-rē'-ān. ¹⁰Which things I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prisons, receiving authority from the chief priests. And when they were put to death, I gave my vote against them. ¹¹And often punishing them in all the synagogues, I compelled them to blaspheme. And being extremely maddened against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.

¹²During which time also, as I was traveling to Damascus with authority and a commission from the chief priests, ¹³at noon-time, O king, I saw in the road a light from heaven — brighter than the sun — shining around me and those traveling with me. ¹⁴And as we all were falling down to the ground, I heard a voice speaking to me and saying in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul, why do you persecute Me? *It is* hard for you to kick against the goads. ¹⁵And I said, Who are you, lord? And He said, I am Jesus, whom you persecute. ¹⁶But rise up and stand up on your feet, for *it was* for this purpose I appeared to you: to appoint you a servant and a witness, both of what you have seen and in what I shall yet appear to you. ¹⁷I take you out from the people, and the Gentiles to whom I now send you ¹⁸in order to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God — so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and inheritance among those that have been sanctified by faith in Me. ¹⁹After this, O king Agrippa, I did not disobey the heavenly vision. ²⁰But I preached to those in Damascus first, and then Jerusalem, and to all the region of Judea, and to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance.

²¹Because of these things, catching hold of me in the Temple, the Jews tried to kill me. ²²So then, by the help of God I have stood until this day, bearing witness to both *the* small and *the* great, saying nothing else than what both the prophets and Moses said was going to happen: ²³that Christ should suffer and that through the resurrection of the dead, He was first going to proclaim light to the people and to the Gentiles. ²⁴And as he was speaking these things in his defense, Festus cried out with a loud voice, You are mad, Paul! Much learning turns you to madness. ²⁵But he says, I am not mad, most noble Festus, but I speak words of truth and sanity. ²⁶For the king is aware of these things, toward whom I also speak with boldness. For I am persuaded that none of these things *are* hidden from him — for this has not been done in a corner. ²⁷King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know that you do believe.

²⁸And Agrippa said to Paul, You almost persuade me to become a Christian. ²⁹And Paul said, I would wish to God that not only you but also all those hearing me this day should both almost, and altogether, become such as I also am, except *for* these bonds. ³⁰And after he had said these things, the king, and the governor, and Bernice, and those who sat with them rose up. ³¹And going aside, they spoke to one another saying, This man does nothing deserving of death or of bonds. ³²And Agrippa said to Festus, This man might have been set free if he had not appealed to Caesar.

CHAPTER 27

¹And when it was decided that we should sail to Italy, they delivered up both Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion of the band of Augustus, whose name was Julius. ²And after going on board a ship of Ād-rā-mŷt'-tū-um, intending to sail along the coasts of Asia, we set sail. And Aristarchus [Ār-īs-tār'-kūs], a Macedonian [Mäss-ē-dō'-nī-ān] from Thëss-ā-lō-nī'-cā was with us. ³And the next day we landed at Sī'-dōn. And Julius, treating Paul kindly, allowed him to go to *his* friends to receive refreshment. ⁴And setting sail from there we sailed under Cyprus [Sī'-prūs], because the winds were contrary. ⁵And after sailing over the sea alongside of Cī-lī'-cī-ā and Pām-phŷl'-ī-ā, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia [Līss'-ī-ā]. ⁶And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing to Italy, and he put us into it. ⁷And after sailing slowly for many days, and having difficulty coming abreast of Cnidus [Nŷ-dūs] (the wind not allowing us), we sailed under Crête, opposite Sāl-mō'-nē. ⁸And coasting along it with difficulty, we came to a certain place called Fair Havens, which was near a city of Lā-sē'-ā.

⁹And when much time had been used up, and the voyage was already dangerous (because the Fast was also already past), Paul warned them, ¹⁰saying, Men! I perceive that the voyage is about to be visited with in-

jury and much loss, not only of the cargo and of the ship, but also of our lives. ¹¹But the centurion was persuaded more by the pilot and the ship-owner than by the things spoken by Paul. ¹²And because the port was not comfortable to winter in, the majority also gave advice to set sail from there to see if by any means they might be able to winter at Phoenix [Fēe'-niks], a port of Crete which looked towards the southwest and towards the northwest. ¹³And when a south wind began blowing gently, thinking that they had gained their purpose, they lifted anchor *and* coasted along close beside Crete. ¹⁴But not long after this a stormy wind called Euroclydon [Yoū-rōc'-lŷ-dōn] rose up against it. ¹⁵And the ship was caught, and could not bring her head into the wind. So giving up, we were driven along. ¹⁶But running under a certain little isle called Clauda, we were hardly able to be masters of the boat. ¹⁷Then taking helps, they used *them* to undergird the ship. And fearing lest they should fall into the quicksand, they let down the mast and were driven along. ¹⁸But as we were being violently tossed by the storm, on the next day they finished throwing out *the cargo*. ¹⁹And on the third day we threw out the tackling of the ship with our own hands. ²⁰And when neither the sun nor the stars appeared for many days, and no small storm lying upon us, from that time all hope of our being saved was taken away. ²¹And after a long period of fasting, then Paul, standing in the midst of them, said, Truly, O men, you ought to have listened to me, and should not have set sail from Crete, and so have spared yourself this injury and loss. ²²But now I urge you to be of good cheer, for there shall be no loss of life among you, *but* of the ship only. ²³For tonight there stood by me an angel of God (whose I am and whom I serve) ²⁴saying, Fear not, Paul, you must stand before Caesar; and, lo, God has given to you all those sailing with you. ²⁵So be of good cheer, men! for I believe God, that it shall be so even as it has been spoken to me. ²⁶But we must fall on a certain island.

²⁷And when the fourteenth night came—as we were being driven about in the Ā-dri-āt'-ic—towards midnight the sailors supposed that some country was drawing near to them, ²⁸and they sounded and found twenty fathoms. And going a little farther, they sounded again and found fifteen fathoms. ²⁹And being afraid they would fall upon rocky places, they threw four anchors out of the stern and wished for day to come. ³⁰And letting down the boat into the sea, the sailors were trying to flee out of the ship, pretending as if *they* were about to throw out anchors from the prow. ³¹Paul said to the centurion and to the soldiers, If these men do not stay in the ship, you cannot be saved. ³²Then the soldiers cut away the ropes of the boat and let her fall. ³³And until day was about to dawn, Paul called upon all to take food, saying, *It is* the fourteenth day today that you continue watching without taking food, for you have taken nothing. ³⁴For this reason I beg you to take food, for this is for your safety—for not a hair shall fall from the head of any one of you.

³⁵And when he had said this, taking bread he gave thanks to God be-

fore all, and breaking *it* he began to eat. ³⁶And all became cheerful and themselves also took food. ³⁷And all the souls in the ship were two hundred and seventy-six.

³⁸And when they were satisfied with food they lightened the ship by throwing out the wheat into the sea. ³⁹And when it was daytime they did not recognize the land. But they saw a certain bay with a beach on which they decided to drive the ship, if they were able. ⁴⁰And cutting away the anchors, they left *them* in the sea. At the same time they loosened the bands of the rudders, and after hoisting the mainsail to the wind, they made for the shore. ⁴¹And falling into a place where two seas met, they ran the ship aground. And the forepart, indeed, sticking fast remained fixed, but the stern was broken by the violence of the waves. ⁴²And the advice of *the* soldiers was that they should kill the prisoners lest any of them should escape, swimming out. ⁴³But wanting to save Paul, the centurion kept them from their purpose and commanded those who could swim to jump off first and go out on the land. ⁴⁴And the rest *also went*, some indeed on boards, and others on some things from the ship. And so it came to pass that all were brought safely to the land.

CHAPTER 28

¹And when they had been saved, then they knew that the island was called Mēl'-ī-tā. ²And the natives showed us no ordinary kindness — for after they had kindled a fire they received all of us because of the rain that was coming down, and because of the cold. ³And when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and had laid *them* on the fire, a viper coming out of the heat fastened upon his hand. ⁴And when the natives saw the beast hanging from his hand, they said to one another, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he has been saved from the sea, Justice has not allowed to live. ⁵But, indeed, shaking the beast off into the fire, he suffered no harm. ⁶But they were expecting him to be ready to become inflamed, or to suddenly fall down dead. And after expecting for a long time, and seeing nothing amiss happening to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god.

⁷Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief of the island, whose name was Pūb'-li-ūs. *And he*, having received us, housed us for three days, in a friendly way. ⁸And it happened that the father of Pūb'-li-ūs lay overcome with fevers and dysentery [diss'-ēn-tērr-ē] — unto whom Paul went in, and when he had prayed, he laid his hands on him and healed him. ⁹Then this being done, the others in the island who also had sicknesses came and were healed. ¹⁰*They* also honored us with many honors, and when we were sailing they heaped upon us the things that were needed.

¹¹And after three months we sailed in a ship which had wintered in the island, an Alexandrian *ship* with the sign, THE TWIN BROTHERS. ¹²And when we had landed at Syracuse, we stayed three days. ¹³From

there, after going around, we came to Rhegium [Rêe'-jī-ūm]. And after one day a south wind sprang up, *and* the second day we came to Puteoli [Pû-têe-ō'-lī], ¹⁴where we found brothers, *and* were pressed to stay with them seven days. And so we came toward Rome. ¹⁵And hearing the things about us, the brothers from there came out to meet us, as far as The Appian Forum and Three Taverns. *When* Paul saw *them*, giving thanks to God, he took courage.

¹⁶And when we came to Rome, the centurion delivered the prisoners to the commander of the camp. But Paul was allowed to remain by himself, with the soldier who guarded him. ¹⁷And it came to pass after three days, Paul called together those who were chief men of the Jews. And when they had come together, he said to them, Men! Brothers! I have done nothing against the people, or the customs of our fathers, *yet* I was delivered up a prisoner from Jerusalem, into the hands of the Romans—¹⁸who, when they had examined me, wished to let *me* go, because there was not one cause of death in me. ¹⁹But the Jews speaking against *it*, I was forced to appeal to Caesar—not as though I had anything to lay against my nation. ²⁰For this cause, then, I called for you, to see and to speak to you. For on account of the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain. ²¹And they said to him, We neither received letters from Judea about you, nor did any one of the brothers who came report it, or say anything evil about you. ²²But we think it good to hear from you, what you think, for, truly, as regarding this belief, it is known to us that it is everywhere spoken against.

²³And after setting him a day, many came to him into *his* house. To whom he explained, fully witnessing to the kingdom of God, and persuading them of the things concerning Jesus—both from the law of Moses and from the prophets—from morning to evening. ²⁴And some truly were persuaded of the things spoken, but some did not believe. ²⁵And without agreeing with one another, they went away, after Paul had spoken one word, Well did the Holy Spirit speak through Isaiah the prophet unto our fathers, saying, ²⁶“Go to this people, and say, By hearing you shall hear, and in no way understand; and seeing you shall see, and in no way perceive. ²⁷For the heart of this people has grown fat, and they have heard with the ears heavily, and their eyes they have closed—lest they should see with their eyes, and they should hear with their ears, and with their heart they should understand, and should be converted, and I should heal them” (See ISALAH 6:9). ²⁸Be it known unto you, therefore, that the salvation of God is sent to the Gentiles, and they will hear. ²⁹And when he had said this, the Jews went away, arguing among themselves.

³⁰And Paul stayed two whole years in his own hired house, and welcomed all who came in to him, ³¹preaching the kingdom of God and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, with all freedom, without being hindered.

The Letter to the ROMANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, a called apostle and servant of Jesus Christ, *who was* separated to the Gospel of God — ²(which He promised before through His prophets in the holy Scriptures — ³*the Gospel* about His Son, who came of the seed of David as far as the flesh is concerned, ⁴*and* who was declared Son of God in power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by His resurrection from among *the dead* — ⁵*even* Jesus Christ, our Lord, through whom we received grace and apostleship, unto the obeying of faith among all the nations, for His name's sake, ⁶among whom are you also, the called of Jesus Christ) — ⁷To all those who are in Rome, beloved *and* called saints of God: grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁸First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is spoken of throughout the whole world. ⁹For God is my witness (whom I serve in my spirit in the Gospel of His Son) how in my prayers I make mention of you without stopping, ¹⁰always praying if by any means now I may be blessed by the will of God to come to you. ¹¹For I long to see you so that I may give to you some spiritual gift, to the end that you may be firmly rooted. ¹²That is, *I desire* to be comforted together among you, through each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³But I do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, that many times I set out to come to you (in order that I might have some fruit among you too, even as *I also have* among the other Gentiles) but I was kept back until now. ¹⁴I am a debtor both to Greeks and bār-bār-ī-āns, both to the wise and the foolish, ¹⁵so that I am ready to preach the Gospel to you who are in Rome also. ¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ — for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one who believes, to *the Jew first*, and to Greek. ¹⁷For in it the righteousness of God is revealed by faith unto faith, even as it has been written, "But the just shall live by faith" (See HABAKKUK 2:4).

¹⁸For God's wrath is revealed from Heaven upon all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold down the truth in unrighteousness. ¹⁹Because that which is known about God is clearly known within them, for God clearly showed *it* to them. ²⁰For the unseen things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, both His eternal power and Godhead, in order for them to be without excuse. ²¹Because when they knew God they did not glorify *Him* as God, neither were they thankful. But they became vain in their thoughts and their foolish heart was darkened. ²²Claiming to be wise, they became fools, ²³and they changed the glory of the immortal God into a likeness of an image of man that dies — and *also* of birds, and four-footed animals, and creeping things. ²⁴For this reason God also gave them up to uncleanness in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies between themselves: ²⁵who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the created thing more than the Creator — who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁶For this reason God gave them up to vile passions of dishonor — for even their females changed the natural use into that which is contrary to nature — ²⁷and in the same way also, leaving the natural use of the woman, the men were inflamed in their lust towards one another, men working out shame with men, and receiving in themselves that reward which was fitting for their error. ²⁸And just as much as they did not think it good to have God in *their* knowledge, God gave them up to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not right, ²⁹being filled with all kinds of unrighteousness — fornication, wickedness, covetousness, malice — *being* full of envy, murder, quarrels, deceit, evil habits. *They became* whisperers, ³⁰slanderers, God-haters, insolent, proud, braggarts, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹without understanding, impossible to trust, without natural love, unforgiving and without mercy. ³²*They* knew the righteous judgment of God, that those doing such things are worthy of death — *but* not only do *they* practice them, but they also delight in those who do so.

CHAPTER 2

¹For this reason you are without excuse, O man, every one of *you* who is judging. For in that *thing* in which you judge another, you condemn yourself. For you who are doing the judging keep on doing the same things. ²But we know that the judgment of God is according to truth upon those who do such things. ³And O man! (*you* who judge those that do such things, yet keep on doing them *yourself*,) do you think this, that you shall escape the judgment of God? ⁴Or do you despise the riches of His goodness and forbearance and long-suffering? *Do you* not know that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵But according to your hardness and stubborn heart, you are saving up wrath for yourself in the Day of wrath and revelation of God's righteous judgment. ⁶*For He* will render to each according to his works: ⁷Everlasting life to those who truly, with patience in good work, are seeking glory and honor and deathlessness. ⁸But wrath and anger *shall be given* to the ones who rebel, and who do not obey the truth, but obey that which is wrong. ⁹Trouble and great pain *shall be* upon every soul of man who works out evil — both of the Jew first, and of *the* Greek. ¹⁰But glory and honor and peace *shall be* to everyone who works out good — both to *the* Jew first, and to *the* Greek. ¹¹For there is no respect of persons with God. ¹²For as many as sinned without Law shall also be lost without Law. And as many as sinned within Law shall be judged by means of Law. ¹³For *it* is not the hearers of the Law *who are* righteous with God, but *it* is the doers of the Law *that* shall be counted righteous. ¹⁴For when the Gentiles (who do not have the Law) do by nature the things of the Law, not having the Law, these are a law unto themselves. ¹⁵*For they* show the work of the Law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness with them. And the thoughts *which passed* between one another *will be* accusing or excusing *them* ¹⁶on the Day when God shall judge the hidden things of men according to my Gospel, by Jesus Christ.

¹⁷Behold! you *who* are called a Jew, and rest in the Law, and boast in God, ¹⁸and know the will of God. And *behold!* you *who* approve the things that are more excellent, being instructed out of the Law, ¹⁹and who are sure *that* you yourself are a guide of *the* blind, a light of those in darkness, ²⁰a teacher of foolish ones, a teacher of babes, *because you* have the pattern of knowledge and of truth in the Law. ²¹You, then, who are teaching another, do you teach yourself? You who are preaching not to steal, do you steal? ²²You who are advising not to commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who hate idols, do you rob *their* temples? ²³You who boast in the Law, do you dishonor God through the breaking of the Law? ²⁴For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you, even as it has been written (See ISAIAH 52:5). ²⁵For if you keep *the* Law, circumcision truly profits *you*, but if you are a breaker of the Law, your circumcision has become no circumcision. ²⁶If, then, the one not circumcised keeps the demands of the Law, shall his lack of circumcision not be counted for circumcision? ²⁷And *then* shall not the one who lacks circumcision by nature, *by* fulfilling the Law, judge you, who with letter and circumcision *are* a breaker of the Law? ²⁸For he is not a Jew who *is* so outwardly, neither *is* circumcision that which *is* outward in flesh — ²⁹but he *is* a Jew who is *so* inwardly. And circumcision *is* of *the* heart, *in* spirit, not in letter — of whom the praise is not of men, but of God.

CHAPTER 3

¹Then what *is* the advantage of the Jew? Or what *is* the profit of circumcision? ²Much in every way! For indeed, first, they were entrusted with the very words of God. ³For what if some did not believe? Shall their not believing make the faith of God of no use? ⁴Let it not be *said!* But let God be true and every man a liar, just as it has been written, "That Thou shouldest be justified in Thy words, and mayest overcome when Thou art called into judgment" (See PSALM 51:4). ⁵But if our unrighteousness shows forth the righteousness of God, what shall we say? *Is* God unrighteous, who lays on wrath? (I speak as a man.) ⁶Let it not be *said!* Otherwise how shall God judge the world? ⁷For if in my lie the truth of God overflowed to His glory, why am I still judged as a sinner? ⁸And why not (as we are wrongly accused, and as some report that we say,) Let us practice evil so that good may come? *Their* judgment is just.

⁹What then? Are we better? Not at all! For we have before charged both Jews and Greeks with being all under sin; ¹⁰according as it has been written, ¹¹"There is none righteous, no, not one! There is none that understands, there is none that seeks after God. ¹²All have gone out of the way. Together they have become worthless. There is none that is doing good, no, not one! ¹³Their throat is an opened grave. They deceived with their tongues. *The* poison of asps *is* under their lips. ¹⁴*Their* mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. ¹⁵Their feet *are* swift to shed blood. ¹⁶Ruin and

misery *are* in their ways, ¹⁷and they have not known the way of peace. ¹⁸There is no fear of God before their eyes" (See PSALM 5:9; 10:7; 14:1; 140:3; PROVERBS 1:16; ISALAH 59:7).

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those within the Law — so that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world be under judgment to God. ²⁰For this reason no flesh shall be justified before Him by works of Law — for *the* knowledge of sin *comes* by means of Law. ²¹But God's righteousness has been revealed apart from Law, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets — ²²even the righteousness of God through faith of Jesus Christ, towards all and upon all those who believe. For there is no difference — ²³for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God; ²⁴being justified as a free gift, by His grace, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵For God has set *Him* forth as a Mercy Seat through faith in His blood, for the showing forth of His righteousness (by reason of the passing-by of those sins committed beforehand, in the forbearance of God). ²⁶*It was* for the showing forth of His righteousness in the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of him who *is* of the faith of Jesus. ²⁷Where then *is* the boasting? It was shut out. By what law? of works? No! But by a law of faith. ²⁸Therefore we reckon that a man is justified by faith, without the works of Law. ²⁹*Is He* the God of Jews only? and not of Gentiles too? Yes, also of Gentiles, ³⁰since truly *it is* one God who will justify *the* circumcision by faith, and those not circumcised through faith. ³¹Do we then do away with *the* Law through faith? Let it not be *said!* Yea, we establish the Law.

CHAPTER 4

¹What then shall we say our father Abraham has found, according to *the* flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has reason to boast — but not towards God. ³For what does the Scripture say? "And Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him for righteousness" (See GENESIS 15:6). ⁴Now to him who works, the reward is not counted according to grace, but according to debt. ⁵But to him who does not work, but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. ⁶Even as David also speaks of the blessedness of the man to whom God reckons righteousness apart from works: ⁷"Blessed *are they* whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. ⁸Blessed *is the* man to whom the Lord will in no way reckon sin" (See PSALM 32:1). ⁹*Is* this blessedness then upon the circumcision *only*? or also upon those not circumcised? For we say that faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness. ¹⁰How then was it reckoned? Was he in circumcision? or not in circumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision! ¹¹And he received *the* sign of circumcision as a seal of the righteousness of the faith which *he had* in uncircumcision — for him to be father to those who believe (*though still* in uncircumcision) — for righteousness also to be reckoned to them. ¹²And *that he might be* father of circumci-

sion to those who are not of circumcision only, but also to those who walk in the steps of the faith our father Abraham had during uncircumcision.

¹³For the promise that he should be heir of the world *was* not by law to Abraham, or to his seed, but *was* by righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if they who are of the Law *are* heirs, faith has been made useless, and the promise is made of no effect. ¹⁵For the Law works out wrath (for where there is no law, *there is* no lawbreaking). ¹⁶Because of this *it is* of faith, so that *it might be* according to grace, so that the promise might be made sure to all the seed — not to that which *is* of the Law only, but also to that which *is* of Abraham's faith (who is father of us all). ¹⁷Even as it has been written, "I have made you a father of many nations" (See GENESIS 17:5). *This was* before God, whom he believed, who gives life to the dead, and calls the things which are not as if they were. ¹⁸For in hope *he* believed against hope that he would become *the* father of many nations (according to that which has been said, "So shall your seed be"). ¹⁹And not being weak in the faith, he did not consider his own body already dead (being a hundred years old) and the deadening of Sarah's womb. ²⁰And *he* did not stagger at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God, ²¹and being fully persuaded that what *God* has promised He is also able to do. ²²For this reason also it was counted to him for righteousness. ²³But it was not written that it was reckoned to him for his sake only, ²⁴but also for our sake, to whom it is going to be reckoned — to those that believe on Him who raised our Lord Jesus from among *the* dead, ²⁵who was delivered for our sins, and was raised for our justification.

CHAPTER 5

¹Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace toward God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through *Him* we also have the entrance by faith into this grace in which we stand. And we fill up with rejoicing in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only *so*, but we also rejoice exceedingly in troubles, knowing that trouble works out patience. ⁴And patience *works out* proven character, and proven character *works out* hope. And this hope does not make *us* ashamed, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. ⁶For while we were still without strength, in due time, Christ died for *the* ungodly. ⁷Now scarcely will one die on behalf of a righteous *man*. For the sake of a good *man* someone might even dare to die. ⁸But God proves His own love to us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

⁹Much more then, having been justified now by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath by Him. ¹⁰For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more *now that* we have been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹And not only *so*, but *we* also fill up with joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we now have received the reconciliation.

¹²Because of this, just as sin entered into the world by one man, and death by sin, even so death passed unto all men on the ground that all sinned: ¹³(For until *the time of the Law*, sin was in the world, but sin is not charged when there is no law. ¹⁴But death ruled from Adam until Moses, even upon those who had not sinned in the likeness of Adam's sin — who is a type of Him who is coming.) ¹⁵But the free gift, however, is not like the sin. For if by the sin of the one many died, much more the grace of God — and the gift in grace, which *is* of the one man Jesus Christ — overflowed to the many. ¹⁶And the free gift *is* not as by one who sinned (for indeed the judgment *is* of one unto sentence of death) but the free gift *is* of many failings unto justification. ¹⁷For if by the fall of the one, death ruled through the one; much more those who are receiving the overflowing of grace and the gift of righteousness shall rule in life by the One, Jesus Christ. ¹⁸So, then, as through one fall *the sentence* unto death was unto all men, so also through one completed righteousness *the free gift came* unto all men unto justification of life. ¹⁹For as through the one man's failure to obey, the many were placed in the position of sinners, so also through the obedience of the One, the many shall be placed in the position of righteous ones. ²⁰But *the Law* came in beside, in order that the offense might increase. But where sin increased, ²¹grace overflowed much more — so that as sin ruled in death, so also grace might rule through righteousness unto life everlasting through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

CHAPTER 6

¹What shall we say then? Shall we go on in sin so that grace may abound? ²Let it not be *said!* We who died to sin, how shall we still live in it? ³What? do you not understand that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus, we were baptized into His death? ⁴Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised up from among *the dead* by the glory of the Father, so also we should walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been joined together in the likeness of His death, so we shall also certainly be *in that* of His resurrection — ⁶knowing this, that our old man was crucified with *Him* so that the body of sin might be done away with (so that we no longer should serve sin). ⁷For he that has died has been justified from sin.

⁸Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him — ⁹knowing that when Christ was raised up from among *the dead*, He dies no more. Death does not rule over Him any more. ¹⁰For in that He died, He died to sin once for all — but in that He lives, He lives unto God. ¹¹So also you count yourselves truly dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus, our Lord. ¹²Therefore do not let sin be king in your mortal body, to obey it in its evil desires. ¹³Neither *should you* give your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but give yourselves completely to God as *one* alive from among *the dead*, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. ¹⁴For sin shall not lord it over you, for you are not under Law, but under grace.

¹⁵What then? Shall we sin because we are not under Law, but under grace? Let it not be *said!* ¹⁶Do you not know that to whom you give yourselves as servants for obedience, you are slaves to him whom you obey?—whether *it be* of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness. ¹⁷But thanks *be* unto God that you were the slaves of sin, but you obeyed from the heart the form of teaching to which you were delivered up. ¹⁸And being set free from sin, you became slaves to righteousness. ¹⁹I speak in the manner of men, because of the weakness of your flesh. For as you gave your members up in bondage to uncleanness, and to *one* lawless act unto *another* lawless act, so now give your members in bondage to righteousness unto holiness. ²⁰For when you were the slaves of sin, you were free as to righteousness. ²¹What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things *is* death. ²²But now being set free from sin, and having become bondslaves to God, you have your fruit unto holiness, and the end life everlasting. ²³For the wages of sin *is* death; but the free gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

CHAPTER 7

¹Do you not understand, brothers (for I speak to those who know the Law), that the Law rules over a man as long as he lives? ²For the married woman is bound by law to the living husband—but if the husband should die, she is set free from the law of the husband. ³So, then, while the husband is alive, she shall be called an adulteress, if she becomes another man's. But if the husband should die, she is free from the law, so as not to be an adulteress if she becomes another man's *wife*. ⁴So that, my brothers, you also were made dead to the Law through the body of Christ, in order for you to become another's (who was raised from among *the* dead so that we should bring forth fruit unto God). ⁵For when we were in the flesh, the passions of sins (which *were* through the Law) worked in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. ⁶But now we have been set free from the Law, being dead to that in which we were held, so that we should serve in newness of spirit and not in oldness of letter.

⁷What shall we say then? *Is* the Law sin? Let it not be *said!* But I did not know sin except through *the* Law. For I would not have recognized lust unless the Law had said, "You shall not lust." ⁸But sin, receiving an opportunity through the commandment, worked out in me every lust—for apart from Law sin *was* dead. ⁹And I was alive apart from Law once, but the commandment came and sin came alive, and I died. ¹⁰And the commandment which *was* unto life was found to be death to me. ¹¹For sin, receiving an opportunity through the commandment, seduced me, and through it killed *me*. ¹²So that the Law truly *is* holy, and the commandment *is* holy and just and good. ¹³That which is good, then, has it become death to me? Let it not be *said!* But sin,

that it might be revealed as sin—working death to me by that which *is* good—so that sin might become overflowing sinful through the commandment.

¹⁴For we know that the Law is spiritual, and I am fleshly, being sold under sin. ¹⁵For I do not approve what I do—for I do not do this which I will, but I do this which I hate. ¹⁶But if I do what I do not will, I consent to the Law that *it is* good. ¹⁷Now, then, I am no longer working it out, but the sin living in me *does it*. ¹⁸For I know that in me—that is, in my flesh—there dwells no good—for to desire is present with me, but how to work out the good I find not. ¹⁹For the good that I desire, I do not—but what evil I do not desire, this I do. ²⁰But if I do that which I do not desire, *it is* no longer I *who* work it out, but sin living in me. ²¹I find, then, a law, that when I desire to do what is right, evil is present with me. ²²For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man—²³but I see another law in my members warring against the law of my mind, and leading me captive to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ, our Lord! ²⁵So then, I myself truly with the mind serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

CHAPTER 8

¹*There is* therefore now no condemnation to those in Christ Jesus who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus set me free from the law of sin and of death. ³For what the Law was not able to do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, *in* sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to be a sacrifice for sin, condemned sin in the flesh. ⁴*This was* in order that the righteous demand of the Law should be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ⁵For they who are according to the flesh mind the things of the flesh. And they *who are* according to the Spirit *mind* the things of the Spirit. ⁶For the mind of the flesh *is* death, but the mind of the Spirit *is* life and peace. ⁷Because the mind of the flesh *is* enmity towards God: for it is not subject to the law of God; for neither can it *be*, ⁸and they that are in the flesh are not able to please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if the Spirit of God truly dwells in you. But if anyone has not the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. ¹⁰But if Christ *is* in you, the body truly *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. ¹¹But if the Spirit of Him who raised up Jesus from among *the* dead dwells in you, He who raised up the Christ from among *the* dead will also make your death-doomed bodies live because of His Spirit that dwells in you. ¹²So then, brothers, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you are going to die. But if you by the

Spirit put to death the deeds of the body, you will live—¹⁴for as many as are led by *the* Spirit of God, these are the sons of God! ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of bondage again unto fear, but you received a spirit of adoption in which we cry, Abba, Father. ¹⁶The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. ¹⁷And if children, also heirs, truly heirs of God, and joint-heirs of Christ, if we indeed suffer together, so that we may also be glorified together.

¹⁸For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time *are* not worthy to be compared with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation eagerly looks out for the unveiling of the sons of God—²⁰for the creation has been made subject to weakness (not of its own will, but by reason of Him who made *it* subject) in hope ²¹that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of decay into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²²For we know that the whole creation groans together and labors together in pain until now. ²³And not only so, but even we ourselves, having the first-fruit of the Spirit, we ourselves also groan in ourselves, waiting for adoption (*that is*, the redemption of our body). ²⁴For we were saved in hope. But hope that is seen is not hope. For what anyone sees, why does he also hope for *it*? ²⁵But if we hope for that which we do not see, we wait with patience. ²⁶And in the same way the Spirit also joins in to help our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself pleads our case for us with groanings that cannot be spoken. ²⁷But He who searches the hearts knows what *is* the mind of the Spirit, because He pleads the case for the saints according to God. ²⁸And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to *His* purpose. ²⁹Because whom He foreknew, He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son, in order that He might be *the* firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And whom He predestinated, these He also called. And whom He called, these He also justified. And whom He justified, these He also glorified.

³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who *can* be against us? ³²Truly He who did not withhold His own Son, but surrendered Him for us all, shall He not also freely give us all things with Him? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies! ³⁴Who *is* he that condemns? Christ *is the One* who died! Yea, rather *He* is also raised up (who also is at *the* right hand of God, who also pleads our case for us). ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Trouble? or distress? or persecution? or hunger? or nakedness? or danger? or sword? ³⁶As it is written, "For Thy sake we are killed all the day long. We were counted as sheep for slaughter." (See PSALM 44:22). ³⁷But in all these things we more than conquer through Him who loved us. ³⁸For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing will

be able to separate us from the love of God, which *is* in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

CHAPTER 9

¹I tell *the* truth in Christ. I do not lie, my conscience bearing witness with me in *the* Holy Spirit, ²that I have great grief and pain that never stops in my heart — ³for I myself was wishing to be a curse from Christ for my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴*For they* are Israelites, to whom belong the sonship, and the glory, and the covenants, and the Law-giving, and the service, and the promises of *God*. ⁵To whom belong the fathers *also*, and from whom comes the Christ according to *the* flesh (Who is God-blessed over all forever. Amen!). ⁶Not, however, that the word of God has failed! For those *are* not all Israel who *are* out of Israel. ⁷Nor *are* all of *them* children because they are seed out of Abraham. But “In Isaac shall a seed be called unto you” (See GENESIS 21:12). ⁸That is to say, the children of the flesh are not the ones who are the children of God. But the children of the promise are counted as *the* seed. ⁹For this word *is* of promise, “According to this time I will come, and there shall be a son *born* to Sarah” (See GENESIS 18:10). ¹⁰And not only *this*, but also when Rebecca had conceived by one (Isaac our father) — ¹¹for *the children* had not yet been born, nor had they done anything good or evil, so that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of Him who calls — ¹² it was said to her, “The elder shall serve the younger” (See GENESIS 25:23). ¹³*This was* according as it has been written, “Jacob have I loved, and Esau have I hated” (See MALACHI 1:2).

¹⁴What shall we say then? *Is there* unrighteousness with God? Let it not be *said!* ¹⁵For he says to Moses, “I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy, and I will have pity on whom I will have pity” (See EXODUS 33:19). ¹⁶So then *it is* not of him that wills, nor of him that runs, but of God who shows mercy. ¹⁷For Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very thing I raised you up, so that I might show My power in you, and so that My name should be made known in all the earth” (See EXODUS 9:16). ¹⁸So, then, He shows mercy to whom He desires to *show mercy*, and He hardens whom He will.

¹⁹You will then say to me, Why does He still find fault? for who has resisted His purpose? ²⁰Yes, rather, O man, who are you that answers against God? Shall the thing formed say to Him who formed *it*, Why did you make me this way? ²¹Or, does not the potter have authority over the clay? *Can he not* out of the same lump make one vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor? ²²And *what* if God, minded to show wrath and to make His power known, endured with much long-suffering *the* vessels of wrath fitted for destruction? ²³And *also* that He might make known the riches of His glory upon vessels of mercy which He

beforehand prepared for glory—²⁴even us whom He also has called, not only among *the* Jews, but also from among *the* Gentiles. ²⁵As He says also in Hosea, “I will call that which is not My people, ‘My People!’ And that *which* is not loved, ‘Beloved!’ ²⁶And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said to them, You *are* not My people, there they shall be called sons of *the* living God” (See HOSEA 1:10 and 2:23). ²⁷But Ī-sā’-ī-āh cries out in regard to Israel, “If the number of the sons of Israel are as the sand of the sea, the remnant shall be saved—²⁸for *He* is bringing *the* matter to an end, and cutting *it* short in righteousness, because the Lord will do a short work upon the earth” (See ISALAH 10:22). ²⁹And as Ī-sā’-ī-āh said before, “Except *the* Lord of Hosts had left us a seed, we would have become as Sodom, and would have been like Gō-mōr’-rāh” (See ISALAH 1:9).

³⁰What shall we say then? That *the* Gentiles that do not follow after righteousness have gotten righteousness, but a righteousness that *is* by faith. ³¹But Israel, following after a law of righteousness, did not lay hold of a law of righteousness. ³²Why? Because *it was* not by faith, but as by works of *the* Law. For they stumbled at the Stone-of-stumbling, ³³even as it has been written, “Behold! I place in Zion a Stone-of-stumbling and a Rock-of-offense. And everyone who believes on Him shall not be ashamed” (See ISALAH 28:16).

CHAPTER 10

¹*My* brothers, truly my heart’s desire and prayer to God for Israel’s sake is for *them* to be saved. ²For I bear witness to them that they have zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. ³For being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and trying to set up their own righteousness, they did not put themselves under the righteousness of God. ⁴For Christ is *the* end of *the* law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

⁵For Moses tells of the righteousness which *is* of the Law, that, “The man who has practiced those things shall live by them” (See LEVITICUS 18:5). ⁶But the righteousness of faith speaks in this way, “You may not say in your heart, Who shall go up into Heaven?”—that is, in order to bring Christ down. ⁷Or, “Who shall go down into the pit?”—that is, in order to bring Christ up from among *the* dead. ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”—that is, the word of faith which we preach. ⁹So that if you confess *the* Lord Jesus with your mouth, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from among *the* dead, you shall be saved (See DEUTERONOMY 30:12). ¹⁰For with *the* heart man believes unto righteousness, and with *the* mouth he confesses unto salvation. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes on Him shall not be ashamed” (See ISALAH 28:16). ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Greek—for the same Lord of all is rich toward all that call upon Him. ¹³For everyone who calls upon the name of *the* Lord shall be saved. ¹⁴How then shall they call

upon Him whom they did not believe? And how shall they believe on Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without *someone* preaching? ¹⁵And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it has been written, "How beautiful *are* the feet of those who are preaching the Gospel of peace, of those preaching the Gospel of good things" (See ISALAH 52:7).

¹⁶But not all obeyed the Gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who believed our report?" (See ISALAH 53:1). ¹⁷So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by *the* word of God. ¹⁸But I say, Did they not hear? Yea, rather, their voice went out into all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world. ¹⁹But I say, Did not Israel know? First, Moses says, "I will cause you to be jealous by *those who are* not a nation. I will anger you by a nation without understanding" (See DEUTERONOMY 32:21). ²⁰And Isaiah is very bold and says, "I was found by those who were not trying to find Me. I was revealed to those who were not seeking after Me." ²¹But to Israel He says, "All the day long I stretched out My hands to an unbelieving and gainsaying people" (See ISALAH 65:1, 2).

CHAPTER 11

¹I say then, Did God cast away His people? Let it not be *said!* For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of *the* tribe of Benjamin. ²God did not throw aside His people whom He foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says in *the history* of Elijah? How he pleads with God against Israel, saying, ³"Lord, they killed Thy prophets, and they dug down Thy altars; and I was left alone, and they seek my life." ⁴But what does the Divine answer say to him? "I left to Myself seven thousand men who have not bowed a knee to Baal" (See I KINGS 19:10-18). ⁵So then also in the present time there has been a remnant according to the election of grace. ⁶But if by grace, *it is* no longer of works—otherwise grace no longer proves to be grace. But if of works, it is no longer of grace—otherwise work no longer proves to be work.

⁷What then? Whatever Israel looks for, this it did not get. But the chosen have gotten it, and the rest were blinded—⁸even as it has been written, "God gave them a spirit of slumber, eyes that do not see, and ears that do not hear," unto this day (See ISALAH 29:10). ⁹And David says, "Let their table be for a snare, and for a trap, and for a stumbling-block, and for a reward to them. ¹⁰Let their eyes be darkened so as not to see, and bow down their back always" (See PSALM 69:22). ¹¹I say then, Did they stumble so that they might fall? Let it not be *said!* But by their falling away salvation *is given* to the Gentiles, so as to cause them to be jealous. ¹²But if their falling away is the riches of the world, and their loss the riches of the Gentiles, how much more their fullness? ¹³For I speak to you, the Gentiles—inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I glorify my ministry—¹⁴if by any means I shall cause *those who*

are my flesh to be jealous and shall save some from among them. ¹⁵For if their casting away becomes the reconciliation of the world, what *shall* the receiving of *them be*, except life from among *the dead*?

¹⁶Now if the first-fruit *is* holy, the lump *is* too. And if the root *is* holy, the branches *are* too. ¹⁷But if some of the branches were broken off, and being a wild olive tree you were grafted in among them and came to partake with them of the root and of the fatness of the olive tree, ¹⁸do not boast against the branches. But if you do boast against *them*, *remember* that you do not bear the root, but the root *bears* you. ¹⁹You will say then, The branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in. ²⁰Well! They were broken off by unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be high-minded! But fear, ²¹for if God did not spare the natural branches, perhaps He will not spare you either. ²²Behold then *the* goodness and severity of God: upon those who fell—severity; and upon you—goodness, if you keep on in *His* goodness, otherwise you too will be cut off. ²³And if they do not keep on in unbelief, they also shall be grafted in. For God is able to graft them in again. ²⁴For if you were cut out of the olive tree which is wild by nature, and, contrary to nature, were grafted into a good olive tree, how much more shall these who *are* according to nature be grafted into their own olive tree!

²⁵For I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, *my* brothers (so that you may not be wise in your own *eyes*), that hardness in part has happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. ²⁶And so all Israel shall be saved, even as it has been written, "Out of Zion the Deliverer shall come, and He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob. ²⁷And this *is* My covenant to them—whenever I take away their sins" (See ISAIAH 59:20). ²⁸Indeed, as regards the Gospel, *they are* enemies for your sakes. But as regards the election, *they are* beloved for the sake of the fathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God *are* without repentance. ³⁰For as you also in times past were unbelieving, but now have been shown mercy through their unbelief—³¹so also these now have not believed in regard to your mercy, so that they too may have mercy shown *them*. ³²For God shut all up together in unbelief, so that He might show mercy to all. ³³O the depth of the riches both of *the* wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments, and His ways *are* past finding out! ³⁴For who has known *the* mind of *the* Lord? or who became His advisor? ³⁵Or, who has first given to Him, and it shall be given back to him again? ³⁶For of Him and through Him and to Him *are* all things: to Him *be* glory forever. Amen.

CHAPTER 12

¹Therefore, *my* brothers, I call upon you by the mercies of God to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, pleasing unto God—*which* is your reasonable service. ²And be not conformed to this world, but

be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what *is* the good and pleasing and perfect will of God. ³For through the grace which is given to me, I say to everyone that is among you, Do not be high-minded above what *you* ought to think — but set your mind so as to think wisely, according as God has given to each a measure of faith. ⁴For even as in one body we have many members, but the members do not have the same use — ⁵even so we, the many, are one body in Christ, and every one members of one another. ⁶But *we* have different gifts according to the grace which is given to us. If it is prophecy, *let us prophesy* according to how much faith *we have*. ⁷Or ministry, *let us be busy* in serving; or he who teaches, in teaching; ⁸or he who comforts, in comforting; *or* he who is giving, with an open heart. And he who is leading, *let him be eager*; he who shows mercy, *let him do it* in cheerfulness. ⁹*Let your love be without pretending*; hate evil and hold tight to that which is good. ¹⁰*Be tender towards one another, in brotherly love, going before one another in giving honor*. ¹¹*Do not be careless in business. Be warm in spirit, serving the Lord*. ¹²*If you are in hope, be rejoicing; in trouble, enduring; in prayer, steadily keeping on, ¹³giving to the needs of the saints, following after hospitality.*

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you — bless, and do not curse *them*. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶*Be of the same mind toward one another, not minding the high things, but going along with the lowly. Be not wise in your own selves. ¹⁷Pay no one evil for evil. Think beforehand to provide things honest before all men. ¹⁸If possible, as far as is in you, be at peace with all men. ¹⁹Do not avenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to anger — for it has been written, “Vengeance *belongs* to Me, I will repay, says the Lord” (See DEUTERONOMY 32-35). ²⁰Therefore if your enemy should be hungry, feed him; if he should be thirsty, give him *something* to drink — for doing this, you will heap coals of fire upon his head. ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.*

CHAPTER 13

¹Let every soul put himself under the higher authorities — for there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist have been appointed by God. ²So that he who sets himself against the authority sets himself against the order of God. And they who do resist shall receive judgment to themselves. ³For the rulers are not frightening to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be *so* that *you* are not afraid of the authority? Do good, and you shall have praise from it — ⁴for it is a servant of God unto your good. But if you do evil, be afraid — for it does not wear the sword in vain. For it is a servant of God, a punisher for wrath to him that does evil. ⁵That is why *it is* needful to be under *it* — not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes — for they are servants of God,

always giving attention to this same thing. ⁷Therefore give to all their dues — taxes to whom taxes *are due*, custom to whom custom *is due*, fear to whom fear *is due*, and honor to whom honor *is due*. ⁸Do not owe anything to anyone, unless *it is this*, to love one another — for he who loves the other has fulfilled *the Law*. ⁹For, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not commit murder; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not lust;” and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this word, in this, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (See EXODUS 20:13-17; LEVITICUS 19:18). ¹⁰Love does not work any ill to its neighbor — therefore love *is* the fulfilling of *the Law*. ¹¹This also, knowing the time, that *it is* already time that we should be aroused out of sleep — for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we believed. ¹²The night is far gone, and the day has come near — therefore let us throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk honorably, as in daytime — not in carousings and drinking, not in *unlawful* intercourse and lustful acts, not in fighting and envy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not take any thought for *the* lusts of the flesh.

CHAPTER 14

¹And receive him who is weak in the faith, *but* not for the purpose of judging his opinions. ²One believes that he may eat all things. Another, being weak, eats vegetables. ³Do not let the one who eats *meat* despise the one who does not eat. And he who does not eat, let him not judge him who eats, for God has taken him to Himself. ⁴Who are you that you are judging the servant of another? He stands or falls to his own master. And he shall be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand. ⁵One judges one day above another. Another judges every day *alike*. Let each be fully persuaded in his own mind. ⁶He who regards the day regards *it* to *the* Lord. And he who does not regard the day does not regard *it* to *the* Lord. He who eats, eats to *the* Lord, for he gives thanks to God. And he who does not eat, *he* does not eat to *the* Lord, and gives thanks to God. ⁷For not one of us lives to himself, and not one dies to himself. ⁸For both if we should live, we live to the Lord — and if we should die, we die unto the Lord. Both, then, if we should live, and if we should die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ both died and rose and lived again, in order that He might rule over both *the* living and *the* dead.

¹⁰But you, why do you judge your brother? Or again, You, why do you belittle your brother? For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. ¹¹For it has been written, “I live, says the Lord, so that every knee shall bow unto Me, and every tongue shall confess unto God” (See ISAIAH 45:23). ¹²So then each of us shall give account of himself to God. ¹³No longer, then, should we judge one another. But rather judge you *this*, *that you are* not to put a stumbling-block or a

reason to fall before *your* brother. ¹⁴I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean of itself — except to him who judges anything to be unclean, to him *it* is unclean. ¹⁵But if your brother is grieved on account of *your* food, you no longer walk according to love. Do not with your food destroy him for whom Christ died. ¹⁶Therefore do not let your good be spoken evil of — ¹⁷for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸For he who serves Christ in these things is pleasing to God and approved by men. ¹⁹So then let us follow the things of peace, and the things for building up one another. ²⁰Do not throw down the work of God for the sake of food. All things *are* indeed pure, but *it* is evil to the man who eats while causing to stumble. ²¹It is not right to eat flesh or drink wine or *to do anything* in which your brother stumbles, or is offended, or is weak. ²²Do you have faith? Have *it* to yourself before God. Happy *is* he who does not condemn himself by what he approves. ²³But he who doubts, if he eat, has been condemned, because it is not of faith. And whatever *is* not of faith is sin.

CHAPTER 15

¹And we who are strong, we ought to bear the weaknesses of the weak and not try to please ourselves. ²For let every one of us please his neighbor unto good, building *him* up. ³For even Christ did not please Himself — but, according as it has been written, “The curses of them who were cursing Thee fell upon Me” (See PSALM 69:9). ⁴For as many things as were written before were written before for our learning — so that through patience and comfort of the Scriptures we might have hope. ⁵Now the God of patience and comfort give you *grace* to mind the same thing with one another according to Christ Jesus. ⁶So that with one mind, with one mouth, you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷Therefore take one another to your *hearts*, even as Christ also took us to Himself unto *the* glory of God.

⁸But I say that Jesus Christ has become a servant of circumcision for *the* truth of God, in order to confirm the promises of the fathers. ⁹And *also* for the Gentiles to glorify God for mercy — even as it has been written, “Because of this I will confess to Thee among the Gentiles, and Thy name I will praise” (See PSALM 18:49). ¹⁰And again it says, “Rejoice, you Gentiles, with His people” (See DEUTERONOMY 32:43). ¹¹And again, “Praise the Lord, all the Gentiles, and praise Him, all the peoples” (See PSALM 117:1). ¹²And again, Isaiah says, “There shall be the Root of Jesse, and He that arises to reign over the Gentiles — in Him the Gentiles shall hope” (See ISALAH 11:10). ¹³Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope, in the power of *the* Holy Spirit.

¹⁴But, my brothers, I myself am also persuaded about you, that you yourselves are full of goodness — *that you* have been filled with all

knowledge, being able also to warn one another. ¹⁵But I did more boldly write to you, *my* brothers, in part, as reminding you, because of the grace which was given to me under God. ¹⁶For to me *it was given* to be a minister of Jesus Christ unto the Gentiles, sacredly ministering the Gospel of God, in order that the offering up of the Gentiles might be pleasing, sanctified by *the* Holy Spirit. ¹⁷I have therefore *my* boasting in Christ Jesus *in* the things pertaining unto God.

¹⁸For I will not dare speak anything of what Christ has not done through me — for *the* obedience of *the* Gentiles, by word and deed, ¹⁹of signs and wonders in power, in *the* power of God's Spirit. So that I have fully preached the Gospel of Christ from Jerusalem, and in a circle as far as Ī-lŷr'-i-cūm. ²⁰And so *I* was eager to preach the Gospel — not where Christ was named, that I might not build upon another's foundation — ²¹but according as it has been written, "They shall see, to whom nothing was told about Him; and those that have not heard shall understand" (See ISAIAH 52:15). ²²For this reason also I was kept back many times from coming to you. ²³But now, having no more place in these parts, and having a great longing to come to you for many years, whenever I go to Spain I will come to you. ²⁴For I hope in going through to see you, and to be sent forward to there by you — if first I shall be in part satisfied by you.

²⁵But now I go to Jerusalem, ministering to the saints. ²⁶For Măc-ē-dō'-nī-ă and Achaia [Ā-ky'-ă] were pleased to make a certain gift for the poor of the saints who *are* in Jerusalem. ²⁷They have been well pleased indeed, and they are their debtors. For if the Gentiles took part in their spiritual things, they ought also to minister to them in fleshly things. ²⁸Then when I have finished this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain. ²⁹And I am sure that when I come to you, I shall come in the fullness of blessing of the Gospel of Christ. ³⁰And I beg you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in *your* prayers to God for me, ³¹so that I may be delivered from those who are unbelieving in Judea. And *so* that my service which *I take* for Jerusalem may be pleasing to the saints, ³²*and* that I may come in joy to you by *the* will of God, and I may be refreshed with you. ³³And the God of peace *be* with you all. Amen.

CHAPTER 16

¹And I commend to you Phoebe [Fēe'-bēe], our sister, who is a servant of the church of Cencrea [Sēn-krēe'-ă] — ²that you may receive her *in the* Lord, as saints should, and you may help her in whatever matter she may need you. For she also has been a helper of many, and of myself also. ³Greet Priscilla and Ā-quīl'-ă, my fellow-workers in Christ Jesus, ⁴who laid down their own necks for my life — whom not only I thank, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. ⁵And *greet* the

church at their house. Greet Ęp-ē'-ně-tūs, my beloved, who is a first-fruit of Ā-chaī'-ā for Christ. ⁶Greet Mary, who did much labor for us. ⁷Greet Ān-drō-nī'-cūs and Jū'-nī-ās, my kinsmen and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the messengers—who also were in Christ before me. ⁸Greet Ām'-plī-ās, my beloved in *the* Lord. ⁹Greet Ur-bān'-ūs, our helper in Christ, and Stāch'-ys, my beloved. ¹⁰Greet Ā-pēl'-lēš, the approved in Christ. Greet those of the *household* of Ā-ris-tō-bū'-lūs. ¹¹Greet Hē-rō'-dī-ōn, my kinsman. Greet those of the *household* of Nār-cīs'-sūs, who are in *the* Lord. ¹²Greet Trȳ-phē'-nā and Trȳ-phō-sā, who labor in *the* Lord. Greet Per'-sis, the beloved, who much labored in *the* Lord. ¹³Greet Rufus, the chosen in *the* Lord, and his mother and mine. ¹⁴Greet Ā-syn'-cri-tūs, Phlēg-ōn, Her'-mās, Pāt'-rō-bās, Her'mēs, and the brothers with them. ¹⁵Greet Phil-ōl'-ō-gūs and Julias, Nē'-reus, and his sister and Ō-lȳm-pās, and all the saints with them. ¹⁶Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.

¹⁷Now I beg you, brothers, to consider those who make the divisions and causes of stumbling *which are* contrary to the teaching which you have learned, and turn away from them. ¹⁸For such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but *serve* their own belly. And by smooth words and praise *they* deceive the hearts of the innocent. ¹⁹For your obedience reached to all. I therefore rejoice concerning you. But I would have you to be wise unto good, and simple as to evil, ²⁰and the God of peace will bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. ²¹Timothy, my fellow-worker, and Lucius, and Jason, and Sō-sīp'-ā-ter, my kinsmen, greet you. ²²I, Ter'-ti-ūs, who wrote you the epistle in *the* Lord, greet you. ²³Gāi'-ūs, the host of the whole church and me, greets you. Ę-rās'-tūs, the steward of the city, and Quārt'-ūs, the brother, greets you. ²⁴The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen. ²⁵Now unto Him that is able to establish you according to my Gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revealing of *the* mystery (regarding which silence has been kept during eternal ages; ²⁶but *which* now has been made plain), and by prophetic scriptures, according to commandment of the everlasting God, made known for obedience of faith to all the nations, ²⁷*the* only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever. Amen.

The FIRST Letter to the CORINTHIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, called by *the* will of God to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, and Sos'-thē-nēs the brother, ²to the church of God which is in Corinth [Kôr'-inth], who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called-out saints, with all the ones who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, both theirs and ours. ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God that was given to you in Christ Jesus—⁵that you were made rich in Him in everything: in all speech and all knowledge; ⁶even as the witness of Christ was made sure in you, ⁷so that you are behind in not one gift—awaiting the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸who also will make you sure unto *the* end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful, by whom you were called into fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

¹⁰Now I urge you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all say the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you. But I *urge* you to be joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹For it was revealed to me concerning you, my brothers, by those who are of *the house* of Chloe [Klō'-ēe], that there are arguments among you. ¹²But I say this, that each of you says, I am of Paul, and I *am* of Apollos, and I *am* of Peter, and I *am* of Christ. ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized into the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you, except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one should say that I baptized into my name. ¹⁶And I also baptized the household of Stephanas [Stěf'-ā-nās]. As to the rest I do not know if I baptized any other. ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel—not in wisdom of word, so that the cross of Christ might not be made useless. ¹⁸For the preaching of the cross is foolishness to them that are being lost, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it has been written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will set aside the understanding of the intelligent ones" (See ISAIAH 29:14).

²⁰Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the lawyer of this age? Did God not make the wisdom of this world foolish? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God by wisdom, God was pleased by the foolishness of preaching to save those that believe. ²²Since both *the* Jews ask for a sign, and *the* Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified—to *the* Jews truly a cause of stumbling, and to *the* Greeks foolishness—²⁴but to those who are the

called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ *is* God's power and God's wisdom. ²⁵Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men. ²⁶For you see your calling, brothers, that there are not many wise according to *the* flesh, not many powerful, not many high-born *ones*. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world so that He might put the wise to shame. And God chose the weak things of the world so that He might put the strong things to shame—²⁸and God chose the low-born of the world, and the things of no account. And *He chose* the things that are not—so that He might bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹so that no flesh might glory in His presence. ³⁰But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who was made to us wisdom from God and righteousness and sanctification and redemption—³¹so that, even as it has been written, "He that glories, let him glory in *the* Lord" (See JEREMIAH 9:24).

CHAPTER 2

¹And when I came to you, *my* brothers, I did not come with excellency of word or wisdom, announcing to you the testimony of God. ²For I decided not to know anything among you, except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. ³And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. ⁴And my word and my preaching *was* not in moving words of human wisdom, but in proof of *the* Spirit and of power—⁵so that your faith might not be in *the* wisdom of men, but in *the* power of God.

⁶But we speak wisdom among the perfect. But *it is* not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. ⁷But we speak *the* wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden *wisdom* which God ordained for our glory before the world—⁸*the wisdom* which not one of the rulers of this world has known (for if they had known, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory). ⁹But even as it has been written, "Eye has not seen, and ear has not heard," neither has it entered into the heart of man, "the things which God has prepared for them that love Him" (See ISALAH 64:4). ¹⁰But God has revealed *them* to us by His Spirit—for the Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹For who among men knows the things of man, except the spirit of man which *is* in him? So also no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

¹²But we have not received the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which *is* from God, so that we might know the things given to us by God. ¹³Which *things* we also speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but in *the words* the Holy Spirit teaches, explaining spiritual things by spiritual *means*. ¹⁴But *the* natural man does not re-

ceive the things of the Spirit of God — for they are foolishness to him — neither can he know *them*, because they are spiritually understood. ¹⁵But the spiritual *man* understands all things, and he is judged by no one. ¹⁶For who has known *the* mind of *the* Lord? Who shall teach Him? But we have *the* mind of Christ.

CHAPTER 3

¹And, *my* brothers, I could not speak to you as to spiritual, but as to fleshly ones — *even* as to babes in Christ. ²I gave you milk to drink, and not solid food, for you were not yet able to bear it. But even now, you are not yet able, ³for you are still fleshly. For whereas *there are* divisions and jealousy and fighting among you, are you not fleshly and walk according to man? ⁴For when one says, I am of Paul! — and another *says*, I am of Apollos! — are you not fleshly? ⁵Who then is Paul? And who is Apollos? *They are* but ministers through whom you believed, and as the Lord gave to each. ⁶I planted. Apollos watered. But God gave growth. ⁷So that he who plants is not anything, nor he who waters — but God who gives growth. ⁸But he who plants and he who waters are one.

But each one shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹For of God we are fellow-workers. You are God's field, God's building. ¹⁰I have laid *the* foundation as a wise master-builder, according to the grace of God which was given unto me — and another builds *upon it*. But let each one be careful how he builds *upon it*. ¹¹For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. ¹²Now if anyone build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, grass, straw — ¹³the work of each one will be revealed. For the day will make *it* known, because it is revealed in fire. And the fire will test the work of each one — what kind it is. ¹⁴If the work of any man lasts, which he built up, he shall receive a reward. ¹⁵If the work of anyone shall be burned, he shall suffer loss. But he himself shall be saved — but so as through fire. ¹⁶Do you not know you are the temple of God? and the Spirit of God dwells in you? ¹⁷If anyone defile the temple of God, God shall destroy him, for the temple of God is holy — which you are. ¹⁸Let no one deceive himself! If anyone among you imagines *himself* to be wise in this age, let him become foolish so that he may be wise. ¹⁹For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it has been written, "He takes the wise in their own wickedness" (See JOB 5:13). ²⁰And again, "*The* Lord knows the thoughts of the wise that they are vain" (See PSALM 94:11). ²¹Therefore let no man glory in men. For all things are yours — ²²whether Paul, or Apollos, or Peter, or *the* world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come. All are yours, ²³and you *are* Christ's, and Christ is God's.

CHAPTER 4

¹Let a man so esteem us as ministers of Christ and stewards of *the* mysteries of God. ²But as to the rest, it is necessary in stewards that one be found faithful. ³But to me it is a very small thing that I should be judged by you, or by the day of man. But neither do I judge myself. ⁴For I am aware of nothing of myself. But I have not been justified by this, but He who judges me is *the* Lord. ⁵Therefore do not judge anything before *the* time—until the Lord has come—who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the thoughts of *all* hearts. And then shall each one have praise from God.

⁶And these things, *my* brothers, I have changed to fit Apollos and myself for your sakes—so that you may learn in us not to think above what has been written, in order that no one of you may be puffed up, one against another. ⁷For who makes you to differ *from another*? And what do you have which you did not receive? But now if you did receive *it*, why do you boast as *if you* did not receive *it*? ⁸You are already satisfied! You are already rich! You ruled as kings without us! And I wish you surely did rule, so that we also might rule with you. ⁹For I think that God has set forth us the apostles last, as it were appointed to death. For we became a show to the world, both to angels and to men. ¹⁰We *are* fools for the sake of Christ, but you *are* wise in Christ! We *are* weak, but you *are* strong! You *are* glorious, but we *are* without honor! ¹¹Even to this present hour we both hunger and thirst. And *we* are naked and are beaten and wander about without a home. ¹²And *we* labor, working with our own hands. *When we are* reviled, we bless. *When we are* persecuted, we bear *it*. ¹³*When we are* defamed, we entreat. We are made as *the* filth of the world, *the* off-scouring of all *things* to this day. ¹⁴I do not write these things to shame you, but I warn *you* as my beloved children. ¹⁵For if you have ten thousand teachers in Christ, yet *you have* not many fathers—for I fathered you in Christ Jesus through the Gospel. ¹⁶Therefore I urge you *to* become imitators of me.

¹⁷For this reason I sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved child, and faithful in *the* Lord. *He* will remind you of my ways that *are* in Christ, just as I teach everywhere in every church. ¹⁸Now as to my not coming to you, some were puffed up. ¹⁹But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will. And I will not mark the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. ²⁰For the kingdom of God *is* not in word, but in power! ²¹What do you want? that I should come to you with a rod? or in love, and in a spirit of meekness?

CHAPTER 5

¹It is commonly said *that there* is fornication among you (and such fornication as is not even named among the Gentiles—*that one should*

have *his* father's wife). ²And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, so that he who did this deed might be taken away from among you! ³For I truly (as being absent in body, but present in spirit) have already judged him who has so done this thing (as though I were present). ⁴*I have judged* in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (you and my spirit being gathered together with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ) ⁵to deliver such a one to Satan in order to destroy the flesh — so that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. ⁶Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven will leaven a whole lump? ⁷Therefore purge out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, according as you are unleavened. For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. ⁸Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven (nor with leaven of meanness and wickedness), but with *the bread* of sincerity and truth, *which* is not leavened.

⁹I wrote to you in a letter not to keep company with fornicators. ¹⁰And *this was* not altogether with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous, or *the* robbers, or *the* worshippers of idols — for then you would have to go out of the world. ¹¹But now I wrote to you not to keep company with *him*, if anyone called a brother is either a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolator, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a robber. Do not even eat with such a one. ¹²For what *is it* to me to judge those who are outside too? Do you not judge those who are inside? ¹³But God judges those who are outside. And you shall put that wicked person out from among yourselves!

CHAPTER 6

¹*If* any one of you has a matter against another, do you dare go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? ²Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world is judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? ³Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more then *the* things of this life? ⁴If then you have judgment *as to* things of this life, set those up who are least esteemed in the church. ⁵I speak to your shame. Sol! Is there not a wise *man* among you, not even one who shall be able to decide between his brother *and another brother*? ⁶But brother goes to law with brother. And this before unbelievers! ⁷Already then there is a failure among you, that you have law-suits among yourselves. Why do you not rather permit wrong *to yourselves*? Why not rather be cheated? ⁸But you do wrong and cheat, and these things *to your* brothers. ⁹Do you not know that unjust *men* shall not inherit *the* kingdom of God? Do not be fooled — neither fornicators, nor worshippers of idols, nor adulterers, nor abusers of themselves as women, nor abusers of themselves with men, ¹⁰nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor name-callers, nor robbers shall inherit *the* kingdom of God. ¹¹And

some of you were these things. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

¹²All things are lawful to me, but not all things do good. All things are lawful to me, but I will not be brought under the power of any. ¹³Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats—but God shall bring both this and these to nothing. But the body *is* not for fornication, but for the Lord. And the Lord *is* for the body. ¹⁴And God has both raised up the Lord, and will raise us up by His power. ¹⁵Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make *them* the members of a harlot? Let it not be *said!* ¹⁶Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body? For He says, “The two shall be one flesh” (See GENESIS 2:24). ¹⁷But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit. ¹⁸Run from fornication! Every sin that a man does is outside the body. But he who commits fornication sins against his own body. ¹⁹Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit in you?—which you have from God. ²⁰And you are not your own—you were bought with a price! Then glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s.

CHAPTER 7

¹But about the things you wrote to me: *It is good* for a man not to touch a woman. ²But because of fornication, let each one have his own wife. And let each one have her own husband. ³Let the husband give to the wife proper kindness, and likewise also the wife to the husband. ⁴The wife does not have authority over her own body, but the husband *does*. And likewise also the husband does not have authority over his own body, but the wife *does*. ⁵Do not withhold from one another—except by agreement for a time, so that you may be free for fasting and prayer. But come together again into one place so that Satan may not tempt you because of your not being able to contain *yourself*. ⁶But I say this by way of permission, not by way of command. ⁷For I wish that all men were even as myself. But each one has his own gift from God, one in this way, and another in that way. ⁸But I say to the unmarried and the widows, it is good for them if they should stay even as I am. ⁹However, if they do not have control of themselves, let them marry—for it is better to marry than to burn.

¹⁰But to the married I command (*yet* not I, but the Lord), The wife should not be parted from *the* husband. ¹¹However, if she is parted *from him*, let her *either* stay unmarried or be reconciled to *her* husband *again*. And the husband *should* not leave the wife. ¹²But to the rest I say (not the Lord), If any brother has an unbelieving wife, and she agrees to live with him, let him not leave her. ¹³And *the* woman who

has an unbelieving husband, and he agrees to live with her, let her not leave him. ¹⁴For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife. And the unbelieving wife is sanctified in the husband. For otherwise your children are unclean — but now *they* are holy. ¹⁵But if the unbeliever separates himself, let him separate himself. The brother or the sister is not under bondage in such *cases*, but God has called us in peace. ¹⁶For what do you know, O wife, whether you shall save your husband? Or what do you know, O husband, whether you shall save your wife?

¹⁷But to each one as God has given, as the Lord has called each one, so let him walk. And so I command in all the churches. ¹⁸Was anyone called who had been circumcised? Let him not be uncircumcised. Was anyone called not being circumcised? Let him not be circumcised. ¹⁹Circumcision is nothing, and not being circumcised is nothing. But keeping God's commandments *is everything*. ²⁰Each one in the calling in which he was called, let him live in this way. ²¹Were you called as a slave? Do not let it be a care to you — but if you are able to become free, use *it* rather. ²²For he who is called as a slave in *the* Lord is a free man of *the* Lord. And likewise he who is called free is a bond-slave of Christ. ²³You were bought with a price! Do not become *the* slaves of men. ²⁴*My* brothers, each one, in whichever way he was called, let him live with God in that way.

²⁵Now about virgins, I do not have any commandment of *the* Lord. Yet I give judgment as one who has received mercy from *the* Lord to be faithful. ²⁶I think then this is good — because of the present necessity — that *it is* good for a man to be this way. ²⁷Have you been bound to a wife? Do not try to be free. Have you been freed from a wife? Do not look for a wife. ²⁸However, if you did get married, you did not sin. And if a virgin has gotten married, she did not sin. But *you* shall have much trouble in the flesh — but I spare you. ²⁹But I say this, my brothers, the time *is* short. The rest is *this*: that even those who have wives should be as *if they* did not have; and those weeping as *if they* did not weep. ³⁰And the ones rejoicing *should be* as *though* not rejoicing. And the ones *who are* buying *should be* as *those who* do not own *anything*. ³¹And the ones using this world *should be* as *though they* did not use *it* as their very own — for the fashion of this world passes away.

³²But I want you to be free from care. The unmarried one cares for the things of the Lord, how he shall please the Lord. ³³But he that is married cares for the things of the world, how he shall please *his* wife. ³⁴The wife and the virgin are different. The unmarried one cares for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and spirit. But she that is married cares for the things of the world, how she shall please *her* husband. ³⁵And I say *this* for your own good, not that I

may throw a noose in front of you, but for that which *is* right, and that you may wait upon the Lord without being distracted.

³⁶But if anyone considers it behaving unseemly towards his virginity (if he is beyond *his* prime, and so it ought to be), let him do what he chooses — he does not sin — let them marry. ³⁷But he who stands firm in *his* heart, not having any need, but who has authority over his own will (and he has judged this thing in his heart, to keep his own virginity), he does well. ³⁸So that he that gives in marriage does well. And he that does not give in marriage does better.

³⁹A wife is bound by law for as long a time as her husband is living. But if her husband is dead, she is free to be married to whom she pleases, only in *the* Lord. ⁴⁰But according to my judgment, she is happier if she should stay unmarried. And I think I have the Spirit of God.

CHAPTER 8

¹Now about things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ²But if anyone thinks *he* knows anything, he has not known anything as he ought to know it. ³But if anyone loves God, he is known by Him. ⁴Therefore, about the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that an idol *is* nothing in *the* world. And *there is* no other God except one. ⁵For even though there are *those* called gods (whether in Heaven or on the earth), as there are many gods and many lords — ⁶yet to us *there is* one God the Father, of whom *are* all things, and we for Him. And *there is* one Lord Jesus Christ by whom *are* all things, and we by Him. ⁷But this knowledge *is* not in all — but some, fully aware of the idol, eat as of a thing sacrificed to an idol even until now. And their conscience being weak, *they* are defiled. ⁸But food does not commend us to God. For neither if we eat are we the better, nor if we do not eat are we the worse. ⁹But be careful lest this strength of yours become a cause of stumbling to those who are weak. ¹⁰For if anyone see you who have *this* knowledge dining in an idol-temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be built up so as to eat things sacrificed to idols? ¹¹And through your knowledge the weak brother, for whom Christ died, will fall away. ¹²But sinning in this way against the brothers and wounding their weak conscience, you are sinning against Christ. ¹³Therefore if food causes my brother to stumble, I should never eat flesh for ever — so that I may not cause my brother to stumble.

CHAPTER 9

¹Am I not an apostle? Am I not free? Have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? Are you not my work in *the* Lord? ²If I am not an apostle

to others, yet without doubt I am to you—for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord. ³My answer to those who examine me is this: ⁴Do we not have authority to eat and to drink? ⁵Do we not have authority to lead around a sister, a wife, as also the other apostles, and Peter, and the brothers of the Lord? ⁶Or *is it* only Barnabas and I *who* have no right to quit working? ⁷Who at any time serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of the fruit at any time? Or who shepherds a flock and does not eat of the milk of the flock? ⁸Do I speak these things after the manner of men? or does not the Law also say these things? ⁹For it has been written in the law of Moses, “You shall not muzzle an ox treading out corn” (See DEUTERONOMY 25:4). Is it *because* God cares for the oxen? ¹⁰or because of us alone *that* He says *it*? It was written for us, because he who plows ought to plow in hope. And he who treads out corn in hope *ought* to partake of his hope. ¹¹If we have sown unto you spiritual things, *is it* a great thing if we shall reap your fleshly things? ¹²If others share in the authority over you, *should* not rather we? But we did not use this authority. But we endure all things lest we should hinder the Gospel of Christ. ¹³Do you not know that those who labor *about* holy things eat of *the things* of the temple? The ones attending at the altar partake with the altar. ¹⁴Even so the Lord has commanded to those who preach the Gospel, *that they should* live of the Gospel.

¹⁵But I did not use any of these things. And I did not write these things that it should be so with me. For *it were* better for me to die than that anyone should make my glorying useless. ¹⁶For if I preach the Gospel, there is no glory to me—for great need is laid upon me, and it is woe to me if I do not preach the Gospel. ¹⁷For if I do this willingly, I have a reward; but if against my will, I am *still* entrusted with an administration of *the Gospel*. ¹⁸What then is my reward? *It is* that in preaching the Gospel I should make the Gospel of Christ free—so that I may not misuse my authority in the Gospel. ¹⁹For being free from all, I myself became a slave to all, so that I might gain the most. ²⁰And I became as a Jew to the Jews, so that I might gain Jews; *and* to those under Law as under Law, so that I might gain those under Law. ²¹*And I became* to those without Law as *one* without Law (not being without law unto God, but under law unto Christ) that I might gain those without Law. ²²To the weak I became as weak, so that I might gain the weak. To all these I have become all things, so that by all means I might save some. ²³And I do this for the sake of the Gospel, so that I might be a partaker of it.

²⁴Do you not know that the ones who run in a race really all run, but *only one* receives the prize? So run that you may win. ²⁵But everyone who tries to win in all things controls himself. Then they indeed *do it* so that they may win a crown that perishes—but we *to win one* that cannot

perish. ²⁶So then I run, not as *if I were* uncertain. *And* so I fight, not as *one who* beats the air. ²⁷But I am beating my body down and leading it captive, lest by any means I myself should be rejected after I have preached to others.

CHAPTER 10

¹Now I do not want you to be ignorant, *my* brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud. And all passed through the sea. ²And all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³And all ate the same spiritual food. ⁴And all drank the same spiritual drink—for they continued to drink of *the* spiritual rock *that* followed *them*—and the Rock was Christ. ⁵Yet God was not pleased with most of them, for they were slain in the desert. ⁶But these things became examples for us, so that we may not be lusters after evil things, even as they also desired. ⁷Neither be worshippers of idols, even as some of them *were*—for it has been written, “The people sat down to eat and to drink, and rose up to play” (See EXODUS 32:6). ⁸Neither should we commit fornication, even as some of them committed fornication (and in one day twenty-three thousand fell). ⁹Neither should we try Christ, even as also some of them tried Him and were destroyed by the serpents. ¹⁰Neither should you complain, even as some of them complained and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹Now all these things happened *as* examples to them, and were written for our warning, on whom the ends of the ages are come.

¹²Therefore let him that thinks he stands be careful lest he fall. ¹³No temptation has taken you except what is common to man. But God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able—but with the temptation *He* will make a way of escape, so that you may be able to bear *it*. ¹⁴Therefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idol-worshipping. ¹⁵I speak as to wise men: you judge what I say. ¹⁶The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the fellowship of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the fellowship of the body of Christ?—¹⁷because we, the many, are one loaf, one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. ¹⁸Look at Israel according to *the* flesh—are not the ones eating the sacrifices fellow-partakers with the altar? ¹⁹What do I say then? that the idol is anything, or that which is offered in sacrifice is anything? ²⁰But *I say* that what the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons, and not to God. But I do not want you to be fellow-partakers with demons. ²¹You cannot drink *the* cup of *the* Lord and *the* cup of demons *too!* You cannot eat of *the* table of *the* Lord and of *the* table of demons *too!* ²²Or, do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? (See DEUTERONOMY 32:21). Are we stronger than *He is?*

²³All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but not all things build up. ²⁴Let no one seek

his own, but each one *should seek* the other's *welfare*. ²⁵Eat everything that is sold in a market, in no way inquiring because of conscience. ²⁶"For the earth *is* the Lord's, and the fullness of it" (See PSALM 24:1). ²⁷But if any one of the unbelievers invites you, and you desire to go, eat all that is set before you, in no way inquiring because of conscience. ²⁸But if anyone say to you, This is offered to an idoll — do not eat for the sake of him that showed *it*, and the conscience. "For the earth *is* the Lord's and the fullness of it." ²⁹But conscience, I say, not that of yourself, but that of the other man, For why is my freedom judged by another's conscience? ³⁰But if I partake with thanksgiving, why am I slandered for that for which I give thanks? ³¹Whether therefore you eat, or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God. ³²Give no occasion of stumbling — both to the Jews and Greeks, and to the church of God. ³³Even as I also please *men* in all things — not seeking my own profit, but the *profit* of many, so that they may be saved.

CHAPTER 11

¹Be imitators of me, even as I also *am* of Christ.

²Now I praise you, *my* brothers, that you have remembered me in all things. And *you* hold fast the teachings even as I taught them to you. ³But I want you to know that Christ is the Head of every man, but the head of *the* woman *is* the man, and the Head of Christ *is* God. ⁴Every man who prays or prophesies *with anything* upon *his* head puts his Head to shame. ⁵And every woman who prays or prophesies with *her* head uncovered puts her head to shame. For it is one and the same as if her head had been shaved. ⁶For if a woman is not covered, let her also be shorn. But if it is shameful for a woman to be shorn or to be shaven, *then* let her be covered. ⁷For indeed man, being the image and glory of God, ought not to have his head covered — but woman is the glory of man. ⁸For man is not of *the* woman, but woman of the man. ⁹For also man was not created for the sake of the woman, but woman for the sake of the man. ¹⁰For this reason the woman ought to have authority on the head, for the sake of the angels. ¹¹Nevertheless neither *is* man apart from *the* woman, nor woman apart from *the* man, in *the* Lord. ¹²For as the woman *is* of the man, so also is the man by the woman — but all things *are* of God. ¹³Judge within yourselves: Is it becoming for a woman to pray to God uncovered? ¹⁴Or does not even nature itself teach you that if a man has long hair it is a dishonor to him? ¹⁵But if a woman has long hair, it is to her glory — for the long hair is given to her instead of a covering. ¹⁶But if anyone thinks to be full of argument, we have no such custom, nor the churches of God.

¹⁷But commanding you *as* to this, I do not praise *you*, because you come together not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸For first of all I hear that you have divisions among you when you come together in the

church — and I partly believe *it*. ¹⁹For there must also be heresies among you in order that the approved may be made known among you. ²⁰Therefore when you come together into one place, it is not in order to eat *the* Lord's supper. ²¹For each one takes beforehand his own supper when you eat — and one is hungry and another is drunken. ²²What! Do you not have houses for eating and drinking? Or do you despise the church of God, and put the ones who have nothing to shame? What should I say unto you? Shall I praise you in this? I do not praise *you!* ²³For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered unto you — that the Lord Jesus took bread (in the night in which He was betrayed), ²⁴and after giving thanks He broke *it*, and said, Take, eat! This is My body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of Me. ²⁵In like manner also after *He* had supped, *He* took the cup, saying, This cup is the new covenant in My blood: this do, as often as you drink *it*, in remembrance of Me. ²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show forth the death of the Lord until He comes. ²⁷So that whoever shall eat this bread or shall drink the cup of the Lord in a way that is not worthy, he shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸But let a man examine himself, and let him eat of the bread and let him drink of the cup in this way. ²⁹For he that eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself — not seeing through *to* the body of the Lord. ³⁰For this cause many among you *are* weak and sickly, and many are dead. ³¹For if we examine ourselves, we would not be judged. ³²But when we are judged, we are corrected by *the* Lord, so that we should not be condemned with the world. ³³So then, *my* brothers, when you come together in order to eat, wait for one another. ³⁴But if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home — so that you may not come together for judgment. And the other things I will set in order when I come.

CHAPTER 12

¹But concerning spiritual *gifts*, *my* brothers, I do not want you to be ignorant. ²You know that you were Gentiles carried away to dumb idols, even as you were led. ³For this reason I give you to know that no one who is speaking by *the* Spirit of God says *that* Jesus *is* accursed. And no one can say *that* Jesus *is* Lord except by *the* Holy Spirit. ⁴But there are different kinds of gifts, yet the same Spirit. ⁵And there are different kinds of ministries, yet the same Lord. ⁶And there are different kinds of workings, yet it is the same God who works all things in all. ⁷But to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for profit. ⁸For to one a word of wisdom is given by the Spirit. And to another a word of knowledge *is given*, according to the same Spirit, ⁹and to a different one faith, in the same Spirit. And to another *is given* gifts of healing, in the very same Spirit. ¹⁰And to another *is given* the working of mighty works, and to another prophecy, and to another *the* discerning of spirits. And to a different one *is given many* kinds of languages, and to another *the* inter-

pretation of languages. ¹¹But the one and the same Spirit works all these things, giving separately to each one as He desires. ¹²For even as the body is one and has many parts — but all the parts of the body, though many, are one body — so also is Christ. ¹³For by one Spirit also we were baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free men, and all were made to drink into one Spirit. ¹⁴For also the body is not one member, but many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body — is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁶And if the ear should say, Because I am not an eye, I am not *part* of the body — is it therefore not of the body? ¹⁷If the whole body *were* an eye, where *would* the hearing *be*? If *the whole were* hearing, where *would* the smelling *be*? ¹⁸But now God set each one of the parts in the body, just as He pleased. ¹⁹But if all were one part, where *would be* the body?

²⁰But now truly *there are* many parts, but *only* one body. ²¹And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of you. Nor again *can* the head *say* to the feet, I have no need of you. ²²But much rather the parts of the body which seem to be weaker are needed. ²³And those *parts* of the body which we think to be less honorable, to these we give the more honor. And our unbecoming *parts* have the most comeliness — ²⁴but our becoming *parts* have no need. But God tempered the body together, giving more honor to that *part* which had need, ²⁵that there should not be any division within the body — but *that* the parts might have the same care for one another. ²⁶And if one part suffers, all the parts suffer with *it*. And if one part is glorified, all the parts rejoice together. ²⁷Now you are *the* body of Christ, and members in particular. ²⁸And God has set certain ones in the church. First, *He has set* apostles; secondly, prophets; thirdly, teachers — then works of power, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, different kinds of languages. ²⁹*Are* all apostles? *Are* all prophets? *Are* all teachers? Do all *do* works of power? ³⁰Do all *have* gifts of healings? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But love the better gifts, and yet I show you a more excellent way.

CHAPTER 13

¹If I speak in the tongues of men and angels, but have not love, I have become as sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. ²And if I have prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith (so that *I could* remove mountains,) but have not love, I am nothing. ³And if I give all my goods in order to feed *the poor*, and if I give my body that I may be burned, but have not love, I have gained nothing. ⁴Love has patience *and* is kind. Love is not jealous. Love is not vain, is not puffed up. ⁵*Love* does not behave unseemly. *Love* does not seek its own things, is not easily provoked. *Love* thinks no evil, ⁶does not rejoice in evil — but rejoices in the truth. ⁷*Love* covers all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. ⁸Love never fails. But whether *there* are

prophecies, they shall be done away. Whether *there are gifts of languages*, they shall be done away. Whether *there is a gift of knowledge*, it shall be done away. ⁹For we know in part, and we prophesy in part, ¹⁰but when that which is perfect comes, then that *which is in part* shall be done away. ¹¹When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I thought as a child, and I reasoned as a child. But when I became a man, I did away with childish things. ¹²For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then *we shall see* face to face. Now I know in part — but then I shall know even as also I have been known. ¹³And now faith, hope and love remain, these three things, but the greatest of these is love.

CHAPTER 14

¹Run after love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but rather that you may prophesy. ²For he who speaks in tongues does not speak to men, but to God — for no one hears, but he in spirit speaks mysteries. ³But he who prophesies speaks to build men up and *to encourage and comfort them*. ⁴He who speaks in tongues builds himself up — but he who prophesies builds up *the church*. ⁵Now I wish you all to speak in languages but rather so that you should prophesy. For he who prophesies *is greater* than he who speaks with languages — except that he should interpret so that the church may receive benefit. ⁶But now, *my* brothers, if I come to you speaking with foreign languages, what good shall I do you — unless I speak to you either by way of revelation, or knowledge, or prophesying, or teaching? ⁷Even when things without life give a sound (whether pipe or harp,) if they do not give a difference in the sounds, how shall *it* be known what *is* being piped or harped? ⁸And, too, if a trumpet gives an uncertain sound, who shall get ready for war? ⁹So *it is with* you too — unless you give an understandable speech by means of the language, how shall *it* be known what you are saying? — for you will be speaking into *the air*. ¹⁰It may be that there are so many kinds of sounds in *the world*, and none of them without distinct sound. ¹¹Therefore if I do not know the meaning of the sound, I shall be a *bär-bâr'-i-än* to him who speaks. And he who speaks *shall be* a *bär-bâr'-i-än* to me. ¹²So you also, since you are desirous of spirits, seek that you may excel for the building up of the church. ¹³Therefore he who speaks in a tongue, let him pray that he can interpret. ¹⁴For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is without fruit.

¹⁵What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, but I will pray also with the understanding. I will praise with the spirit, but I will also praise with the understanding. ¹⁶Otherwise if you bless with the spirit, he who fills the place of the unlearned — how shall he say the Amen at your giving of thanks, since he does not know what you say? ¹⁷For you indeed give thanks well, but the other is not being built up. ¹⁸I thank my God that *I* speak with more languages than all of you — ¹⁹But in *the church* I had

rather speak five words with my understanding, so that I also may teach others, than ten thousand words in a foreign tongue.

²⁰*My* brothers, do not be children in *your* minds, but be babes in malice, and be full-grown in your minds. ²¹It has been written in the Law, "By other tongues and by other lips I will speak to this people, and even so, they will not hear Me, says *the Lord*" (See ISALAH 28:11). ²²So that the tongues are for a sign, not to those who believe, but to the ones who do not believe. But prophecy is not to the ones who do not believe, but to those who believe. ²³If then the whole church come together in one place, and all should speak with foreign tongues, and unlearned ones or unbelievers come in, will they not say that you are mad? ²⁴But if all prophesy, and some unbeliever or unlearned one should come in, he is convicted by all, he is examined by all—²⁵and so the secrets of his heart may become known. And so, falling upon his face, he will worship God, saying that God is truly among you.

²⁶What then is it, *my* brothers? When you come together, each of you has a psalm, *or* has a teaching, *or* has a tongue, *or* has a revelation, *or* has an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. ²⁷If anyone speak with a foreign tongue, *let it be* by two, or at the most three, and one after another, and let one interpret. ²⁸And if there is not an interpreter, let him be silent in the church, and let him speak to himself and to God. ²⁹And let two or three prophets speak, and let the others judge. ³⁰But if there should be a revelation to another sitting by, let the first be silent. ³¹For one by one you can all prophesy, so that all may learn, and all may be encouraged. ³²And *the* spirits of prophets are subject to prophets. ³³For He is not the God of confusion, but of peace—as in all the churches of the saints.

³⁴Let your women be silent in the churches, for it is not allowed to them to speak—but *they are* to be in subjection, even as the Law also says. ³⁵But if they desire to learn anything, let them ask their husbands at home—for it is a shame for women to speak in church.

³⁶For did the word of God come forth from you? Or did it come only to you? ³⁷If any one thinks *himself* to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him recognize the things I write to you, that they are commands of the Lord. ³⁸But if any be ignorant, let him be ignorant. ³⁹So, then, my brothers, love to prophesy, and do not forbid *anyone* to speak in tongues. ⁴⁰Let all things be done decently and in order.

CHAPTER 15

¹Moreover, *my* brothers, I make known to you the Gospel which I preached to you, which you also received—*the Gospel* in which you also

stand, ²by which you also are being saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you first of all what I also received — that Christ died for our sins, according to the Scriptures; ⁴and that He was buried; and that He was raised the third day, according to the Scriptures; ⁵and that He appeared to Peter, then to the twelve. ⁶Then He appeared to over five hundred brothers at once, of whom the greater part remain until now, but some also are dead. ⁷After that He appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸And last of all, as if to one born out of due time, He appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, who am not fit to be called *an* apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by *the* grace of God I am what I am, and His grace which *was* towards me has not been in vain — but I labored more fruitfully than all of them (yet not I, but the grace of God with me). ¹¹Whether then *it were* I or they, so we preach, and so you believed.

¹²Now if Christ is preached, that He has been raised from among *the* dead, how do some among you say that there is not a resurrection of *the* dead? ¹³But if there is not a resurrection of *the* dead, neither has Christ been raised. ¹⁴But if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is worthless, and your faith is also worthless. ¹⁵And, too, we are found to be false witnesses of God — for we witnessed about God, that He raised up the Christ, *but* He did not raise *Him* if then *the* dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if *the* dead are not raised, neither has Christ been raised. ¹⁷But if Christ has not been raised, your faith is foolish — you are still in your sins. ¹⁸And then those that have fallen asleep in Christ have been lost. ¹⁹If we have hope in Christ in this life only, we are more miserable than all men.

²⁰But now Christ has been raised from among *the* dead. He has become the first-fruit of those *who* are dead. ²¹For since death *came* through man, resurrection of *the* dead also *came* through man. ²²For as all die in Adam, so also all shall be made alive in Christ. ²³But each in his own order: Christ *the* first-fruit; then they who are of Christ in His coming; ²⁴then comes the end — whenever He delivers up the kingdom to *Him who is* God and Father — whenever He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. ²⁵For it behoves Him to reign until He shall have put all enemies under His feet. ²⁶*The* last enemy put down is death. ²⁷For He put all things in subjection under His feet. But when it is said that all things are put in subjection, *it is* plain that *it* excepts Him who put all things in subjection to Him. ²⁸And when all things shall have been put in subjection to Him, then the Son Himself also will be subject to Him who put all things under Him — so that God may be all in all.

²⁹Otherwise what shall they do who are being baptized for the dead — if *the* dead are not raised at all? And why are they also being baptized for the dead? ³⁰Why also are we in danger every hour? ³¹Day by day I die,

by your own boasting, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord. ³²If after the manner of men I have fought with wild beasts in Éphesus [Ēf'-ĕ-sūs], what is the gain to me if *the* dead are not raised? "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die" (See ISALAH 22:13). ³³Do not be led astray, evil companions ruin good manners. ³⁴Be sober in righteousness and do not sin. For some have not the knowledge of God—I speak *this* to your shame.

³⁵But someone will say, How are the dead raised? and with what body do they come? ³⁶Fool! What you sow is not made alive unless it die. ³⁷And what you sow, you do not sow the body which shall come to be, but the bare grain — it may be of wheat or of some other *grain*. ³⁸And God gives a body to it according as He was pleased, and to each of the seeds its own body. ³⁹Not all flesh is the same flesh — but *there is* one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another of fish, and another of birds. ⁴⁰And *there are* heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. But the glory of the heavenly is truly different, and that of the earthly is different — ⁴¹one glory of *the* sun, and another glory of *the* moon, and another glory of *the* stars; for *one* star differs from *another* star in glory. ⁴²So also is the resurrection of the dead. *The body* is sown in decay, it is raised in a *state that* cannot decay. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. ⁴⁵So also it has been written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul" (See GENESIS 2:7); the last Adam *became* a life-giving Spirit. ⁴⁶But that *which is* spiritual is not first, but the natural, then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man is out of earth, made of dust — the second man is the Lord out of Heaven. ⁴⁸Just as he who is made of dust is, so also *are* the ones made out of dust. And just as the Heavenly One is, so also are the heavenly *ones*. ⁴⁹And even as we bore the image of the *one* made of dust, so we shall also bear the image of the Heavenly One. ⁵⁰But I say this, *my* brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit *the* kingdom of God, nor does rottenness inherit purity.

⁵¹Behold! I tell you a heavenly secret: We shall not all fall asleep, but we shall all be changed — ⁵²in an instant, in *the* twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For a trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised forever pure, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this rottenness must put on purity, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴But when this decaying *one* shall have put on purity, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the word that has been written, "Death was swallowed up in victory. ⁵⁵O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?" (See ISALAH 25:8; HOSEA 13:14). ⁵⁶Now the sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law. ⁵⁷But thanks *be* unto God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! ⁵⁸So then, my beloved brothers, be firm, so *that you* cannot be moved, abounding in the

work of the Lord always, knowing that your labor is not in vain in *the* Lord.

CHAPTER 16

¹Now about the collection which *is* for the saints, even as I gave order to the churches of Galatia, you also do the same. ²Upon the first *day* of the week let each one of you lay by him in store whatever he may be prospered in, so that when I come there should be no collections then. ³And when I arrive, whomever you shall approve by letters, I will send these to carry your gifts of charity to Jerusalem. ⁴And if it is suitable for me to go also, they shall go with me. ⁵But I will come to you when I have gone through Macedonia [Mäss-ē-dō'-nī-ă] — for I am passing through Macedonia. ⁶And it may be that I shall stay with you, or I may even winter *with you*, so that you may set me forward wherever I may go. ⁷For I do not want to see you now *just* in passing, but I hope to stay a while with you, if the Lord permit. ⁸But I shall stay in Ēph'-ē-sūs until Pen'-tē-cost. ⁹For a door has been opened to me, wonderful and mighty, but *there are* many who oppose *us*.

¹⁰Now if Timothy should come, see that he may be with you without fear — for he works the work of *the* Lord, even as I do. ¹¹Let no one therefore despise him, but set him forward in peace so that he may come to me, for I look for him with the brothers. ¹²And concerning Apollos the brother, I much urged him that he should come to you with the brothers. But it was not *his* will that he should come now — but he will come when he has an opportunity. ¹³Watch! Stand fast in the faith! Quit yourselves like men! Be strong! ¹⁴Let all your things be done in love.

¹⁵But I beseech you, *my* brothers. You know the house of Stephanas [Stěf'-ăn-ăs], that it is the first-fruit of Achaia [Ā-kī'-ă], and *that* they have devoted themselves to minister to the saints. ¹⁶I *ask* that you be subject to such, and to everyone working and laboring with *us*. ¹⁷And I rejoice at the coming of Stěph'-ăn-ăs and Fôr-tün-ăt'-ūs and Ā-chai-cūs for they filled up what was lacking on your part. ¹⁸For they refreshed my spirit and yours. Therefore recognize such.

¹⁹The churches of Asia greet you. Ā-quil'-ă and Prīs-cil'-lă greet you in *the* Lord, with the church in their house. ²⁰All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.

²¹The greeting of Paul, by my own hand. ²²If anyone does not love the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be accursed. The Lord comes. ²³The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. ²⁴My love *be* with you all in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The SECOND Letter to the CORINTHIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, *an* apostle of Jesus Christ by *the* will of God, and Timothy *our* brother, to the church of God which is in Corinth, with all the saints who are in all Achaia [Ā-ky'-ā]. ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and *the* God of all comfort. ⁴*He* comforts us in all our trouble, so *that we may* be able to comfort those in every tribulation — through that comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by *our* God. ⁵For even as the sufferings of Christ abound to us, so also our comfort abounds through Christ. ⁶But if we are troubled, *it is* for your comfort and salvation, the working of which *is* in enduring the same sufferings which we also suffer. If we are comforted, *it is* for your comfort and salvation — ⁷and our hope for you *is* sure — knowing that even as you are partakers of the sufferings, so also of the comfort. ⁸For, *my* brother, we do not want you to be ignorant as to our trouble which happened to us in Asia — that we were heavily pressed down beyond *our* strength, so as for us to even lose hope of living. ⁹But we ourselves have had the sentence of death within ourselves, so that we might not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead. ¹⁰For *He* delivered us from so great a death, and *still* does deliver *us*, in whom we have hope that He also will still deliver *us*, ¹¹with you also laboring together by prayer for us, so that the gracious gift to us by many persons may be the cause of thanksgiving by many on our behalf.

¹²For our rejoicing is this, the testimony of our conscience, that we have conducted ourselves in the world in honesty and godly sincerity — not in fleshly wisdom, but in *the* grace of God. And *this is* especially so toward you. ¹³For we do not write any other things to you but what you read, or even recognize. And I hope that you will recognize *them* even to the end — ¹⁴even as you also in part recognized us, that we are your rejoicing, even as you *are* ours in the day of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁵And being sure of this, I intended to come to you before now, so that you might have a second benefit, ¹⁶and to pass by you *going* through to Măc-ē-dō'-nī-ā. And *then* again *I intended* to come to you from Măc-ē-dō'-nī-a, and to be brought on my way toward Judea by you. ¹⁷This then being my purpose, did I indeed use lightness? Or the things that I purpose, do I purpose *them* according to the flesh, so that there should be yes, yes, and no, no, with me? ¹⁸But God *is* faithful, that our word to you was not yes and no. ¹⁹For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, (who was preached among you by us — Sil-vān'-ūs and Timothy and me) was not yes and no, but in Him it was, Yes! ²⁰For however many promises of God *there are*, in Him *is* the Yes, and in Him *is* the Amen — for glory unto God by us. ²¹Now He

who establishes us with you in Christ, and *He who* anoints us *is* God—²²who also has sealed us, and has given the first-fruits of the Spirit in our hearts.

²³But I call upon God as witness upon my soul, that I have not yet come to Corinth in order to spare you. ²⁴Not that we rule over your faith, but *we* are fellow-workers of your joy. For you stand by faith.

CHAPTER 2

¹But I decided this with myself, not to come to you again in sorrow. ²For if I make you sorry, who is it that will make me glad, but he who is made sorry by me? ³And I wrote this very thing lest when I come I might have sorrow from *those* concerning whom I ought to rejoice, ⁴trusting in you all, that my joy is *the joy* of all of you. For through many tears I wrote to you out of much trouble and agony of heart, not that you might be made sad, but that you might know the overflowing love which I have towards you. ⁵But if anyone has caused sorrow, he has not caused me sorrow, but in part all of you *as well* (*I say this that I may not bear too heavily upon you*). ⁶This punishment which *was put upon him* by the most of you is sufficient to such a one. ⁷So that *now*, on the contrary, you should rather forgive and encourage this one lest he should be swallowed up with overwhelming sorrow. ⁸Therefore I urge you to make him sure of *your* love. ⁹For to this end also I wrote, that I might know the proof of you — if you are obedient in everything. ¹⁰But to whom you forgive any thing, I also *forgive*. For also if I have forgiven any thing, I have forgiven *it* for your sake, in *the* person of Christ, ¹¹so that we should not be overreached by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his thoughts.

¹²But when *I* had come to Trō'-ās for the sake of the Gospel of Christ, and a door had been opened to me by *the* Lord, ¹³I did not have any rest in my spirit because I did not find Titus my brother. But taking leave of them, I went out to Măc-ē-dō'-nī-ă. ¹⁴But thanks *be* unto God, who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and who reveals through us in every place the sweet smell of the knowledge of Him. ¹⁵For we are to God a sweet perfume of Christ — in those who are being saved, and in those who are perishing. ¹⁶To the ones *we are* a savor of death unto death; and to the others a savor of life unto life. And who *is* good enough for these things? ¹⁷For we are not as the many, making gain by corrupting the word of God, but as of truthfulness, but as of God. In the sight of God, we speak in Christ.

CHAPTER 3

¹Do we begin again to recommend ourselves? Or do we, like some, need letters to recommend *us* to you? or *letters* from you to recommend

us? ²You are our letter! For you have been written in our hearts, being known and read by all men, ³showing forth that you are Christ's letter, ministered by us — not being written with ink, but with *the Spirit of the living God* — not on tablets of stone, but on fleshly tablets of *the heart*. ⁴And we have such trust through Christ towards God. ⁵Not that we are able of ourselves to judge anything as of ourselves, but our ability to judge *is* of God — ⁶who has also made us able ministers of the new covenant — not of *the letter*, but of *the Spirit* — for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

⁷But if the ministry of death, in letters cut into stones, was brought into being with glory, (so that the children of Israel were not able to look steadily into the face of Moses, because of the shining glory of his face.) which *glory* was to be done away — ⁸how much rather shall the ministry of the Spirit be with glory! ⁹For if the ministry of con-dēm-nā'-tion *was* glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness exceed in glory. ¹⁰For even that which has been made glorious has not been made glorious in this respect — because of the glory which is far greater. ¹¹For if that which is being done away *was brought in* by means of glory, much more that which remains *is* with glory. ¹²Having such hope, then, we use great plainness of speech. ¹³And *we are* not like Moses, who put a veil over his face so that the children of Israel could not look steadily to the end of that which was to be taken away. ¹⁴But their minds were blinded. For until this very day the same veil remains upon the reading of the Old Testament. *It is* not removed because it is to be done away in Christ. ¹⁵But until this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies upon their heart. ¹⁶However when it shall turn unto *the Lord*, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit. And where the Spirit of *the Lord is*, there *is* freedom! ¹⁸But we all, with unveiled face beholding the glory of *the Lord*, as in a mirror, are being changed *into* the same image from glory to glory, even as from *the Spirit of the Lord*.

CHAPTER 4

¹Therefore, since *we* have this ministry, even as we have received mercy, we do not faint. ²But we have forsaken the hidden things of shame, not walking in sly ways, nor falsely using the word of God. But by revealing the truth *we are* approving ourselves to every conscience of men in the sight of God. ³But if our Gospel is hidden, it is hidden in those who are perishing — ⁴in whom the god of this world has blinded the minds of the ones who do not believe — to the end that the brightness of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (who is *the image of God*) should not dawn upon them: ⁵For we do not preach ourselves, but Christ Jesus *the Lord*. And *we ourselves are* your servants for the sake of Jesus. ⁶Because the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness *is He* who has shone in our hearts *to give* the brightness of the knowledge of the glory

of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God, and not from ourselves.

⁸In every *way we are* pressed down, but not hemmed in. *We are* in doubt, but not without hope. ⁹*We are* persecuted, but not forsaken. *We are* thrown down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰*We are* always bearing about in our body the dying of the Lord Jesus, so that the life of the Lord Jesus may be shown forth in our body too. ¹¹For we who live are always being delivered to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be shown forth in our mortal flesh also. ¹²So death truly works in us, and life in you. ¹³But *we* have the same spirit of faith, according to what has been written, "I believed, therefore I spoke" (See PSALM 116:10). We also believe, therefore we also speak, ¹⁴knowing that He who raised up the Lord Jesus will raise us up through Jesus also. And *He* will present *us* with you. ¹⁵For all things *are* for your sake, in order that the abounding grace may excel through the thanksgiving of the greatest number, to the glory of God.

¹⁶For this reason we do not faint. But even if our outward man is decaying, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For the lightness of *our* affliction, which is but for a moment, is working out for us a far more excellent eternal weight of glory. ¹⁸For we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen—for the things which are seen *are* not lasting, but the things which are not seen *are* everlasting.

CHAPTER 5

¹For we know that if our earthly house of *this* tabernacle is taken down, we have a building from God—a house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens. ²For indeed in this we groan, for *we* long to be clothed with our house which *is* from Heaven. ³For also if *we* are clothed, we shall not be found naked. ⁴For indeed we who are in the tabernacle groan, being loaded down—since we do not wish to be unclothed, but to be clothed upon, so that that which is mortal may be swallowed up by life. ⁵Now He who has made us fit for this same thing *is* God, who also has given to us the first-fruit of the Spirit. ⁶Therefore *we are* always fully assured, knowing that while *we* are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷(For we walk by faith, not by sight.) ⁸We are fully assured, and are well-pleased rather to be away from home, out of the body, and to be at home with the Lord. ⁹Because of this, too, we are striving to be pleasing to Him—whether *we* are at home, or away from home.

¹⁰For we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ—so that

each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he did, whether good or evil.

¹¹Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men. But to God we have been known, and I hope *we* have been known in your consciences also. ¹²For we do not again recommend ourselves to you, but we are giving you an occasion to glory on our behalf — so that you may have something *to answer* to those *who* glory in appearance and not in heart. ¹³For if we were beside ourselves, *it was* unto God. Or *if we* are of sound mind, *it is* for you. ¹⁴For the love of Christ presses us on every side. For *we* have judged this, that if one died for all, then all died. ¹⁵And He died for all, so that they who live should no longer live to themselves, but to Him who died for them and was raised again. ¹⁶So that from now on we know no one according to *the* flesh. But even if we have known Christ according to *the* flesh, yet now we no longer know *Him*. ¹⁷So that if any one *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation — the old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new! ¹⁸And all things *are* of God, who reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ. And He gave to us the ministry of reconciliation — ¹⁹that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them. And *He* has put in us the word of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God *were* calling through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, Be reconciled to God. ²¹For He made *Him* who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

CHAPTER 6

¹But working together we also call upon you not to receive the grace of God in vain. ²(For He says, “In an accepted time, I have heard you; and in a day of salvation, I have helped you.” Behold! Now is *the* accepted time. Behold! Now is *the* day of salvation. — See ISAIAH 49:8). ³*We are* not giving one occasion of stumbling in anything, so that the ministry may not be blamed — ⁴but in everything *we are* setting ourselves forth as God’s servants, in much patience, in troubles, in emergencies, in difficulties, ⁵in stripes, in imprisonments, in riots, in labors, in watchings, in fastings, ⁶in pureness, in knowledge, in long suffering, in kindness, in *the* Holy Spirit, in true love, ⁷in *the* word of truth, in *the* power of God, through the weapons of righteousness on the right hand and *on the* left, ⁸through glory and dishonor, through evil report and good report — as deceivers, and *yet* true — ⁹as unknown, and *yet* well-known — as dying, and *yet* behold, we live! — as flogged, and *yet* not put to death — ¹⁰as sorrowful, but *yet* always rejoicing — as poor, but *yet* enriching many — as having nothing, and *yet* possessing all things.

¹¹Our mouth is opened to you, O Corinthians, our heart has been made larger. ¹²You are not made narrow in us, but you are cramped in your

own bowels. ¹³But for the same reward — I speak as to children — be also made larger.

¹⁴Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership *does* righteousness *have* with lawlessness? And what fellowship *does* light *have* with darkness? ¹⁵And what agreement *does* Christ have with Bē'-li-āl? Or what part *does* a believer have with an unbeliever? ¹⁶And what agreement *does* the temple of God *have* with idols? For you are a temple of *the* living God, even as God said, "I will dwell in them, and walk among *them*. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people" (See LEVITICUS 26:12). ¹⁷Therefore come out from among them, and be separate, says *the* Lord. Do not touch *the* unclean, and I will receive you. ¹⁸And I will be a Father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me, says *the* Lord Almighty.

CHAPTER 7

¹Therefore, beloved, *since* we have these promises, we should make ourselves clean from every defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in *the* fear of God.

²Make room for us. We have not done anyone wrong. We have not corrupted anyone. We have not taken advantage of anyone. ³I do not speak for condemnation — for I have said before that you are in our hearts, for *us* to live together and to die together. ⁴Great is my freedom of speech towards you. Great is my boasting on your behalf. I am filled with comfort. I am overflowing with joy at all our tribulation. ⁵For indeed, when we had come into Māc-ē-dō'-nī-ā, our flesh had no rest. But we were troubled on every side. *We had* fightings on the outside *and* fears on the inside. ⁶But the God who comforts those who are brought low, comforted us by the coming of Titus. ⁷And not only by his coming, but also by the comfort with which he was comforted in regard to you. *And he* told us *of* your longing, your mourning, *and* your eagerness on my behalf, so that I rejoiced all the more. ⁸For if I have also made you sorry in the letter, I do not repent, though I could even have repented, for I see that that letter, if even for an hour, made you sorry. ⁹Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that you were made sorry unto repentance. For you were made sorry in God's way, so that you might not suffer loss by us. ¹⁰For godly sorrow works repentance unto salvation, not to be repented of. But the sorrow of the world works death. ¹¹For behold this same thing (your being made sorry in God's way): *What* carefulness it worked out in you! *what* clearing of yourselves! *what* anger! *what* fear! *what* desire! *what* eagerness! *what* punishment! In every *way* you have proved yourselves to be clear in the matter.

¹²So then even if I wrote to you, it was not for the sake of him who did wrong (nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong,) but so that our care

for you in the sight of God might appear to you. ¹³For this reason we have been comforted in your comfort. And much more fully have we rejoiced over the joy of Titus, because his spirit has been refreshed by all of you. ¹⁴For if I have boasted anything to him about you, I was not put to shame. But as we spoke all things in truth to you, so also our boasting before Titus turned out to be truth. ¹⁵And his tender feelings towards you are far greater, remembering the obedience of you all—how you received him with fear and trembling. ¹⁶I am joyful, therefore, that in everything I am fully assured in you.

CHAPTER 8

¹Moreover we make known to you, *my* brothers, the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Măc-ê-dô'-nî-ă—²that in a great testing *time* of trouble, the overflowing of their joy and their deep poverty abounded to the riches of their generous giving. ³For I bear witness that according to *their* power, and beyond *their* power, *they were* willing of themselves. ⁴With much desire *they* begged us, *desiring* for us to receive the grace and the fellowship of the ministry which *was* for the saints. ⁵And not *only* as we hoped, but they gave themselves first to the Lord, and to us, by *the* will of God. ⁶So we called upon Titus, that even as he began before, so also he should complete this grace to you too. ⁷But even as you excel in everything—in faith, and speech, and knowledge, and all eagerness, and in your love to us—in this grace you should excel also. ⁸I do not speak according to a command, but through the eagerness of others, and the testing of the trueness of your love. ⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, being rich, for your sake He became poor, in order that you might be made rich by His being poor. ¹⁰And I give *my* judgment in this matter, for this is good for you, who began before not only to do, but also to be willing a year ago. ¹¹But now finish the doing of it so that according as *there was* a readiness to be willing, so, too, *let there be* a finishing, *giving* out of what *you* have. ¹²For if there is a willing mind, *it is* accepted according to what a man may have—not according to what he does not have. ¹³For *it is* not that *I intend* for others *to be* eased, and for you *to be* burdened, ¹⁴but of equalness. In the present time your surplus *may be* for their need. *And* also their surplus may be for your need, so that there should be equalness. ¹⁵Even as it has been written, “He that *gathered* much had nothing left over, and he that *gathered* little did not lack anything” (See Exodus 16:18).

¹⁶But thanks *be* unto God, who gives the same care for you in the heart of Titus. ¹⁷For indeed he accepted the call, but being more eager, of his own accord he went out to you. ¹⁸And we sent with him the brother whose praise in the Gospel *is* throughout all the churches. ¹⁹And not only *this*, but also *he* had been chosen by the churches *as* our traveling com-

panion with this gift which *is* administered by us to the glory of the Lord Himself, and *as a witness* of your readiness. ²⁰*We are* arranging this lest any one should blame us in this rich collection which *is* administered by us — ²¹providing all things honest, not only in the sight of *the* Lord, but also in the sight of men. ²²And we sent our brother with them, whom we often proved to be earnest in many things — and now much more earnest by the great assurance which *I have* toward you. ²³*If anyone* asks about Titus, *he is* my partner and a fellow-helper for you. Or *about* our brothers, *they are* messengers of *the* churches, *the* glory of Christ. ²⁴So show to them, and *that* before the churches, the proof of your love and of our boasting on your behalf.

CHAPTER 9

¹For concerning the ministry which *is* for the saints, it is not needful for me to write to you. ²For I know your readiness of mind, of which I boast to *the* Măc-ê-dō'-nî-ăns concerning you, that Achaia [Ā-ky'-a] was ready a year ago — and your eagerness *has* aroused very many. ³Yet I sent the brothers, lest our boasting (which is about you) should be in vain in this respect — so that, according as I said, you may be ready, ⁴lest perhaps *the* Măc-ê-dō'-nî-ăns should come with me and find you not ready. We (not to say you) would be put to shame in this confidence. ⁵Therefore I judged *it* needful to call upon the brothers, that they should go ahead to you and make up beforehand this your promised blessing. The same *is* to be ready *so as to be* a blessing, and not as *of* selfishness. ⁶But this *I say*, he that sows very little shall also reap very little. And he that sows with blessings shall also reap with blessings. ⁷*Let each man give* as he purposes in *his* heart — not out of sorrow, nor out of need, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸For God *is* able to make every grace abound to you, so that in every *way* you *will* always have enough of every kind and may abound to every good work. ⁹Even as it has been written, “He has scattered abroad, he has given to the poor, his righteousness remains forever” (See PSALM 112:9). ¹⁰Now He that supplies seed to him that sows and bread for eating, may He supply *you*, and may He multiply your sowing. And may He increase the fruits of your righteousness — ¹¹*that you may abound* in every *way*, being made rich unto every kind of generous giving, which truly works out through us thanksgiving to God. ¹²Because the ministry of this service is not only fully supplying the needs of the saints, but *it is* also multiplying over and over through many thanksgivings to God. ¹³So through the proof of this service, *they are* glorifying God *because* of your freely expressed obedience to the Gospel of Christ, and *your* generous giving of the fellowship towards them and towards all. ¹⁴And in their prayer for you, *there is* a longing for you because of the exceeding grace of God upon you. ¹⁵Now thanks *be* unto God for His unspeakable free gift.

CHAPTER 10

¹Now I myself, Paul, call upon you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ — I, who indeed to look upon *am* lowly among you, but *being* absent *I* am bold toward you. ²I ask, however, that when *I am* present I may not be bold with the confidence with which I think to be daring against some, who judge of us as *if we were* walking according to *the* flesh. ³For *though we are* walking in *the* flesh, we do not war according to *the* flesh. (⁴For the weapons of our warfare *are* not fleshly, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds — ⁵overthrowing imaginations and every high thing lifting itself up against the knowledge of God — and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ — ⁶and having a readiness to reward all *who* refuse to obey, as soon as you have fulfilled your obedience.)

⁷Do you look at things according to the outward appearance? If anyone is sure in himself that he is Christ's, this let him think again within himself, that even as he *is* Christ's, so also *are* we Christ's. ⁸Yes, even if I should boast somewhat more fully about our authority (which the Lord gave to us for building *you* up, and not for pulling you down) I shall not be put to shame — ⁹so that I may not seem as if *I would* ¹⁰righten you by means of letters: ¹⁰Because truly his letters (says he) *are* weighty and strong, but the presence of his body is weak, and *his* speech is to be despised. ¹¹Let such a one think this, that such as we are in word through letters when absent, such *we will* also be in action when *we are* present. ¹²For we dare not rank ourselves among or compare ourselves with some who recommend themselves — but measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves with themselves, these are not bringing together *the right things*.

¹³Now we will not boast *as* to the things beyond measure, but according to the measure of the rule which the God of measure gave to us — *a measure* to reach even to you. ¹⁴For we do not outstretch ourselves, as though we did not reach to you. For we have come beforehand even to you in the Gospel of Christ. ¹⁵*We came* not boasting in other men's labors, as to the things beyond measure, but *we* had hope, *through* your growing faith, to be increased more and more — according to our rule, *even* to overflowing. ¹⁶*And this* so as to preach the Gospel to that *region* beyond you, not to boast in another *man's* rule as to things ready to hand. ¹⁷But he that boasts, let him boast in *the* Lord. ¹⁸For not he that recommends himself is the one approved, but the one whom the Lord recommends.

CHAPTER 11

¹I wish that you would bear with me a little in *my* foolishness. No, rather, do indeed bear with me. ²For I am jealous over you with *the*

jealousy of God. For I have promised you to one Man, in order to present you as a pure virgin to Christ. ³But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent fooled Eve in his cunning, so your thoughts should be spoiled from *the* pureness which *is due* to Christ. ⁴For if indeed he that comes preaches another Jesus, *one* whom we have not preached — or you receive another spirit which you have not received — or another gospel which you never welcomed — you might well bear with *it*. ⁵For I suppose myself in no way to have been behind the highest apostles. ⁶But even if *I am* not polished in speech, yet not *so* in knowledge — but in every *way* I have made *the truth* clear to you in all things. ⁷Or did I commit a sin, humbling myself so that you might be lifted up, because I preached the Gospel of God to you without charge? ⁸I stripped other churches, receiving wages *from them* in order to minister to you. ⁹And when I was present with you and had need, I did not lazily burden any one, for my need *was* completely supplied *by* the brothers who came from Măc-ē-dō'-nī-ă. And in everything I kept myself from being a burden to you, and *so* will keep myself. ¹⁰The truth of Christ is in me, so that this my boasting shall not be stopped in the regions of Ā-chai'-ă. ¹¹Why? *Is it* because I do not love you? God knows! ¹²But what I am doing I still will do, so that I may cut off the opportunity of those desiring an opportunity — so that that in which they boast may be found even as we. ¹³For such *men are* false apostles, misleading workers, changing themselves over into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And *it is* no wonder, for Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵*It is* not a great thing, therefore, if his servants also transform themselves as ministers of righteousness — whose end shall be according to their works.

¹⁶Again I say, No one should think me to be a fool. But if otherwise, *then* receive me even as a fool, so that I may boast a little. ¹⁷What I say, I do not say according to *the* Lord, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of boasting. ¹⁸Since many boast according to the flesh, I also will boast. ¹⁹For you gladly bear with the foolish, being wise. ²⁰For you allow *it* if anyone brings you into bondage, if anyone devours *you*, if anyone takes *from you*. *You allow it* if anyone prides himself, if anyone smites you on the face. ²¹I speak according to disgrace, as though we were weak. But in whatever anyone may be daring (I speak in foolishness), I am daring also. ²²Are they Hebrews? So *am* I! Are they Israelites? So *am* I! Are they *the* seed of Abraham? So *am* I! ²³Are they ministers of Christ? (I am speaking as one beside myself.) *I am* more! — I excel them in labors much more richly, and in stripes beyond measure — *I have been* many more times in prison, and often in deaths. ²⁴Five times I received from *the* Jews forty *stripes* minus one. ²⁵I was beaten with rods three times, I was stoned, I was shipwrecked three times, *and* I have passed a night and a day in the deep. ²⁶*I have been* in travels often, in dangers of rivers, in dangers of robbers, in dangers

from *my own* countrymen, in dangers from *the* heathen, in dangers in *the* city, in dangers in *the* desert, in dangers on *the* sea, in dangers among false brothers. ²⁷*I have been* in toil and hardship, often in sleeplessness, in hunger and thirst, often in fastings, in cold and nakedness.

²⁸Besides the things on the outside, the care of all the churches is crowding upon me daily. ²⁹Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is caused to stumble, and I do not burn? ³⁰If it is right for me to boast in the things regarding my weakness, I will boast. ³¹The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, He who is blessed for ever, knows that I do not lie. ³²In Dă-măs'-cūs the governor under Ār'-ĕ-tās the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes [Dām'-ās-sēens] wishing to take me *prisoner*. ³³But I was let down through a window through the wall and escaped his hands.

CHAPTER 12

¹Indeed *it* is not profitable for me to boast. For I will come to visions and revelations of *the* Lord. ²I know a man in Christ—fourteen years ago (whether in *the* body I do not know, or out of the body I do not know; God knows)—such a one was caught away into *the* third Heaven. ³And I know such a man (whether in *the* body or out of the body I do not know; God knows)—⁴that he was caught up into Paradise. And *he* heard unspeakable words, which it is not allowed to man to speak. ⁵About such a one I will boast, but about myself I will not boast, except in my weaknesses. ⁶For if I should desire to boast, I shall not be a fool. For I will tell *the* truth. But I will leave off, lest anyone should think of me above what he sees me *to be*, or what he hears of me. ⁷And so that I might not be made proud by the magnificence of the heavenly visions, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan, that he might beat against me, so that I might not be proud. ⁸For this thing I begged the Lord three times, that it might depart from me. ⁹And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in insults, in dire needs, in persecutions, in tight circumstances for Christ—for when I am weak, then I am strong.

¹¹*In this* boasting I have become a fool. You made me do *it*. For I ought to have been praised by you, for I was in no way behind the highest apostles, though I am nothing. ¹²Truly the signs of an apostle were worked out among you in all patience, in miracles and wonders and works of power. ¹³For in what *way* is it that you were worse than the other churches, except that I myself did not lazily burden you? Forgive me this wrong. ¹⁴Behold! I am ready to come to you a third time, and I will not lazily burden you—for I do not seek your things,

but *I seek* you. For the children ought not to lay up treasure for the parents, but the parents for the children. ¹⁵Now I most gladly will spend and be fully spent for your souls—even if loving you more and more, I am loved the less. ¹⁶But let it be so, I did not burden you. But being crafty I caught you with bait. ¹⁷Did I take advantage of you by any of *those* I have sent to you? ¹⁸I begged Titus and sent with *him* the brother. Did Titus take advantage of you? Did we not walk by the same spirit? Did *we* not *walk* in the same steps?

¹⁹Again, do you think that we are defending ourselves? We speak before God in Christ, but *in* all things, beloved, for your gain. ²⁰For I fear, lest by any means when I come I should not find you as I wish, and I be found by you *to be* such as you do not wish—lest perhaps *there should be* fightings, envyings, outbursts of anger, party arguments, slanders, whisperings, proud thoughts *and* uproars. ²¹*I fear* lest when I come again my God will humble me in regard to you, and lest I should weep over many of those who have sinned already and have not repented of the uncleanness and fornication and lustfulness which they have practiced.

CHAPTER 13

¹I am coming to you this third time. In *the* mouth of two or three witnesses every matter shall be settled. ²I have told *you* before, and I say beforehand (as being present the second time, and being absent now, I write to those who have sinned before, and to all the rest) that if I come again I will not spare. ³Since you seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, (who is not weak towards you, but is powerful in you—⁴for indeed if He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by God's power—for indeed we are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by God's power towards you,) ⁵examine yourselves, whether you are in the faith—prove your own selves. Or do you not recognize yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you, unless you are reprobates? ⁶Now I hope that you will know that we are not reprobates. ⁷But I pray to God that you may do nothing evil—not that we may appear to be approved, but that you may do what *is* right, even though we are reprobates. ⁸For we have no power against the truth, but for the truth. ⁹For we rejoice when we are weak and you are strong. But this also, we pray for your being made perfect. ¹⁰Because of this I write these things while absent, so that when *I am* present I may not treat *you* with sharpness—according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building *you* up, and not for pulling *you* down.

¹¹Finally, *my* brothers, be joyful, be made perfect, be comforted, be of one mind, be at peace. And the God of love and peace shall be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All saints greet you. ¹⁴The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit *be* with you. Amen.

The Letter to the GALATIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, *an* apostle, (not from men, nor through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God *the* Father, who raised Him from among *the* dead,) ²and all the brothers with me, to the churches of Galatia [Gā-lāy'-shā]. ³Grace to you and peace from God *the* Father and our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave Himself for our sins so that He might deliver us out of the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom *be* the glory forever and ever. Amen.

⁶I marvel that you so quickly are moving away from Him who called you into the grace of Christ to another gospel—⁷which is not another, but there are some who trouble you and desire to twist the Gospel of Christ. ⁸But even if we, or an angel from Heaven, should preach any other gospel to you than that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. ⁹As we have said before, now also I say again, If any man preach any other gospel than what you received, let him be accursed. ¹⁰For now do I persuade men or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I were yet pleasing men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

¹¹But I assure you, *my* brothers, the Gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹²For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught *it*, but by a heavenly vision of Jesus Christ. ¹³For you have heard of my manner of life at one time in the Jewish religion—how that I was beyond measure persecuting the church of God and was laying it waste. ¹⁴And *I* was progressing in the Jewish religion beyond many others of my age in my own race, for *I was* jealous for *the* traditions of my fathers. ¹⁵But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called *me* by His grace, ¹⁶to reveal His Son in me (that I might preach the Gospel about Him among the nations), immediately I did not talk it over with flesh and blood. ¹⁷Nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those *who were* apostles before me, but I went away into Arabia, and again I returned to Dām-ās'-cūs. ¹⁸Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to make friends with Peter, and I stayed with him fifteen days. ¹⁹But I did not see any other of the apostles except James the brother of the Lord. ²⁰Now what things I write to you, behold, before God, I do not lie. ²¹Then I came into the regions of Syria and Cilicia [Sī-lish'-yā]. ²²But I was not known by face to the churches of Judea which *were* in Christ. ²³Only they had heard that he who was persecuting them in times past was now preaching the Gospel, the faith which he once laid waste. ²⁴And they were glorifying God in me.

CHAPTER 2

¹Then after fourteen years I again went up to Jerusalem with Bär'nā-bās, also taking with *me* Titus. ²But I went up according to revelation and laid before them the Gospel which I preach among the Gentiles — but privately to those thought to be important, lest somehow I should be running, or had run, in vain. ³(But not even Titus, who *was* with me, being a Greek, was forced to be circumcised.) ⁴But *this was* on account of the false brothers *who were* brought in secretly, who stole in to spy out our freedom which we have in Christ Jesus — that they might bring us into slavery. ⁵But we did not give in to *them*, not even for an hour, so that the truth of the Gospel might continue with you. ⁶But from those who were thought to be something (whatever they were makes no difference to me — God does not accept *the* person of man), for those who were thought to be important did not add anything to me. ⁷But on the contrary, when *they* saw that I had been entrusted with the Gospel to the uncircumcised (even as Peter *had been sent* to the circumcision — ⁸for He who worked in Peter towards *the* apostleship of the circumcision also worked in me towards the Gentiles), ⁹and when *they* saw the grace which was given to me, James and Peter and John — those thought to be pillars — *gave the right hands* of fellowship to Barnabas and me that we *should go* to the Gentiles, and that they *should go* to the circumcision. ¹⁰Only *they asked* that we should remember the poor, which very thing I was also trying to do.

¹¹But when Peter came to Antioch [An'-tī-ok], I withstood him to *his* face, because he was to be blamed. ¹²For before some came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles. But when they came, he drew back and was keeping himself apart — being afraid of those of *the* circumcision. ¹³And the rest of *the* Jews also acted the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away by their acting the hypocrite. ¹⁴But when I saw that they did not walk uprightly, according to the truth of the Gospel, I said to Peter in front of *them* all, If you, being a Jew, live like the Gentiles, and not like the Jews, why do you force the Gentiles to live like the Jews? ¹⁵We *who are* Jews by nature, and not sinners of *the* Gentiles, ¹⁶know that a man is not justified by works of *the* Law, but through faith in Jesus Christ. We too have believed on Jesus Christ that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by works of *the* Law — for by the works of *the* Law shall no flesh be justified. ¹⁷But if, while we seek to be justified in Christ, we ourselves were found to be sinners, *is* therefore Christ *the* minister of sin? Let it not be *said!* ¹⁸For if I build again these things which I pulled down, I make myself a sinner. ¹⁹For I through *the* Law died to *the* Law, so that I may live unto God. ²⁰I have been crucified with Christ. Nevertheless I live, yet not I, but Christ lives in me. And the *life* which I now live in *the* flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. ²¹I do not set aside the grace of God — for if righteousness *come* by *the* Law, then Christ died in vain.

CHAPTER 3

¹O foolish Galatians, who has bewitched you, that you should not obey the truth—*you* before whose eyes Jesus Christ crucified was openly set forth among you? ²This only I wish to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by works of *the Law*? or by *the* hearing of faith? ³Are you so foolish? Having begun in *the* Spirit, are you now made perfect by *the* flesh? ⁴Did you suffer so many things in vain? if indeed *it was* in vain. ⁵He therefore who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, *is it* by works of *the Law*, or by *the* hearing of faith? ⁶*It is* even as Abraham, *who* believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness. ⁷Know then that they that *are* of faith, these are *the* sons of Abraham. ⁸And the Scripture, seeing beforehand that God justifies the Gentiles by faith, preached before the Gospel to Abraham, *saying*, “All the nations shall be blessed in you” (See GENESIS 12:3). ⁹So that those who are of faith are being blessed with the believing Abraham. ¹⁰For as many as are of *the* works of *the Law* are under a curse. For it has been written, “Cursed *is* everyone who does not continue in all things which have been written in the book of the Law to do them” (See DEUTERONOMY 27:26). ¹¹But that no one is being justified by Law in the sight of God *is* plainly seen, because, “The just shall live by faith” (See HABAKKUK 2:4). ¹²But the Law is not of faith, but, “The man who has done these shall live by them” (See LEVITICUS 18:5). ¹³Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us, for it has been written, “Cursed *is* everyone who hangs on a tree” (See DEUTERONOMY 21:23)—¹⁴that the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

¹⁵*My* brothers—I speak after the manner of man—no one sets aside even a confirmed covenant of man, or adds to it. ¹⁶But to Abraham and to his seed were the promises spoken. He does not say, And to seeds, as of many, but as of one, And to your seed, which is Christ. ¹⁷I say this now, *the* covenant settled beforehand by God to Christ, the Law (which took place four hundred and thirty years after) cannot set aside, so as to do away with the promise. ¹⁸For if the inheritance *is* by Law, *it is* no longer by promise—but God gave *it* to Abraham by promise. ¹⁹Why then the Law? It was added for the sake of transgressions, until the Seed should come to whom *the* promise was made. *For it* had been ordained through angels in a mediator’s hand. ²⁰But a mediator is not *a mediator* of one, but God is one.

²¹*Is* the Law then against the promises of God? Let it not be *said!* For if a law had been given which was able to give life, indeed righteousness would have been by *the Law*. ²²But the Scripture shut up all things under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those that believe. ²³But before faith came, we were kept under

the Law, being shut up to the faith which was about to be revealed. ²⁴So that the Law has been our schoolmaster *up to the time of* Christ, so that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵But faith coming on, we are no longer under a schoolmaster—²⁶for you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷For as many as were baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ. ²⁸There cannot be Jew or Greek. There cannot be slave or freeman. There cannot be male and female. For you all are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹But if you *are* Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to *the* promise.

CHAPTER 4

¹But I say, for as long a time as the heir is an infant, he does not differ any from a slave, though he is lord of all. ²But he is under guardians and stewards until the time set before by the father. ³So we too, when we were infants, were held in slavery under the principles of the world. ⁴But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, coming from a woman, coming under *the* Law, ⁵so that He might redeem the ones under *the* Law—and so that we might receive sonship. ⁶But because you are sons, God sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. ⁷So that you are no longer a slave, but a son. And if *you are* a son, *you are* also an heir of God through Christ. ⁸But then indeed not knowing God, you were a slave to those who by nature are not gods. ⁹But now *that you* have known God (or rather, *that you* have been known by God), how can you turn again to the weak and poor principles to which you again desire to be in slavery? ¹⁰You carefully keep days and months and times and years. ¹¹I am afraid of you, lest somehow I have labored in vain regarding you.

¹²*My* brothers, I beg of you, be as I *am*, for I also *am* as you *are*. You did not wrong me in anything. ¹³But you know that through weakness of the flesh I preached the Gospel to you at the first. ¹⁴And you did not despise my temptation in my flesh, nor did *you* spit upon *me*. But you received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. ¹⁵What then was your happiness? For I bear you witness that, if possible, you would have plucked out your eyes and have given *them* to me. ¹⁶Have I therefore become your enemy *by* telling you the truth? ¹⁷They are eagerly after you, *but* not honorably. But they desire to keep you *from us* so that you may *run* eagerly after them. ¹⁸But *it is* right to be zealous in a right *thing* at all times, and not only when I am present with you. ¹⁹*You are* my little children, *for* whom I labor in pain again until Christ shall have been formed in you—²⁰and I desire to be there with you now, and to change my voice, for I am doubtful of you.

²¹Tell me, you who desire to be under *the* Law, do you not hear the Law? ²²For it has been written that Abraham had two sons—one of the slave-woman, and one of the free woman. ²³But he that was of the slave-woman had been born after *the* flesh, and he that was of the

free woman through the promise. ²⁴Which things are made a parable: for these are the two covenants — one from Mount Sinai, bringing forth to slavery, which is Hagar. ²⁵For Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and answers to the present Jerusalem. And she is in slavery with her children. ²⁶But the Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all. ²⁷For it has been written, “Rejoice, O unfruitful one that does not bear. Break forth and cry, you who have no birth-pains. Because more are the children of the deserted one than *the children* of her who has the husband” (See ISAIAH 54:1). ²⁸But *my* brothers, we, like Isaac, are children of promise. ²⁹But as then he who was born according to the flesh persecuted him *who was born* according to *the* Spirit — so it is now. ³⁰But what does the Scripture say? “Throw out the slave-woman and her son, for the son of the slave-woman shall not in any way inherit with the son of the free woman” (See GENESIS 21:10). ³¹So then, *my* brothers, we are not children of the slave-woman, but of the free woman.

CHAPTER 5

¹Stand fast therefore in the freedom with which Christ has made us free, and be not held again in the yoke of slavery. ²Behold! I, Paul, say to you, that if you are circumcised, Christ shall not profit you. ³And I again bear witness to every man *who is* being circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole Law. ⁴You are set aside from Christ, you who are being justified in *the* Law. You fell from grace. ⁵For we through *the* Spirit wait for *the* hope of righteousness by faith. ⁶For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor the lack of circumcision is worth anything — but faith working by love. ⁷You were running well. Who kept you back *that* you did not obey the truth? ⁸This false belief *is* not of Him who calls you. ⁹A little leaven leavens the whole lump. ¹⁰I am sure as to you, that you will have no other mind in *the* Lord. But he who is troubling you shall bear the judgment, whoever he may be.

¹¹But I, *my* brothers, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? Then the stumbling-block of the cross has been done away. ¹²I wish that they who are causing you to doubt would even cut themselves off. ¹³For you were called to freedom, *my* brothers. Only do not *use* the freedom for an opportunity to the flesh, but serve one another by love. ¹⁴For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ¹⁵But if you bite and devour one another, be careful that you are not destroyed by one another.

¹⁶But I say, Walk in *the* Spirit and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. And these are contrary to one another: so that you cannot do the things that you want to do. ¹⁸But if you are led by *the* Spirit, you are not under *the* Law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are plainly seen.

They are adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lustfulness, ²⁰worshipping of idols, practicing of evil magic, hatreds, fightings, jealousies, outbursts of anger, party arguments, differences, false teachings, ²¹envyings, murders, drunkenness, wanton parties, and things like these. As to *these* I tell you beforehand, even as I also said before, that they who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faith, ²³meekness, self-control—against such things there is no law. ²⁴But they that *are* Christ's crucified the flesh with *its* passions and *its* lusts. ²⁵If we live by *the* Spirit, we should also walk by *the* Spirit. ²⁶We should not seek after vain glory, angering one another, envying one another.

CHAPTER 6

¹*My* brothers, even if a man is overtaken in some fault, you, the spiritual ones, restore such a one in a spirit of meekness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. ²Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. ³For if anyone thinks himself to be something, when he is nothing, he is fooling himself. ⁴But let each prove his own work, and then he shall have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another. ⁵For each shall carry his own load.

⁶Let him who is taught in the word share with him who teaches in all good things. ⁷Be not deceived: God is not mocked—for whatever a man sows, that he shall also reap. ⁸For he that sows to his own flesh, from the flesh *he* shall reap everlasting misery. But he that sows to the Spirit, from the Spirit *he* shall reap everlasting life. ⁹But we should not lose heart *in* doing good—for in due time we shall reap, if we do not faint. ¹⁰So then as we have opportunity we should do good towards all *men*, and especially towards those of the household of faith.

¹¹You see *with* what large letters I have written to you with my *own* hand. ¹²As many as desire to have a fair show in *the* flesh, these force you to be circumcised—*but* only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. ¹³For neither they themselves who are being circumcised keep *the* Law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they might boast in your flesh. ¹⁴But may it never be for me to boast, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision is worth anything, nor the lack of circumcision, but a new creation. ¹⁶And as many as shall walk by this rule, peace and mercy *be* on them and on the Israel of God. ¹⁷For the rest, let no one cause me troubles, for I bear in my body the brands of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit, brothers. Amen.

The Letter to the EPHESIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, by *the* will of God — to the saints who are at Ephesus [Ĕf-ĕ-sūs], and to *the* faithful in Christ Jesus: ²Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly *places* in Christ — ⁴according as He has chosen us in Him before *the* foundation of *the* world, for us to be holy and blameless before Him in love. ⁵*For He* had marked us out beforehand for adoption through Jesus Christ to Himself — according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶to *the* praise of *the* glory of His grace, in which He made us *the* receivers of grace in the Beloved. ⁷In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace — ⁸which He caused to abound toward us in all wisdom and understanding. ⁹*For He* had made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself — ¹⁰for *in the* dispensation of the fullness of time *He purposed* to head up all things in Christ, the things in Heaven and the things on earth — in Him, ¹¹in whom we also have been chosen to an inheritance, being prĕ-dĕs'-tĭ-nā-tĕd according to *the* purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His own will — ¹²for us to be to *the* praise of His glory, who have first trusted in Christ. ¹³In whom you also *trusted* when you had heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation. In whom also, after you had believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is *the* first-fruit of our inheritance, unto *the* redemption of the purchased possession, to *the* praise of His glory.

¹⁵Because of this I also, (hearing of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and the love which *you have* toward all the saints,) ¹⁶do not stop giving thanks for you. *For I* make mention of you in my prayers, ¹⁷that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you *the* spirit of wisdom and revelation in *the* knowledge of Him — ¹⁸*that* the eyes of your understanding may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of His calling, and what *are* the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹and what *is* the exceeding greatness of His power towards us, who believe according to the working of His mighty strength ²⁰which He worked in Christ when *He* raised Him from among *the* dead. And He set *Him* at His right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹above all rule and authority and power and lordship, and *above* every name *that is* named — not only in this age, but also in the coming one. ²²And He put all things under His feet and gave Him *to be* Head over all things to the church, ²³which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all things in all.

CHAPTER 2

¹And *He made* you *live*, who were once dead in trespasses and sins — ²in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the sons of disobedience — ³among whom also we conducted ourselves in times past in the lusts of our flesh (doing the things willed *by* the flesh and the mind), and were by nature the children of wrath, just like the rest *of them*. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us ⁵(even when we were dead in sins) He made *us* alive together with Christ (by grace you are saved), ⁶and raised *us* up together, and seated *us* together in the heavenlies in Christ Jesus — ⁷so that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

⁸For by grace are you saved, through faith — and this not of yourselves, *for* it is the gift of God — ⁹not of works, lest any man should boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God has before ordained that we should walk in them.

¹¹For this reason remember that *when you were* Gentiles in *the* flesh (who are called Uncircumcision by the *ones* called Circumcision, in *the* flesh made by hand), ¹²that at that time you were without Christ, being separated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise — having no hope, and without God in the world. ¹³But now in Christ Jesus, you who were at one time afar off are made near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For He is our peace, who has made *us* both one, and who has broken down the middle wall of the partition *between us*, ¹⁵(having in His flesh done away with the ill-will — the Law of commandments contained in ordinances,) so that He might in Himself make the two into one new man, making peace *between them*, ¹⁶and might reconcile both to God in one body through the cross, slaying the ill-will by it. ¹⁷And when *He* had come, He preached the Gospel of peace to you who *were* afar off, and to those *who were* near. ¹⁸For through Him we both have a way to come to the Father by one Spirit. ¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens of the saints and of the household of God. ²⁰For *you* have been built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being *the* chief cornerstone — ²¹in whom all the building fitted together grows into a holy temple in *the* Lord. ²²In whom also you are being built together into a dwelling-place of God in *the* Spirit.

CHAPTER 3

¹For this reason I, Paul, *am* the prisoner of Jesus Christ for you Gentiles. ²If indeed you have heard of the ministry of the grace of God which has been given to me towards you — ³that by revelation He made known to me the mystery (according as I wrote before in few words, ⁴*by the* reading of which you are able to understand my knowledge in

the mystery of Christ), ⁵which *mystery* was not made known to the sons of men in other generations, as it now has been revealed to His holy apostles and prophets in *the power of the Spirit*. ⁶*That is, that the Gentiles were to be heirs together, and of the same body, and partakers together of His promise in Christ, through the Gospel.* ⁷Of which *Gospel* I was made a minister, according to the gift of the grace of God given to me, according to the sure working of His power.

⁸This grace was given to me, (*who am less than the least of all the saints,*) to preach the Gospel of the unsearchable riches of Christ among the Gentiles. ⁹And to make all *men* see what is the fellowship of the mystery which has been hidden from eternity, in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ — ¹⁰so that now unto the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly *places* might be known by the church the many-sided wisdom of God — ¹¹(according to *the* eternal purpose which He purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord) — ¹²in whom we have boldness and a way of approach, in confidence, through His faith.

¹³For this reason I desire that *you* do not faint at my trials for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴For this cause I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵(of whom the whole family in Heaven and earth is named,) ¹⁶*asking* that He may grant to you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power in the inner man, through His Spirit — ¹⁷that through faith Christ may dwell in your hearts — that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸may be fully able to grasp firmly with your mind (along with all the saints) what is the breadth and length and depth and height; ¹⁹and to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge — so that you may be filled to all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now unto Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹unto Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

CHAPTER 4

¹I therefore, the prisoner in *the* Lord, urge you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called — ²with all humility and meekness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love — ³being careful to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴*There is one body and one Spirit, even as also you were called in one hope of your calling.* ⁵*There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism* — ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. ⁷But unto every one of us grace was given according to the measure of the gift of Christ. ⁸For this reason He says, "When *He* went up on high He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men" (See PSALM 68:18). ⁹Now if He went up, what is it but *proof* that He also first came down into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He that came down is the same *One* also

who went up far above all the heavens, so that He might fill all things. ¹¹And indeed He gave some *to be* apostles, and some prophets, and some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers — ¹²with a view to the perfecting of the saints, for *the* work of *the* ministry, for building up the body of Christ. ¹³*And this* until we all come to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God — unto a full-grown man, unto *the* measure of *the* stature of the fullness of Christ. ¹⁴*And this* so that we may no longer be infants, being tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine, in the underhandedness of men, in skillful trickery, with a view to the establishing of error. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things, who is the Head, *even* Christ. ¹⁶From *Him* all the body, fitted and brought together by every assisting joint, according to *the* working of each part in *its* own measure, producing the growth of the body unto *the* building up of itself in love.

¹⁷This I say therefore, and testify in *the* Lord, that you no longer walk even as also the rest of *the* Gentiles are walking — in *the* vanity of their mind, ¹⁸being darkened in the understanding, being made strangers to the life of God because of the ignorance which is in them, because of the hardness of their heart. ¹⁹*For* when *they* had thrown off all feeling, *they* gave themselves up to lust, for *the* working of all uncleanness with greediness. ²⁰But you have not so learned Christ — ²¹if indeed you heard Him and were taught in Him, as *the* truth is in Jesus. ²²*For* you *ought* to have put off the old man (according to your way of living before), which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts. ²³*And you ought* to be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴and to have put on the new man (who after God was created in righteousness and true holiness).

²⁵Because of this, putting off whatever is false, let each one speak truth with his neighbor, because we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry, but do not sin, let not the sun set upon your wrath, ²⁷neither give place to the devil. ²⁸*The one* stealing, let him steal no more — but rather let him labor, working what is good with *his* hands, so that he may have *something* to give to him that has need. ²⁹Let no filthy word go forth out of your mouth, but if anything *is said*, let it be good for use in building up as regards the need, that it may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed unto *the* day of redemption. ³¹Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and uproar, and evil-speaking be put away from you, along with all evil-hearted feelings. ³²And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, even as also God forgave you in Christ.

CHAPTER 5

¹Therefore become imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and walk in love, even as also Christ loved us and gave up Himself for us *as* an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of a sweet smell.

³But *as to* fornication and all uncleanness, or greediness, let it not be even named among you, as is becoming to saints. ⁴*Let there be* neither filthiness nor foolish talking nor joking—which are not becoming—but rather thanksgiving. ⁵For you know this, that no fornicator, or unclean person, or greedy person (who is an idol-worshipper) has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. ⁶Let no one deceive you with empty words, for the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience because of these things. ⁷Therefore do not be partners with them—⁸for you were once darkness, but now *you are* light in *the* Lord, walk as children of light. ⁹For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth.

¹⁰*Be always* proving what is pleasing to the Lord, ¹¹and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove *them*. ¹²For it is shameful even to speak the things which are being done by them in secret. ¹³But all of them, being exposed by the light, are clearly revealed—for that which clearly reveals everything is light. ¹⁴For this reason he says, “Wake up, you sleeper! and rise up from among the dead—and Christ shall shine upon you.” ¹⁵Take heed then how carefully you walk—not as unwise, but as wise *men*—¹⁶redeeming the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷Because of this, do not be foolish, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸And do not be drunk with wine—in which is debauchery. But be filled with *the* Spirit, ¹⁹speaking to each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord—²⁰giving thanks at all times for all things to Him who is God and Father, in *the* name of our Lord Jesus Christ—²¹submitting yourselves to one another in *the* fear of God.

²²Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as to the Lord. ²³For the husband is head of the wife, even as Christ is Head of the church, and He is Saviour of the body. ²⁴But even as the church is subject to Christ, so also *let the wives be* to their own husbands in everything. ²⁵Husbands, love your own wives, even as Christ also loved the church and gave up Himself for it, ²⁶that He might set it apart, having cleansed it by the washing of water by *the* word—²⁷so that He might present it to Himself: a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing, but that it might be holy and blameless. ²⁸So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He that loves his own wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever yet hated his own flesh, but nourishes and warmly cares for it—even as the Lord *does* the church. ³⁰For we are members of His body, of His flesh, and of His bones. ³¹For this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two *of them* shall be one flesh. ³²This is a great mystery, but I speak as to Christ and as to the church. ³³Nevertheless you also, every one of you, let each love his own wife as himself—and the wife *see* that she fear *her* husband.

CHAPTER 6

¹Children, obey your parents in *the* Lord, for this is right. ²Honor your father and mother, which is the first commandment with promise, ³so that it may be well with you, and you may live long on the earth. ⁴And fathers, do not anger your children, but bring them up in *the* training and fear of *the* Lord.

⁵Slaves, obey *your* masters according to *the* flesh, with fear and trembling, in purity of your heart, even as unto Christ. ⁶Do not *serve* with eye-service, as pleasers of men, but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from *the* heart. ⁷With good will do service to the Lord and not to men — ⁸knowing that whatever good each man may have done, he shall receive this from the Lord, whether *he is* a slave, or free. ⁹And masters, do the same things towards them, giving up threatening, knowing that also your own Master is in Heaven, and there is no respect of persons with Him.

¹⁰For the rest, my brothers, be powerful in *the* Lord, and in the might of His strength. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against authorities, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual *powers* of wickedness in heavenly places. ¹³Because of this take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and when you have done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand, therefore, with the girdle of truth around your loins, putting on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and shoeing *your* feet with *the* readiness of the Gospel of peace — ¹⁶above all, taking up the shield of faith, with which you will be able to put out all the burning darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷Also receive the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is *the* word of God. ¹⁸*Be* praying always with all prayer and humble seeking in *the* Spirit, and watching unto this very thing, with all steadfastness and humble seeking for all saints. ¹⁹And *also pray* for me, that skill in speaking may be given to me, in *the* opening of my mouth with boldness to make known the mystery of the Gospel — ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in a chain, that in it I may be bold as I ought to speak.

²¹But that you also may know my affairs *and* what I am doing, Tychicus [Tik'-i-kūs], the beloved brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will make all things known to you — ²²whom I sent to you for this very thing, that you might know our affairs, and that he might comfort your hearts. ²³Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴Grace *be* with all those that love our Lord Jesus Christ in purity. Amen.

The Letter to the PHILIPPIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul and Timothy, servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi [Fill'-ip-pi], with *the* overseers and deacons. ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ. ³I thank my God for all *my* remembrance of you. ⁴Always in my every prayer for you all, *I* make request with joy ⁵for your fellowship in the Gospel, from the first day until now. ⁶For *I* am persuaded of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will finish it until the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷Even as it is right for me to think this of you all, because you have me in your heart — both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the Gospel, you are all partakers of my grace. ⁸For God is my witness how I long for you all in *the* tender affections of Jesus Christ. ⁹And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all judgment — ¹⁰so that you may discern the things that differ, that you may be pure and without blame to *the* day of Christ — ¹¹being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which *are* by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

¹²But I want you to know, *my* brothers, that the things *which* happened to me have turned out to the progress of the Gospel. ¹³So much so that within the palace, and to all the rest, my bonds have become known to *be* in Christ. ¹⁴And the most of the brothers in *the* Lord, being assured by my bonds, dare much more boldly to speak the word without fear. ¹⁵Some indeed are preaching Christ even from envy and strife, but some also from good will. ¹⁶The ones *who* are indeed preaching Christ out of *a desire* to stir up trouble *do* not *do* so sincerely, but thinking to add troubles to my bonds. ¹⁷But the ones *who do* so out of love know that I am set for the defense of the Gospel. ¹⁸What then? Nevertheless in every way, whether pretending, or in truth, Christ is preached. And I rejoice in this. Yes, I will rejoice *more* — ¹⁹for I know that this shall turn out to be salvation for me, through your prayer and *the* supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ. ²⁰Even according to my hope and eager belief that I shall not be ashamed in anything — but in all boldness, as always, so now Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live *is* Christ! and to die *is* gain! ²²But if *I* live in *the* flesh, this *is* the fruit of my labor, yet what I shall choose I do not know. ²³For I am pressed down by the two *desires* — having a desire to depart and to be with Christ (*which is* very much better) — ²⁴but to stay here in the flesh *is* more needful for your sake. ²⁵And being sure of this, I know that I shall stay and continue with you all, to your progress and joy in the faith — ²⁶so that your rejoicing may abound in Christ Jesus in me, through my being again with you. ²⁷Only keep yourselves doing the things worthy of the Gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you, or *whether* I am absent, I might hear about you, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one soul, work-

ing together for the faith of the Gospel. ²⁸And do not be frightened in anything by those who are against *you*, which is indeed a proof of *everlasting* loss to them, but of salvation to you — and this from God, ²⁹because it was given to you as a favor for Christ's sake, not only to believe on Him, but also to suffer on His behalf — ³⁰having the same struggle which you saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

CHAPTER 2

¹If *there is* any consolation in Christ—if *there is* any comfort of love — if *there is* any fellowship of *the* Spirit — if any tender affections and mercies — ²*then* fill up my joy, so that you may be of the same mind, having the same love, *being* one in soul, counting the one thing important. ³Let nothing be *done* according to a desire to quarrel or to glory in self. But in lowliness of mind let each think *of* one another *as* better than himself. ⁴Do not let each one consider his own things, but each one the things of others too. ⁵For let this mind be in you which *was* also in Christ Jesus: ⁶who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God — ⁷but emptied Himself and took upon Him the form of a servant and was made in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even *the* death of *the* cross. ⁹For this reason God also highly exalted Him and gave to Him a name which *is* above every other name — ¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, (of *those* in Heaven, and on earth, and under the earth), ¹¹and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to *the* glory of God *the* Father.

¹²So, then, my beloved, even as you always obeyed — not in my presence only, but now much rather in my absence — work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. ¹³For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of *His* good pleasure. ¹⁴Do all things without complaints and questionings, ¹⁵so that you may be blameless and harmless, children of God, without spot in the midst of a generation which is crooked and perverted. Among *these* you shine as lights in *the* world, ¹⁶holding forth *the* word of life, unto my joy in the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain, nor labor in vain. ¹⁷But if I also am offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I rejoice. And I rejoice together with you all. ¹⁸And you also take joy in the same and rejoice with me. ¹⁹But I trust in *the* Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, so that I also may be of good courage, when I know the things about you. ²⁰For I have no one of the same mind who will genuinely care for your affairs. ²¹For all are seeking their own things, not the things of Christ Jesus. ²²But you know the proof of him, that, as a child to a father, he served with me for the Gospel. ²³Therefore I hope to send him at once whenever I have seen how things go with me. ²⁴But I trust in the Lord that I also myself shall come shortly. ²⁵Yet I thought *it* needful to send to you Epaphroditus [Ē-pāf-rō-dī'-tūs] — my brother and fellow-worker and fellow-soldier, but your messenger and minister to my need. ²⁶For

he has been longing for you all and was full of heaviness, because you had heard that he was sick. ²⁷For indeed he was sick, even as if called unto death, but God had mercy on him — and not on him only, but also on me, so that I might not have sorrow on top of sorrow. ²⁸I sent him therefore the more carefully, that seeing him again you might rejoice, and that I might be the less sorrowful. ²⁹Receive him therefore in *the* Lord with all gladness, and hold such *a one* in honor — ³⁰because he went near unto death for the sake of the work of Christ. *He* disregarded *his* life so that he might fill up your lack of service towards me.

CHAPTER 3

¹Finally, my brothers, rejoice in *the* Lord. To be writing the same things unto you *is* not truly tiresome to me, and *it is* safe for you. ²Look out for dogs. Look out for evil workers. Look out for the concision party. ³For we are the circumcision who serve God in spirit and rejoice in Christ Jesus and do not trust in *the* flesh. ⁴Though I too might have trust in *the* flesh, *for* if any other *man* thinks to trust in *the* flesh, I more. ⁵*I was* circumcised the eighth day. *I am* of the race of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin — a Hebrew of the Hebrews. According to *the* Law a Pharisee, ⁶according to zeal, persecuting the church. According to righteousness which *is* in *the* Law, *I had* become blameless. ⁷But all things which were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸But no rather, I also count all things to be *but* loss because of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord — for whose sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count *them but* dung in order that I might gain Christ ⁹and be found in Him — not having my own righteousness (which is of *the* Law), but that which is through the faith of Christ — the righteousness of God which is by faith, ¹⁰that I might know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death: ¹¹if by any means I may attain to the resurrection of the dead. ¹²Not as though I already had received, or already have been perfected — but I am pressing on, if I may even lay hold *of* that for which I also was taken hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³*My* brothers, I do not count myself to have taken possession, but one thing *I do*, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴I press toward *the* mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵Therefore, as many as *are* perfect should be of this mind. And if you think differently in anything, God will reveal this to you also. ¹⁶Nevertheless, as to that unto which we have already arrived, let us walk by the same rule, to be of the same mind. ¹⁷Be imitators together of me, *my* brothers, and keep an eye on the ones who are walking this way — for you have us *for* a pattern. ¹⁸For many are walking (of whom I often told you, and now even weeping I tell *you*) as the enemies of the cross of Christ — ¹⁹whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* the belly, whose glory *is* in their shame, who mind earthly things. ²⁰For *our* citizenship is in Heaven, from which we also are looking for the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour — ²¹who will completely transform our body (*in which* we are

now humbled), for it to be made like His glorious body — according to the almighty working of His power, even to put all things under Himself.

CHAPTER 4

¹So, then, my brothers, beloved and longed for, my crown and joy, stand fast in this way in *the* Lord, dearly beloved. ²I call upon Eū-ōd-ī-ā, and I call upon Syn-týchē to be of the same mind in *the* Lord. ³And I ask you also, true yokefellow, help these who labored with me in the Gospel, and with Clement and the rest of my fellow-workers, whose names *are* in *the* Book of Life. ⁴Rejoice in *the* Lord always. Again I say, Rejoice! ⁵Let your sweet reasonableness be known to all men. The Lord *is* near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and by request, with thanksgiving, let your desires be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God which passes all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brothers, whatever *things* are true — whatever *is* honorable — whatever *is* right — whatever *is* pure — whatever *is* lovely — whatever *is* of good report — if *there is* any virtue, and if *there is* any praise, think upon these things. ⁹Do those things which you also learned, and received, and heard, and saw in me — and the God of peace shall be with you.

¹⁰But I rejoiced in *the* Lord greatly, that now at the last your care of me has come alive again. Although you also were caring *about me*, but you did not have opportunity. ¹¹Not that I speak according to need — for I have learned to be content in whatever state I am. ¹²I know both how to be humbled, and I know how to abound. In every thing, and in all things, I have been taught both *how* to be full and how to be hungry — both *how* to have more than enough and how to have less than enough. ¹³I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. ¹⁴Nevertheless, you have done well, having fellowship in my troubles. ¹⁵And you know, too, O Philippians, that in *the* beginning of the Gospel — when I came out from Măc-ē-dō'-nī-ā — no church shared with me in regard to the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. ¹⁶Because even in Thëss-ă-lō-nī'-cā you sent both once and again for my need. ¹⁷Not that I seek after a gift, but I seek after fruit that abounds to your account. ¹⁸But I have all things, and more than enough. I am full, receiving from Ē-pāph-rō-dī'-tūs the things from you — an odor of a sweet smell, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. ¹⁹But my God will fill up all your need according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰Now unto God and our Father *be* glory forever and ever. Amen. ²¹Greet every saint in Christ Jesus. The brothers with me greet you. ²²All the saints greet you, and especially those of the household of Caesar. ²³The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

The Letter to the COLOSSIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²to the saints and faithful brothers in Christ in Cō-löss'-ē. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ³We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you — ⁴hearing of your faith in Christ Jesus, and the love which you have towards all the saints, ⁵through the hope which is laid up for you in Heaven. Which you heard of before in the word of the truth of the Gospel, ⁶which has come to you, even as also into all the world, and has been bringing forth fruit, even as among you also, from the day in which you heard and knew the grace of God in truth. ⁷Even as you learned from Epaphras [Ĕp'-ă-frās] our beloved fellow-servant, who is a faithful servant of Christ for you, ⁸who also declared to us your love in *the Spirit*.

⁹For this cause also, since the day we heard of it, we do not stop praying for you, and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. ¹⁰And we pray for you to walk worthily of *the Lord* unto all pleasing, bringing forth fruit in every good work, and growing into the knowledge of God — ¹¹that you may be strengthened with all power, according to the might of His glory, unto all patience and longsuffering with joy — ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has made us fit for a share of the inheritance of the saints in light — ¹³who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the kingdom of His beloved Son. ¹⁴In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins — ¹⁵He who is *the image* of the God who cannot be seen, *the first-born* of all creation. ¹⁶Because all things were created by Him, the things in Heaven and the things on the earth — that which can be seen and that which cannot be seen, whether thrones, or lordships, or chief rulers, or authorities — all things have been created by Him and for Him. ¹⁷And He is before all things, and all things are held together in Him. ¹⁸And He is the Head of the body, the church — who is the beginning, *the first-born* from among the dead, that He might hold the first place in all things. ¹⁹Because *the Father made* all fullness pleased to dwell in Him, ²⁰and through Him, making peace by the blood of His cross, to reconcile all things to Himself — through Him, whether the things on the earth or the things in Heaven.

²¹And you, who were once alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²²in the body of His flesh, through death, to present you holy and without blame and without charge before Him — ²³if you continue in the faith grounded and settled, and are not moved away from the hope of the Gospel — which you heard, which was preached in all the creation which is under the sky,

of which I, Paul, became a minister. ²⁴Now I am rejoicing in my sufferings for you. And I am filling up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh, for His body, which is the church. ²⁵Of which I became a minister, according to the stewardship of God, which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God — ²⁶the mystery which has been hidden from the ages, and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. ²⁷To *them* God desired to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles — which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸We preach *Him*, warning every man, and teaching every man in all wisdom so that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. ²⁹For which I also labor, working according to the working of Him who works in me in power.

CHAPTER 2

¹For I want you to know how great a struggle I am having on your behalf — and for those in Lā-ōd-ī-cē'-ā, and as many as have not seen my face in *the* flesh. ²I say *this* so that their hearts may be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to *the* knowledge of the mystery of God and of *the* Father and of Christ — ³in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and of knowledge hidden. ⁴And I say this so that no one may bewitch you by winning words. ⁵For though I am indeed absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing and beholding your order and the firmness of your faith in Christ. ⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, walk in Him — ⁷being rooted and built up in Him, and being established in the faith, even as you were taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.

⁸Be careful that there shall be no one who makes a captive of you by means of philosophy and vain deceit, according to the teaching of men, according to the rules of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. ¹⁰And you are complete in Him, who is the Head of all rule and authority. ¹¹And you were circumcised in *Him* with circumcision not done by hand, in the putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ — ¹²being buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised with *Him* through the faith of the almighty working of God, who raised Him from among the dead. ¹³And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, forgiving you all your sins — ¹⁴blotting out the handwriting in the decrees against us, which stood out against us, and He has taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵Stripping the rulers and the authorities, He made a show of them publicly, triumphing over them in it. ¹⁶Therefore, do not let anyone judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a feast, or *the* new moon, or sabbaths — ¹⁷which are a shadow of things to come — but the body is of Christ. ¹⁸Let no man cheat you

of your reward, doing his own will in lowliness and worship of the angels, pushing into things which he has not seen, without a cause puffed up by his fleshly mind. ¹⁹And not holding fast the Head, from whom all the body, by the joints and bands which are given and knit together, increases *with* the increase of God.

²⁰If, then, you died with Christ from the principles of the world, why do you put yourself under *its* ordinances, as if you were living in *the* world? ²¹(You may not handle—you may not taste—you may not touch—²²which things are all to perish in the using.) *These are* according to the commandments and teachings of men—²³which indeed have an appearance of wisdom in will worship and lowliness and harsh treatment of the body—not in any honor for the satisfying of the flesh.

CHAPTER 3

¹If, then, you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at *the* right hand of God. ²Set your mind on the things above, not on the things on the earth. ³For you died, and your life has been hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, our life, shall appear, then shall you also appear with Him in glory. ⁵Therefore put to death your members which *are* on the earth: fôr-nî-câ'-tion, uncleanness, passion, evil lust, and covetousness (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of which things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. ⁷Among whom you also walked at one time, when you were living in these things. ⁸But now, you *must* also put off these things: wrath, anger, evil-hearted feelings, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, *for you* have put off the old man with his deeds ¹⁰and have put on the new *man* that *is* being renewed in knowledge after *the* image of Him who created him—¹¹where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcision nor uncircumcision, barbarian, Scÿth-î-ãn, slave *or* freeman—but Christ *is* all things and in all.

¹²Put on therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, tender feelings of mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, long-suffering—¹³bearing with one another and forgiving each other, if anyone should have a complaint against any. Even as Christ forgave you, you do the same also. ¹⁴And to all these things *add on* love, which is *the* bond of perfectness. ¹⁵And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which you also were called in one body, and be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, in all wisdom, teaching and urging one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord. ¹⁷And whatever you do in word or in deed, *do* all in *the* name of *the* Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and *the* Father by Him.

¹⁸Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as is becoming in *the* Lord. ¹⁹Husbands, love your wives, and do not be bitter against them.

²⁰Children, obey your parents in all things—for this is well-pleasing to

the Lord. ²¹Fathers, do not anger your children so that they may not be discouraged. ²²Slaves, obey in all things your masters according to *the flesh* — not with eye-service, as pleasers of men, but in pureness of heart, fearing God. ²³And whatever you do, work heartily, as to the Lord and not to men — ²⁴knowing that you shall receive the reward of the inheritance from *the Lord*, for you serve the Lord Christ. ²⁵But he that does wrong shall receive *for* what he did wrong — and there is no respect of persons.

CHAPTER 4

¹Masters, give that which *is* right and that which *is* equal to slaves, knowing that you also have a Master in Heaven.

²Continue in prayer, watching in it with thanksgiving, ³praying at the same time for us also — that God may open to us a door of the word, *that we may* speak the mystery of Christ (for which reason I also have been bound), ⁴so that I may make it clear, as I ought to speak. ⁵Walk in wisdom toward those who are on the outside, redeeming the time. ⁶Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, to know how you ought to answer each one.

⁷Tychicus [Tīk'-ī-kūs], the beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow-servant in *the Lord*, will make known to you all the things about me. ⁸I sent *him* to you for this very thing, so that he might know the things about you and might comfort your hearts; ⁹along with Ō-nēs'-ī-mūs, a faithful and beloved brother, who is *one* of you. They will make known to you all things here. ¹⁰Aristarchus [Ār-īs-tār'-kūs] my fellow-prisoner greets you — and Mark *also*, the cousin of Barnabas, about whom you received orders (if he comes to you, receive him), ¹¹and Jesus who *is* called Justus, who are of *the* circumcision. These *are the* only fellow-workers for the kingdom of God who were a comfort to me. ¹²Epaphras [Ēp'ă-frās] greets you, who *is one* of you, a servant of Christ, always laboring for you in prayers, that you may stand perfect and complete in all the will of God. ¹³For I bear witness to him that he has much feeling for you, and *for* those in Lā-ōd-ī-cē'-ā, and *for* those in Hī-er-ā'-pō-lis. ¹⁴Luke the beloved physician greets you, and Demas. ¹⁵Greet the brothers in Lā-ōd-ī-cē'-ā, and Nymphas [Nīm-fās], and the church in his house. ¹⁶And when this letter is read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of *the* Laodiceans [Lāy-ōd-ī-sēe'-āns] — and that you may also read *the one* from Lā-ōd-ī-cē'-ā. ¹⁷And say to Archippus [Ār-kip'-pūs], Take heed to the ministry which you received in *the Lord*, that you fulfill it. ¹⁸The signature of Paul, by my own hand. Remember my bonds. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

The FIRST Letter to the THESSALONIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul and Sil-vān'-us and Timothy to the church of the Thëss-ä-lō'-ni-āns, in God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

²We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers. ³We never stop remembering your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope — *which is* of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of our God and Father — ⁴knowing, beloved brothers, your election by *our* God. ⁵For our Gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in *the* Holy Spirit, and in much assurance — you know what kind of men we were among you, for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, after you had graciously chosen the word, in much affliction and with much joy of *the* Holy Spirit. ⁷*So much so* that you became examples to all those who believe in Măc-ē-dō'-nī-ă and Ā-chai'-ă. ⁸For the word of the Lord sounded forth from you, not only in Măc-ē-dō'-nī-ă and Ā-chai'-ă, but also in every place your faith (which is towards God) has gone abroad, so that there is no need for us to say anything. ⁹For *they* themselves witness what kind of entrance we had unto you — even how you turned from idols to God in order to serve the living and true God — ¹⁰and to wait for His Son from Heaven, (whom He raised from *the* dead — Jesus,) who delivers us from the wrath to come.

CHAPTER 2

¹For, *my* brothers, you yourselves know our coming in unto you, that it was not without profit. ²But even after we had been treated shamefully and had suffered before (even as you know, at Philippi,) we were bold in our God to preach the Gospel of God to you in much agony. ³For our call to you *was* not misleading, nor of uncleanness, nor of trickery. ⁴But even as we have been approved by God to be trusted with the Gospel, so we speak — not so as to please men, but God, who tests our hearts. ⁵For at no time were we flattering in speech, even as you know, nor with an excuse for covetousness — God is our witness. ⁶Nor *were we* seeking glory from men (neither from you, nor from others,) *though* as the apostles of Christ *we* had power to be burdensome. ⁷But we were gentle in your midst, even as a nurse warmly loves her own children. ⁸Longing over you in this way, we were pleased to have given you not only the Gospel of God, but also our own souls — because you have become dear to us.

⁹For, *my* brothers, you remember our labor and hard work. For working day and night, so as not to weigh any one of you down, we preached

the Gospel of God to you. ¹⁰You *are* witnesses, and God *too*, how holily and righteously and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you that believe. ¹¹Even as you know how (unto each one of you) *we were* as a father to his own children — appealing and encouraging and urging you ¹²to walk so as to be worthy of God, who calls you to His own kingdom and glory. ¹³For this cause also we give thanks to God without stopping, that when you had received the word of God, hearing *it* by us, you did not take it as the word of men. But *you took it* as the word of God, as it truly is — which also works in you who believe. ¹⁴For, *my* brothers, you became imitators of the churches of God in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus, because you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, even as they from the Jews, ¹⁵who both killed the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us, and do not please God, and *are* contrary to all men. ¹⁶In order to fill up their sins over and over *they are* telling us not to preach to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. But the wrath of *God* has come upon them to the uttermost.

¹⁷But, *my* brothers, when we were taken away from you for an hour's time (in presence, not in heart), *we* were more eagerly trying to see your face with much longing. ¹⁸For this reason both once and again we desired to come to you (even I, Paul), but Satan kept us back. ¹⁹For what *is* our hope or joy or crown of rejoicing? Or *shall* you not *be* even in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ at His coming? ²⁰For you are our glory and joy.

CHAPTER 3

¹For this cause, when we could no longer bear *it*, we thought *it* good to be left in Athens alone. ²And I sent Timothy, our brother and minister of God, and our fellow-worker in the Gospel of Christ, in order to establish you and encourage you concerning your faith — ³so that no one should be troubled by these afflictions. For *you* yourselves know that we are appointed for this. ⁴For even when we were with you, we told you beforehand that we were about to suffer affliction, even as it also came to pass, and you know. ⁵Because of this, when I no longer could bear *it*, I sent *Timothy* in order to know your faith — lest perhaps the tempter should tempt you and make our labor to be in vain.

⁶But now Timothy has come from you to us and has told us good news *about* your faith and love (and that you always have good remembrance of us, longing to see us, even as we also *long to see* you). ⁷Because of this we were comforted over you, through your faith, *my* brothers, *even* in all our affliction and need — ⁸because now we live, if you stand fast in *the* Lord. ⁹For what thanks can we return to God concerning you, for all the joy with which we rejoice before our God on account of you? ¹⁰Night and day *we were* praying exceedingly *that we*

might see your face and perfect the things lacking in your faith. ¹¹But may our God and Father Himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you to increase and abound in love toward one another, and toward all *men*—even as we also *do* toward you—¹³to the end that *He may* establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

CHAPTER 4

¹For the rest then, *my* brothers, we beg you and we encourage *you* in *the* Lord Jesus *that* even as you received from us how you ought to walk and please God, that you should do far more. ²For you know what commandments we gave you through the Lord Jesus. ³For this is the will of God—*for you to be* purified—for you to keep away from fornication. ⁴*And this* in order *for* each of you to know *how* to possess his own vessel in purity and honor ⁵(not in passions of lust, even as also the Gentiles *do*, who do not know God)—⁶not overreaching and cheating his brother in the matter—because the Lord *is the* One who is the avenger in regard to all these things—even as we also told you before and fully declared. ⁷For God did not call us to uncleanness, but to holiness. ⁸So then he that despises does not despise man but God, who also gave His Holy Spirit to us.

⁹Now about brotherly love, you have no need *for me* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another. ¹⁰For you also do this towards all the brothers who *are* in all Măc-ê-dō'-nī-ă. But, *my* brothers, we call upon you to grow more and more, ¹¹and try earnestly to be quiet and to mind your own business, and to work with your own hands—even as we commanded you. ¹²*And this* that you may walk decently towards those on the outside, and *that* you may have need of no one.

¹³But I do not want you to be ignorant, *my* brothers, about those who have died, so that you may not be sorrowful, even as also the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will also bring with Him all those who have died in Jesus. ¹⁵For we say this to you in *the* word of *the* Lord, that we who are alive *and who are* left unto the coming of the Lord may not in any way go before those who are dead. ¹⁶Because the Lord Himself shall come down from Heaven with a shout, with *the* voice of *the* archangel and with *the* trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ shall rise first—¹⁷then those who are left alive shall be caught up together with them in *the* clouds to meet the Lord in *the* air. And so we shall always be with *the* Lord. ¹⁸Therefore comfort one another with these words.

CHAPTER 5

¹But as to the times and the seasons, *my* brothers, you do not need *me* to write to you. ²For you yourselves know perfectly well that the day of *the* Lord comes like a thief in *the* night. ³For when they say, Peace and safety! — then sudden death comes upon them, as labor pains *come* upon her that is with child, and they shall in no way escape. ⁴But you, *my* brothers, are not in darkness, that the Day should overtake you as a thief. ⁵You are all sons of light and sons of day — we are not sons of night or of darkness. ⁶So then we should not sleep as the rest *do*, but we should watch and we should be sober — ⁷for the sleepers sleep by night, and the drunken get drunk by night, ⁸but we who are of the day should be sober and put on *the* breastplate of faith and love, and *the* hope of salvation *as a* helmet. ⁹For God has not appointed us to wrath, but to *the* getting of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ — ¹⁰who died for us so that whether we watch or sleep, we may live together with Him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, even as you also are doing.

¹²But, *my* brothers, we beg you to recognize those who labor among you, and who are taking the lead of you and warning you. ¹³And *you should* esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves *also*. ¹⁴But, *my* brothers, we call upon you to warn the unruly ones, comfort the faint-hearted, hold up the weak, *and* be patient towards all. ¹⁵See that no one gives evil for evil to anyone, but always follow that which is good, both towards one another and towards all. ¹⁶Rejoice evermore. ¹⁷Pray without stopping. ¹⁸In everything give thanks — for this is *the* will of God in Christ Jesus towards you. ¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise prophecies. ²¹Test all things — hold fast *to* the right. ²²Keep back from every form of evil. ²³And may the God of Peace Himself fully sanctify you. And *I pray God* that your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴*He* who calls you is faithful, who also will do *it*.

²⁵*My* brothers, pray for us. ²⁶Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. ²⁷I charge you *by* the Lord *that* this letter be read to all the holy brothers. ²⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

The SECOND Letter to the THESSALONIANS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul and Sil-vān'-ūs and Timothy to the church of *the* Thëss-ā-lō'-nī-āns in God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ. ²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ. ³We are bound to always thank God regarding you, *my* brothers, even as it is right to do so. *And this* because your faith grows more and more, and the love of each and every one of you is overflowing toward one another. ⁴So *much* so as for us ourselves to boast in you in the churches of God, for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and troubles, which you are bearing. ⁵*This is* open proof of the righteous judgment of God, for you to be counted worthy of the kingdom of God — for which you also suffer. ⁶*I say this* since *it is* a righteous thing with God to repay trouble to those who trouble you, ⁷and *to give* rest with us to you who are troubled, at the revealing of the Lord Jesus from Heaven with *the* angels of His power. ⁸In flaming fire *He will be* taking vengeance on those that do not know God and upon those who do not obey the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹*These* shall suffer *the* penalty, *even* everlasting death from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of His strength — ¹⁰when He shall come to be glorified in His saints and to be admired in all those who believe in that Day — because our report to you was believed. ¹¹To this end also we always pray for you, that our God may count you worthy of *this* calling, and *that He* may complete *in you* all *the* good pleasure of *His* goodness, and *the* work of faith with power, ¹²so that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and of *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 2

¹Now we beg you, *my* brothers, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together unto Him — ²that you may not be quickly shaken in mind, nor be troubled — neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter, as if by us, as if the day of Christ is at hand. ³Let no one deceive you in any way, because that *Day shall not come* unless the falling away has come first — and unless the man of sin has been revealed, the son of perdition [per-dī'-shūn], ⁴who sets himself against and lifts himself above all *that is* called god, or *any* object of worship — so as for him to sit down as God in the Temple of God, setting himself forth *pretending* he is God. ⁵Do you not remember that, while *I* was with you, *I* told you these things? ⁶And now you know what holds *him* back, to the end that he might be revealed in his own time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already working, until he who is now holding back is taken out of the way. ⁸And then the Lawless One shall be revealed, whom the Lord will destroy with the breath of His mouth, and will bring to nothing by the brightness of His coming. ⁹*This one's* coming is according to *the* working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

¹⁰and with all *the* false acting of unrighteousness in those that are lost — because they did not receive the love of the truth to the end that they might be saved. ¹¹And for this cause God will send a working of error to them, so that they should believe the lie, ¹²so that all those who did not believe the truth, but delighted in unrighteousness, may be judged. ¹³But we are bound to give thanks to God always regarding you, brothers, beloved by *the* Lord, because God has from *the* beginning chosen you unto salvation through sanc-ti-fi-cā'-tion of *the* Spirit, and *the* belief of *the* truth — ¹⁴unto which He called you by our Gospel, to *the* gaining of *the* glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, *my* brothers, stand fast, and hold fast the teachings which you were taught, whether by word or by our letter. ¹⁶But may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father — who loved us and has given *us* everlasting encouragement and good hope by grace — ¹⁷encourage your hearts, and may He establish you in every good word and work.

CHAPTER 3

¹For the rest, *my* brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run freely and may be glorified even as *it* also *has* with you, ²and that we may be delivered from perverse and wicked men, for faith is not of all *men*. ³But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and keep *you* from evil. ⁴And we trust in *the* Lord as to you, that you both are doing and will do the things which we command you. ⁵And may the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into *the* patience of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, *my* brothers, in *the* name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Withdraw from every brother who is walking in an unruly way, and not according to the teaching which he received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how it is right to act like us, because we did not behave in an unruly way among you. ⁸Nor did we eat bread from anyone without charge — but in labor and hardship, night and day, *we were* working, in order not to be a burden to any one of you. ⁹Not that we do not have authority, but so that we might give ourselves as a pattern to you in order *for you* to act like us. ¹⁰For even when we were with you we commanded you this, that if anyone does not want to work, neither let him eat. ¹¹For we hear that some are walking in an unruly way among you, not working at all, but being busybodies. ¹²Now by the Lord Jesus Christ we command and urge such *persons* that they *should be* working with quietness — *that* they may eat their own bread. ¹³But you, *my* brothers, do not lose heart *in* doing good. ¹⁴But if anyone does not obey our word by this letter, note that *man* and do not associate with him, so that he may be ashamed. ¹⁵But do not count *him* as an enemy, but warn him as a brother. ¹⁶And may the Lord of peace give you peace continually in every way. The Lord *be* with you all. ¹⁷The greeting of Paul, by my own hand, which is *the* sign in every letter — so I write. ¹⁸The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

The FIRST Letter to TIMOTHY

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to *the* command of God our Saviour, and of *the* Lord Jesus Christ our Hope, ²to Timothy, *my* true child in *the* faith. Grace, mercy *and* peace from God our Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³Even as I asked you to remain in Ēph'-ĕ-sūs, *when I was* going into Măc-ĕ-dō'-nĭ-ă, so that you might charge some to teach no other doctrines, ⁴nor to give heed to fables and endless genealogies, (which bring doubts rather than God's administration, which is in faith). ⁵Now the end of the commandment is love out of a pure heart, and a good conscience, and unpretended faith. ⁶From which *things* some, having missed the mark, have turned aside to vain talking, ⁷desiring to be teachers of *the* Law — understanding neither what they say, nor about *the things* they strongly affirm. ⁸Now we know that the Law *is* good if a man use it lawfully. ⁹*But we* know this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and unruly — for the ungodly and sinful — for the unholy and profane — for those who strike fathers and mothers — for murderers, ¹⁰pros'-tĭ-tutes, abusers of themselves with men, men-stealers, liars, perjurers, and anything else which is against sound doctrine, ¹¹according to the Gospel of the glory of the blessed God, with which I was entrusted.

¹²And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who strengthened me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into *the* ministry — ¹³*me* who before was a blasphemer and a persecutor and proud, but I was shown mercy, because being ignorant I did *it* in unbelief. ¹⁴But the grace of our Lord abounded exceedingly with faith and love, which *are* in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵*This is* a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. ¹⁶But for this reason I was shown mercy, that in me, *the* chief of sinners, Jesus Christ might show forth *His* entire longsuffering, as an example to those who were going to believe on Him unto life everlasting. ¹⁷Now unto the King eternal, invisible, immortal, *the* only wise God, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁸This charge I commit to you, *my* son Timothy, according to the prophesyings about you — in order that you might war a good warfare by them, ¹⁹holding faith and a good conscience, which some have put away *and have* made shipwreck as to faith — ²⁰of whom are Hy-mē-nē'-ūs and Āl-ĕx-ăn'-der, whom I have delivered to Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme.

CHAPTER 2

¹First of all, then, I advise you that petitions, prayers, holy requests and thanksgivings be made for all men — ²for kings and all that are in high places — that we may lead a peaceable and quiet life, in all godliness and honor. ³For this *is* good and pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour, ⁴who will have all men to be saved and to come to *the* knowledge of *the* truth. ⁵For *there is* one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave Himself a ransom for all, the witness *to be given* in due time — ⁷unto which I was ordained a herald and apostle (I speak *the* truth in Christ and do not lie), a teacher of the Gentiles, in faith and truth.

⁸I desire therefore that the men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands, without anger and doubting. ⁹In like manner also, that the women dress themselves in decent clothes, with modesty and sensibleness — not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or expensive clothing. ¹⁰But as is becoming to women who profess godliness, *let them beautify themselves* by good works.

¹¹Let a woman learn in silence in all subjection. ¹²But I do not allow a woman to teach, nor to exercise authority over man — but to be in silence. ¹³For Adam was formed first, then Eve. ¹⁴And Adam was not deceived, but the woman, being fully deceived, has come to be in transgression. ¹⁵But she shall be saved through the bearing of children, if they continue in faith and love and holiness, together with being sensible.

CHAPTER 3

¹This *is* a true saying: If anyone aspires to *be* a bishop, he desires a good work. ²A bishop, then, must be blameless, the husband of one wife, temperate, discreet, modest, hospitable, skilled in teaching. ³*He must not be* given to wine, not quarrelsome, not greedy of ill profit, but considerate, not full of strife, not loving money. ⁴*He must* rule his own house well, having *his* children in obedience, with all honor. ⁵(Now if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?) ⁶*He must not be* a new convert, lest being puffed up with pride, he may fall into *the* crime of the devil. ⁷And he ought to have a good report from those on the outside, so that he may not fall into shame and *the* snare of the devil. ⁸In the same way the deacons *must be* honorable, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of ill profit, ⁹holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. ¹⁰And let these also be tested first, then let them serve, being *found* blameless. ¹¹In the same way let *their* women be honorable, not given to slander, temperate, faithful in all things. ¹²Let the deacons be

the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. ¹³For the ones who have served well get for themselves a good portion and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁴I write these things to you, hoping to come to you more quickly. ¹⁵But if I should delay long, *I write to you* so that you know how *you* ought to behave yourself in the house of God, which is *the* church of *the* living God, *the* support and foundation of the truth. ¹⁶And without doubt, great is the mystery of godliness—God was manifest in flesh, was justified in *the* Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the Gentiles, was believed on in *the* world, and was received up in glory.

CHAPTER 4

¹The Spirit plainly says that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, turning to spirits that lead astray, and *to the* teachings of demons, ²and of men who speak lies in hypocrisy—their conscience being seared, ³forbidding *men* to marry, *and commanding them* not to eat meats which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be refused, *but* to be received with thanksgiving. ⁵For it is made holy by the word of God and by prayer. ⁶By laying these things before the brothers, you will be a good servant of Jesus Christ, being fed with the words of the faith, and of the good teaching which you have closely followed. ⁷But refuse the profane and *the* old wives' tales. And exercise yourself unto godliness. ⁸For exercise of the body is *of* a little profit, but godliness is *of* profit for everything—*for it* has a promise of life, *both* that which now is and that which is to come. ⁹*This is* a faithful saying and worthy of all belief. ¹⁰*For it is* for this *that* we both labor and suffer shame, because we have hope in *the* living God, who is *the* Preserver of all men, especially of believers.

¹¹Command and teach these things. ¹²Let no one despise your youth. But be an example of the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, *and* in purity. ¹³Until I come, pay attention to reading, to comforting *and* to teaching. ¹⁴Do not neglect the gift in you, which was given to you through prophecy, with *the* laying on of the hands of the body of elders. ¹⁵Think upon these things. Be wholly in them so that your progress may be plain to all. ¹⁶Pay close attention to yourself and to the teaching. Continue in them. For in doing this you shall both save yourself and those that hear you.

CHAPTER 5

¹Do not sharply rebuke an elder. But call upon *him* as a father, and the younger *men* as brothers. ²*Call upon the elder women* as mothers, *and the younger women* as sisters—in all purity. ³Honor widows who

are widows indeed. ⁴But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them learn first to be godly *as to* their own house, and *to* give a return to *their* parents—for this is good and pleasing in the sight of God. ⁵Now she who *is* a widow indeed, and left alone, trusts in God. And *she* continues in petitions and prayers night and day. ⁶But she who lives in the pleasing of herself is dead, *though* living.

⁷And command these things so that they may be without blame. ⁸But if anyone does not provide for his own, especially for *his own* household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. ⁹Let a widow be put on the list *when she* is not less than sixty years old, *having been the* wife of one man, ¹⁰well reported of for good works—and *only* if she has brought up children, if she has treated strangers hospitably, if she has washed the feet of *the* saints, if she has given relief to those in trouble, *and* if she has followed after every good work. ¹¹But refuse younger widows—for when they have grown lustful against Christ, they desire to marry, ¹²being guilty, because they cast off *their* first faith. ¹³And with it all they also learn *to be* idle, going about to the houses. And not only *are they* idle, *they are* also tattlers and busybodies, saying things *they* ought not to *say*. ¹⁴Therefore I want *the* younger *ones* to marry, to bear children, to guide the house, but to give no occasion to the adversary because of evil-speaking. ¹⁵For some have already turned aside after Satan. ¹⁶If any believing man or believing woman may have widows, let him give relief to them, and do not let the church be burdened—so that it may give relief to those who are widows indeed.

¹⁷Let the elders who are good in leading be counted worthy of double honor, especially those laboring in word and *in* teaching. ¹⁸For the Scripture says, “You shall not muzzle an ox that is treading out corn,” and, “The laborer is worthy of his reward” (See DEUTERONOMY 25:4 and LUKE 10:7). ¹⁹Do not receive an accusation against an elder except on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses. ²⁰Convict those that sin before all so that the rest may have fear. ²¹I earnestly witness before God, and *the* Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that you should keep these things, without preferring one before another, doing nothing by being partial. ²²Do not lay hands suddenly on anyone, neither take part in *the* sins of others. Keep yourself pure. ²³Do not drink water any longer, but use a little wine on account of your stomach and your many illnesses. ²⁴The sins of some men are plain, going before unto judgment—and some also they follow after. ²⁵In the same way also the good works *of some* are plain, and those that are not so cannot be hidden.

CHAPTER 6

¹Let as many slaves as are under the yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, so that the name and the teaching of God may not

be blasphemed. ²And the ones who have believing masters, let them not despise *them* because they are brothers. But rather let them serve *them* because they are faithful and beloved *men*, who are being helped by good workmanship. These things teach and urge upon *them*.

³If anyone teaches otherwise, and does not approve of sound words (even those of our Lord Jesus Christ), and *does not approve* of the doctrine which is according to godliness — ⁴he is puffed up, knowing nothing — *he is sick* about questions and arguments. Out of *these* come envy, quarrels, evil-speaking, filthy suspicions, ⁵empty arguments of men *who are* ruined in mind and totally without the truth — supposing godliness is for profit. Withdraw from such *men!* ⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we did not bring anything into *this* world, *and it is* clear that we are not able to carry anything out of *it*. ⁸But when *we* have food and clothing, we shall be satisfied with these. ⁹But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and a snare. And *they fall* into many foolish and hurtful lusts which plunge men into death and everlasting ruin. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. Some who have reached out after *money* have wandered from the faith and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

¹¹But you, O man of God, flee these things. And follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience *and* meekness. ¹²Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed a good confession before many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the sight of God (who makes all things live), and *in the sight of* Christ Jesus (who witnessed a good confession before Pon'-ti-üs Pí'-lâte,) ¹⁴that you keep the commandment without spot and without blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵*For He* in His own times shall show who is the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords — ¹⁶who alone has the power not to die, dwelling in light which *no man* can go near — whom no one has seen, nor is able to see — to whom *be* honor and power everlasting. Amen.

¹⁷To the rich in this world, command *them* not to be high-minded nor to have hope in *the* fickleness of riches. But *let them hope* in the living God, who gives us richly all things for *our* enjoyment. ¹⁸*Urge them* to do good, to be rich in good works, to be ready to give, ready to share in fellowship, ¹⁹treasuring up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, so that they may lay hold on everlasting life.

²⁰O Timothy, keep that which is given *to you*. Keep away from unholy, empty babblings, and *the* contrary teachings of falsely-named science — ²¹which some have professed *and* have missed the mark as to the faith. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

The SECOND Letter to TIMOTHY

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, according to *the* promise of life which *is* in Christ Jesus, ²to Timothy, *my* beloved child. Grace, mercy *and* peace from God *the* Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

³I am thankful to God (whom I serve with pure conscience from *my* forefathers) that without ceasing I remember you in my prayers night and day — ⁴greatly longing to see you, remembering your tears, that I may be filled with joy, ⁵calling to mind your unfeigned faith, which first dwelt in your grandmother Lois, and in your mother Eunice. And I am persuaded that *it is* in you also. ⁶For which cause I remind you to stir up the gift of God, which is in you by the laying on of my hands. ⁷For God has not given us a spirit of fearfulness, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. ⁸Therefore you should not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor *of* me, His prisoner. But suffer hardship along with the Gospel according to the power of God — ⁹who saved us and called *us* with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which *was* given to us in Christ Jesus before the world began. ¹⁰But *it is* now revealed by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who truly made death of no effect, and who brought life and deathlessness to light by the Gospel. ¹¹Unto which *Gospel* I was appointed a preacher and an apostle and a teacher of the Gentiles. ¹²For which cause I also suffer these things. Nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed *to Him* against that Day.

¹³Hold fast *the* pattern of sound words which you have heard from me, in faith and love which *are* in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴That good trust given to you keep by *the* Holy Spirit who dwells in us. ¹⁵This you know, that all those who *are* in Asia have turned away from me — of whom is Phygellus [Fy-jěl'-lūs] and Hermogenes [Her-moj'-ē-nēez]. ¹⁶May the Lord grant mercy to the house of Onesiphorus [Ō-nēs-īf'-o-rūs], because he often refreshed me, and because he was not ashamed of my chain. ¹⁷But when he was in Rome, he earnestly looked for me and found me. ¹⁸May the Lord grant to him to find mercy from *the* Lord in that Day. And how much he helped in Ēph'-ē-sūs you know best.

CHAPTER 2

¹Therefore, my son, you *must* be strong in the grace which *is* in Christ Jesus. ²And the things which you heard from me, with many witnesses, entrust these things to faithful men, such *men* as shall be able to teach

others too. ³Therefore you *must* suffer hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. ⁴No one who is serving as a soldier tangles himself up with the affairs of *this* life, that he may please him who made him a soldier. ⁵And even *in the games*, if anyone tries to win, he is not crowned unless he has tried to win according to the law. ⁶The farmer must work before partaking of the fruits.

⁷Consider what I say, for the Lord may give you understanding in all things. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, *who was* raised from among *the* dead, *who is* of the seed of David, according to my Gospel—⁹in which I suffer hardship as an evildoer, *even* unto chains. But the word of God is not chained. ¹⁰Because of this I endure all things for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain *the* salvation which *is* in Christ Jesus, with everlasting glory. ¹¹This is a faithful saying, for if we died together with *Him*, we also shall live with *Him*. ¹²If we endure, we shall also reign with *Him*. If we deny *Him*, He will also deny us. ¹³If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful, *for* He cannot deny Himself.

¹⁴Put these things into *their* memory, witnessing strongly before the Lord *that they should* not argue about words to no profit, to the subversion of the ones who hear. ¹⁵Study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. ¹⁶But keep away from unholy *and* empty babblings— for they will go forward to more ungodliness, ¹⁷and their word will feed *upon them* like rotting flesh—of whom is Hÿ-mě-ně'-ūs and Philetus [Fy-lě'-tūs], ¹⁸who missed the mark as to the truth, saying that the resurrection has already taken place, and are overthrowing the faith of some. ¹⁹Nevertheless *the* foundation of God stands sure, having this seal, "*The* Lord knows those that are His," and, "Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from wrong-doing." ²⁰But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but wooden and earthen vessels too. And some *are* to honor, *and* others to dishonor. ²¹Therefore if one has purged himself from these, he shall be a vessel to honor, being set apart and made useful to the Master, being prepared for every good work. ²²But flee youthful lusts and pursue after righteousness, faith, love, *and* peace with those that call upon the Lord out of a pure heart. ²³But stay away from foolish and ignorant arguments, knowing that they bring about quarrels. ²⁴And it is not right for a servant of *the* Lord to quarrel, but *he should* be gentle towards all, quick to teach, patient—²⁵in meekness teaching those who set themselves against themselves, *for* perhaps God may give them repentance so as to have a full knowledge of the truth. ²⁶And *then* they may wake up out of the snare of the devil, who have been taken captive by him *so as* to *do* his will.

CHAPTER 3

¹But you know this, that in *the* last days dangerous times will come. ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, braggarts, proud, blasphemers, not obeying parents, unthankful, unholy, ³without natural feeling, refusing to yield, false accusers, without self-control, savage, not lovers of good, ⁴traitors, reckless, puffed up. *They will be* lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness, but denying the power of it — but turn away from these. ⁶For of these are the ones who creep into houses and lead away silly women loaded with sins, led on by different kinds of lusts — ⁷always learning and *yet* never able to come to *the* knowledge of *the* truth. ⁸Now as Jān'-nēs and Jām'-brēs withstood Moses, so also these resist the truth. *They are* men completely rotten in mind, worthless as to the faith. ⁹But they shall not go any further, for their foolishness shall be very clear to all, just as theirs also was.

¹⁰But you have closely studied my teaching, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, patience, ¹¹persecutions *and* sufferings — which happened to me in Ān'-tī-och, in Ī-cō'-nī-ūm, in Lÿs'-trā. *And you know* what kind of persecutions I endured, and *that* the Lord delivered me out of *them* all. ¹²And indeed all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. ¹³But evil men and pretenders shall go on to worse, leading *men* astray and being led astray. ¹⁴But you keep on in the things you have learned, and of *which* you have been made sure, knowing from whom you have learned *them*. ¹⁵And *also* that from a babe you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise unto salvation, through faith which *is* in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture *is* God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness — ¹⁷so that the man of God may be perfect, fully fitted unto all good works.

CHAPTER 4

¹I therefore call upon *you* in the sight of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, (who shall judge *the* living and *the* dead at His appearing and His kingdom,) ²to preach the word — be urgent in season *and* out of season — convict, correct and encourage with all patience and teaching. ³For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but they will heap up to themselves teachers who tickle the ear according to their own lusts. ⁴And they will turn away their ear from the truth and will be turned aside to fairy tales. ⁵But be clear-minded in all things, suffer hardships, do *the* work of an evangelist and fully carry out your ministry. ⁶For I already am being poured out *as an offering*, and the time of my release is here. ⁷I have fought a good fight. I have finished the course. I have kept the faith. ⁸Now the crown of righteousness is

laid up for me, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me in that Day—and not only to me, but also to all who love His appearing.

⁹Try to come to me quickly. ¹⁰For Dē'-mās has forsaken me, having loved *this* present world, and he has gone back to Thēss-ā-lō-nī'-cā. Crescens [Crēs'-ēnz] *has gone* to Gā-lā'-tī-ā and Titus to Dāl-mā'-tī-ā. ¹¹Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for *the* ministry. ¹²But I sent Tychicus [Tīck'-ī-cūs] to Ēph'-ē-sūs. ¹³When *you* come, bring the cloak which I left in Troas with Carpus, and the books, especially the parchments. ¹⁴Alexander the coppersmith did many evil things against me. May the Lord give to him according to his works. ¹⁵You also be careful of *him*, for he has greatly resisted our words. ¹⁶In my first defense no one stood with me, but everyone left me. May it not be charged to them. ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the preaching might be fully known, and so that all the Gentiles should hear—and I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion. ¹⁸And the Lord will deliver me from every evil work, and will keep *me* for His heavenly kingdom—to whom *be* glory forever and ever. Amen.

¹⁹Greet Priscilla and Ā-quīl'-ā and the house of Ō-nēs-īph'-ō-rūs. ²⁰Ē-rās'-tūs stayed in Corinth, but I left Troph'-ī-mūs sick in Mī-lē'-tūs. ²¹Try to come before winter. Eū-bū'-lūs greets you, and Pū'-dēns, and Lī'-nūs, and Claudia, and all the brothers. ²²The Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Grace *be* with you. Amen.

The Letter to TITUS

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to *the* faith of God's elect, and the full knowledge of *the* truth which is according to godliness—²in *the* hope of eternal life, which the God who cannot lie promised before the world began, ³(but *it is* revealed in its own time in *the* preaching of His word, with which I was entrusted according to *the* commandment of our Saviour God,)—⁴to Titus, *my* true child according to *our* common faith. Grace, mercy, and peace from God *the* Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

⁵For this cause I left you in Crète, so that you might set in order the things that were lacking, and that you might ordain elders in every city, even as I had ordered you *to do*: ⁶if any man is blameless, husband of one wife, having faithful children, *and is* not accused of behaving loosely or *being* unruly. ⁷For a bishop ought to be blameless, as God's minister. *He should* not *be* selfwilled, nor full of passion, nor given to wine, nor quarrelsome, nor greedy of ill profit. ⁸But *he should be* hospitable, a lover of all that is good, of a sound mind, just, holy *and* temperate. ⁹*He should* be clinging to the faithful word according to the doctrine, so that he may be able both to encourage with sound teaching, and to convict the ones who speak against *the truth*. ¹⁰For there are many unruly and empty talkers, and those who lead the mind astray—especially those of *the* circumcision, ¹¹whose mouths must be stopped, who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which *they* ought not *to teach* for the sake of ill profit. ¹²One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, The people of Crete *are* always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons. ¹³This statement is true—for which cause convict them sharply so that they may be sound in the faith, ¹⁴not listening to Jewish tales and *the* commandments of men, turning away from the truth. ¹⁵Unto the pure, all things *are* pure. But to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing *is* pure—but both *their* mind and conscience are defiled. ¹⁶They claim to know God, but in works deny *Him*, being hateful and disobedient. And as to every good work, *they are* worthless.

CHAPTER 2

¹But speak the things that become sound doctrine. ²*Tell* aged men to be sober, sensible, of a sound mind, sound in faith, in love *and* in patience. ³*Tell the* aged women likewise *to* behave as becomes holy ones—not false accusers, not slaves to much wine, teachers of what is right—⁴so that they may teach the young women to be lovers of *their* husbands, lovers of *their* children, ⁵right-minded, chaste, keepers at home, good, *and* obedient to their own husbands—so that the word of God may not be blasphemed. ⁶Likewise encourage the younger men to be

right-minded — ⁷in all things holding yourself forth as a pattern of good works: in doctrine, in purity, being sensible, sincere, ⁸*and* of sound speech which cannot be condemned — so that he who is against you may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say about *you*. ⁹*Tell* bond-slaves to be obedient to their own masters, to be pleasing in everything, not talking against *them*, ¹⁰not stealing, but showing all good faith — so that they may speak well of your Saviour God in all things. ¹¹For the grace of God which brings salvation for all men has appeared, ¹²teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live wisely and righteously and godly in this present world — ¹³looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ, ¹⁴who gave Himself for us so that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. ¹⁵These things speak, and encourage, and rebuke with all authority. Let no one despise you.

CHAPTER 3

¹Remind them to be subject to rulers and to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to every good work, ²to speak evil of no one, to be peaceful *and* gentle — showing all meekness towards all men. ³For we also were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, serving various lusts and pleasures — living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared — ⁵not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, by *the* washing of regeneration and renewing of *the* Holy Spirit, ⁶which He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour, ⁷so that being justified by His grace, we should become heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life. ⁸This saying *is a* faithful saying, and I desire you to strongly insist upon these things so that they who have believed God may be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable to men. ⁹But keep back from foolish questions and genealogies, and arguments and quarrels about *the* Law — for they are unprofitable and vain. ¹⁰After the first and second warning, avoid a man who is a heretic, ¹¹knowing that such a one is turned out of the way, and sins, being judged so by himself.

¹²When I shall send Ār'-tē-mās unto you, or Tychicus [Tick'-i-cūs], try to come unto me to Nicopolis [Ny-cōp'-ō-lis]. For I have decided to winter there. ¹³Try to send forth Zenas the lawyer and Apollos, so that nothing may be lacking to them. ¹⁴And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, so that they may not be without fruit.

¹⁵All those with me greet you. Greet those who love us in *the* faith. Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

The Letter to PHILEMON

CHAPTER 1

¹Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy *our* brother, to Philemon [Fy-lêe'-mon] our dearly beloved *friend* and fellow-worker, ²and to Apphia [Āf'-i-ā] the beloved, and to Archippus [Ār-kip'-ūs] our fellow-soldier, and to the church in your house. ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I thank my God, making mention of you always in my prayers, ⁵hearing of your love and faith which you have towards the Lord Jesus and towards all the saints, ⁶so that the sharing of your faith may be working in *you* the personal knowledge of every good thing which is in you towards Christ Jesus. ⁷For we have great joy and encouragement because of your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, *my* brother.

⁸For this reason *I might* have much boldness to command you *to do* what is right, ⁹*but* for the sake of love I rather beseech *you*, being such a one as Paul *the* aged, and now also a prisoner of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰I beseech you for my child Ō-nēs'-i-mūs, whom I have begotten in my bonds. ¹¹At one time *he was* not profitable to you, but now *he is* profitable both to you and to me—¹²whom I have sent back to you. But do receive him, that is, my own *heart*. ¹³For I was wanting to keep *him* with me, so that he might minister to me for you, in the bonds of the Gospel. ¹⁴But I did not want to do anything apart from your mind, so that your good might not be as of force, but of willingness. ¹⁵For perhaps because of this he was separated *from you* for a time, so that you might possess him forever—¹⁶no longer as a bondslave, but above a bondslave, a beloved brother, especially to me, but how much more to you, both in *the* flesh and in *the* Lord?

¹⁷If, then, you count me as a partner, receive him as *you would* me. ¹⁸And if he has wronged you or owes *you* anything, put this to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, wrote *it* with my own hand—I will repay *it*—that I may not say to you that you owe even yourself to me too. ²⁰Yes, *my* brother, may I have joy of you in *the* Lord? Refresh my heart in *the* Lord. ²¹Being persuaded of your obedience I wrote to you, knowing that you will do even more than what I say. ²²And at the same time prepare me a place to stay too, for I hope that through your prayers I shall be given to you.

²³Ēp'-ā-phrās, my fellow-prisoner in Christ Jesus, ²⁴Mark, Ār-is-tār'-chūs, Demas *and* Luke, my fellow-workers, greet you. ²⁵The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with your spirit. Amen.

The Letter to the HEBREWS

CHAPTER 1

¹At many places and in many ways God has spoken in times past to the fathers in the prophets. ²Now in these last days *He* has spoken to us in *the* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things — by whom also He made the worlds. ³And *He* who is *the* shining splendor of *His* glory and *the* express image of His Person, (and *who* is upholding all things by the word of His power,) when *He* had purged our sins by Himself, He sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high. ⁴For, having become so much better than the angels, He has inherited a far more excellent name than they *have*.

⁵For to which of the angels has He at any time said, “Thou art My Son. This day I have begotten Thee”? And again, “I will be to Him a Father, and He shall be to me a Son”? (See PSALM 2:7; 2 SAMUEL 7:14). ⁶And again, when He brings the First-born into the world, He says, “And let all *the* angels of God worship Him.” ⁷And of the angels He says, “Who makes His angels spirits and His ministers a flame of fire” (See PSALM 104:4). ⁸But as to the Son, *He* says, “Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever. A staff of righteousness is the staff of Thy kingdom. ⁹Thou didst love righteousness and hate lawlessness. Because of this, God, Thy God, has anointed Thee with *the* oil of gladness above Thy fellows” (See PSALM 45:6). ¹⁰And, “Thou, O Lord, in the beginning laid the foundations of the earth. And the heavens are *the* works of Thy hands. ¹¹They shall perish, but Thou shalt continue. And *they* all shall grow old like a garment — ¹²and as a covering Thou shalt fold them up, and they shall be changed. But Thou art the same, and Thy years shall not fail” (See PSALM 102:25). ¹³But to which of the angels did He ever say, “Sit on My right hand until I place Thy enemies *as* a footstool at Thy feet”? (See PSALM 110:1). ¹⁴Are they not all ministering spirits sent forth for service for those who are going to be heirs of salvation?

CHAPTER 2

¹Because of this we ought to give the more earnest attention to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should slip away. ²For if the word spoken by angels was made sure, and every disobedience and breaking of *the* law received a just repayment, ³how shall we escape *if* we neglect so great a salvation? Which *salvation* was spoken of by the Lord in the beginning, *and* was made sure to us by those that heard *Him* — ⁴God bearing witness with *them*, both with signs and wonders, and with different kinds of mighty works, and with gifts of *the* Holy Spirit, according to His own will.

⁵For He did not put the world which is to come under angels — of which we speak. ⁶But one fully testified in a certain place, saying,

“What is man that Thou art mindful of him? or *the* son of man, that Thou dost visit him? ⁷For a little while Thou didst make him lower than *the* angels. Thou didst crown him with glory and honor and set him over the works of Thy hands. ⁸Thou hast put all things under his feet” (See PSALM 8:4). For in putting all things under him He did not leave anything that is not under him. But now we do not yet see all things under him — ⁹but we do see Jesus crowned with glory and honor, who, on account of the suffering of death, was for a little while made lower than *the* angels — so that by the grace of God He might taste death for every *son*. ¹⁰For it was becoming to Him, (for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things,) in bringing many sons to glory, to make the Author of their salvation perfect through sufferings. ¹¹For both He that makes holy and those who are being made holy *are* all of One — for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying, “I will declare Thy name to My brothers. I will sing praise to Thee in the midst of *the* church” (See PSALM 22:22). ¹³And again, “I will put My trust in Him” (See 2 SAMUEL 22:3). And again, “Behold! I and the children which God has given Me” (See ISAIAH 8:17).

¹⁴Since therefore the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He also likewise took part of the same — so that through death He might defeat him who has the power of death, that is, the devil — ¹⁵and that He might deliver all those who, through fear of death, were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶For without doubt He does not take hold of angels, but He takes hold of the seed of Abraham. ¹⁷So He needed in every manner to be made like *His* brothers — so that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest *in* things relating to God, to make atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸For in that He Himself has suffered, having been tempted, He is able to help those who are tempted.

CHAPTER 3

¹Therefore, holy brothers, who share in *the* heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest whom we confess, Christ Jesus, ²who was faithful to Him who appointed Him, even as Moses also *was faithful* in all his house. ³For He was counted worthy of more glory than Moses, just as He who has built *the house* has more honor than the house. ⁴For every house is built by someone, but He that built all things *is* God. ⁵And Moses truly *was* faithful in all his house, as a servant, for a witness of those things which were going to be spoken later. ⁶But Christ *was faithful* as a Son over His own house (whose house we are, if we hold fast the boldness and rejoicing of the hope firm to *the* end).

⁷For this reason, as the Holy Spirit says, “Today, if you will hear His voice, ⁸harden not your hearts, as in the *day they* provoked *Me*, in the day of temptation in the wilderness, ⁹where your fathers tempted *Me*, proved *Me*, and saw *My* works forty years.” ¹⁰For this reason, “I was not pleased with that generation, and said, They always go astray in

their hearts, and they have not known My ways. ¹¹So I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter into My rest" (See PSALM 95:7-11).

¹²Be careful, *my* brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in falling away from *the* living God. ¹³But encourage one another day by day, while it is *still* called Today—so that none of you may be hardened through *the* deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have become companions of Christ, if we truly hold the beginning of *our* trust firm to *the* end—¹⁵So long as it is said, "Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts, as in the *day they* provoked *Me*." ¹⁶For some provoked *God* when they heard, but not all who came out from Egypt by Moses. ¹⁷But with whom was He displeased forty years? *Was it* not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? ¹⁸And to whom did He swear that they should not enter into His rest, but to those that did not believe? ¹⁹ So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief.

CHAPTER 4

¹Let us fear then lest, a promise being left to enter in His rest, any of you should seem to come short of *it*. ²For the Gospel has been preached to us, as well as to them. But the word of the message did not do them any good, not being mixed with faith in the ones who heard *it*. ³For we who have believed do enter into *His* rest, as He said, "As I have sworn in My wrath, they shall not enter into My rest" (See PSALM 95:11). Though truly the works were finished from *the* foundation of *the* world—⁴for He has said in a certain place, *speaking* of the seventh *day* in this manner, "And God rested on the seventh day from all His works" (See GENESIS 2:2). ⁵And in this *place* again, "They shall not enter into My rest." ⁶Since then it remains *for* some to enter into it—and those to whom it was first preached did not enter in because of unbelief—⁷He again marks out a certain day, saying in David, "Today" (after so long a time). Even as it is said, "Today, if you will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." ⁸For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not have afterwards spoken about another day. ⁹So then, there is still a rest to the people of God. ¹⁰For he that entered into his rest, he also rested from his works, as God *did* from His.

¹¹Let us labor therefore to enter into that rest, lest anyone fall after the same example of unbelief. ¹²For the word of God *is* living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to *the* dividing apart of both soul and spirit, and of both the joints and marrow, and *it is* a judge of *the* thoughts and intentions of *the* heart. ¹³And there is not any creature that is not clearly revealed before Him. But all things *are* naked and opened to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account. ¹⁴Therefore, having a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens—Jesus the Son of God—let us hold fast to what

we confess. ¹⁵For we do not have a High Priest who cannot be touched with the feeling of our weaknesses — but *we have* One *who* has been tempted in all things like *us*, but without sin. ¹⁶Therefore let us draw near to the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

CHAPTER 5

¹For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things relating to God — so that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins — ²being able to have pity upon the ignorant and those that wander out of the way, since he himself also is hemmed in with weakness. ³And because of this he ought, even as for the people, so also for himself to offer for sins. ⁴And no man takes this honor to himself, but he is called by God, even as Aaron also *was*. ⁵So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become a High Priest — but He who said to Him, “Thou art My Son. This day I have begotten Thee.” ⁶As He says in another *Psalms* also, “Thou *art* a Priest for ever, after the order of Mēl-chīz’-ě-děk” (See *PSALM* 110:4). ⁷For *He*, in the days of His flesh, after offering up both requests and prayers to Him who *was* able to save Him from death (with strong crying and tears, and having been heard in that *He* feared God, ⁸even though *He* was a Son) He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. ⁹And being made perfect, He became *the* Author of eternal salvation to all those who obey Him, ¹⁰being called by God *to be* High Priest after the order of Mēl-chīz’-ě-děk.

¹¹About whom we *have* many things to say, and not easy to be explained since you have become dull of hearing. ¹²For indeed, because of the time, *you* ought to be teachers, *yet* you need one to teach you again what *are* the first principles of the words of God. And *you* have become *ones who* have need of milk, and not of solid food. ¹³For every one that uses milk *is* not skilled in *the* word of righteousness — for he is an infant. ¹⁴But solid food belongs to the ones who are of full age, *even* those who through habit have their senses exercised to judge both good and evil.

CHAPTER 6

¹Therefore, leaving the principles of the teaching of Christ, let us go on to full growth. *Let us* not lay again *the* foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God — ²of *the* teaching of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of *the* raising of *the* dead, and of everlasting judgment. ³And this we will do if God allows *it*. ⁴For those who were once enlightened, and who have tasted of the heavenly gift, and who became partakers of *the* Holy Spirit, ⁵and who have tasted the good word of God and *the* works of power of *the* age to come, ⁶and who have fallen away, *it is* not possible to renew *them* again to repentance. *For they are* crucifying to themselves the Son of God and

putting *Him* to an open shame. ⁷(For *the* earth, which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and produces plants fit for those for whom it is worked, shares God's blessing. ⁸But *that ground* which brings forth thorns and briars *is* rejected, and *is* near to being cursed — the end of which is to be burned.) ⁹But, beloved, even though we speak this way, we are persuaded better things of you, and *things* that go along with salvation. ¹⁰For God *is* not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love, which you have shown toward His name, *in that* you have ministered to the saints and *still* do minister. ¹¹And we earnestly desire that each of you *will* show the same eagerness — *even to being* fully sure of the hope unto *the* end — ¹²so that you will not be dull, but imitators of those who inherit the promises through patience and faith.

¹³For when God was promising to Abraham, He swore by Himself, because He could swear by no greater *one*, ¹⁴saying, "Surely blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply you" (See GENESIS 22:16). ¹⁵And so, having had patience, he received the promise. ¹⁶For men indeed swear by the greater. And an oath to make things sure is the end of all argument to them. ¹⁷In which *way*, desiring to more fully declare to the heirs of promise that His purpose does not change, God came in with an oath — ¹⁸so that by two things that cannot change (in which *it was* not possible for God to lie) we might have strong comfort — *we* who have fled for refuge in order to lay hold upon the hope set before us. ¹⁹Which *hope* we have as an anchor of the soul, both certain and sure, and entering into that inside the veil, ²⁰where Jesus, *as our* Forerunner, has entered on our behalf, having become a High Priest forever, according to the order of Mēl-chīz'-ĕ-dĕk.

CHAPTER 7

¹For this Mēl-chīz'-ĕ-dĕk, (who *was* king of Salem *and* priest of the most high God,) met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him. ²Abraham also gave a tenth of all *the* spoils to him. First of all, *his name* being translated, *he is* king of righteousness. And then also king of Salem, which is, king of peace. ³*He was* without father, without mother, without genealogy, having neither beginning of days, nor end of life — but being made like unto the Son of God, *he* remains a priest forever. ⁴Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave a tenth of the spoils. ⁵And indeed they that are of the sons of Levi, receiving the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the Law — that is, *they take tithes from* their brothers, even though *they* come out of the loins of Abraham. ⁶But he, whose line is not counted from them, received tithes from Abraham and blessed him who had the promises. ⁷And without contradiction, the lesser is blessed of the greater. ⁸And here dying men receive tithes — but there *he*, of whom it is witnessed that he lives, *receives tithes*.

⁹And as I may so say, Levi also, who receives tithes, has paid tithes through Abraham. ¹⁰For he was yet in the loins of *his* father when Mēl-chīz'-ē-dēk met him. ¹¹Truly, then, if perfection were by the priesthood of Levi, (for under it the people received *the* Law,) what further need *was there* that another priest should rise after the order of Mēl-chīz'-ē-dēk — and not named after the order of Aaron? ¹²For the priesthood being changed, a change of law must come about also. ¹³For He of whom these things are spoken belongs to another tribe — of which no one has given attendance at the altar. ¹⁴For *it is* plain that our Lord has sprung out of Judah, of which tribe Moses said nothing as to priesthood. ¹⁵And it is still more plain, since a different priest arises, ¹⁶who is made according to the likeness of Mēl-chīz'-ē-dēk — not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life. ¹⁷For He testifies, "Thou *art* a Priest forever, after the order of Mēl-chīz'-ē-dēk" (See PSALM 110:4).

¹⁸For truly there is a putting away of the foregoing commandment because of its weakness and lack of gain — ¹⁹for the Law did not make anything perfect — but *there is* a coming in of a better hope by which we draw near to God. ²⁰And inasmuch as *He was* not *made* priest without an oath — ²¹for they are made priests without the swearing of an oath, but He was made priest with the swearing of an oath by Him who said to Him, "The Lord swore and will not repent, Thou art a Priest forever after the order of Mēl-chīz'-ē-dēk" — ²²by so much Jesus was made a surety of a better covenant. ²³And they truly were many priests, because *they* were kept back from continuing by death. ²⁴But He, because He endures forever, He has a priesthood that cannot be changed. ²⁵Therefore He is able also to save to the uttermost those that come unto God by Him, since He ever lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For such a High Priest was fitting for us, *One who is* holy, harmless, and undefiled, separated from sinners and made higher than the heavens, ²⁷One who does not, as those high priests, need to offer sacrifices daily, first for His own sins, and then for the people's *sins* — for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself. ²⁸For the Law makes men high priests who have infirmity — but the word of the oath, which came after the Law, made the Son perfect for ever.

CHAPTER 8

¹Now the sum of the things which we have spoken *is this*: We have such a High Priest, who has sat down on *the* right hand of the throne of the Majesty in Heaven — ²a Minister of the holy places and of the true tabernacle which the Lord pitched, and not man.

³For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices. Therefore *it is* necessary *for* this One also to have something which

He may offer. ⁴For indeed if He were on earth, He would not be a priest. For there are the priests who offer gifts according to the Law, ⁵who serve *the* pattern and shadow of heavenly things — even as Moses was divinely instructed when he was about to make the tabernacle — for He says, “See *that* you make all things according to the pattern which was shown to you in the mountain” (See Exodus 25:40). ⁶But now He has gotten a more excellent ministry, by so much He is also the Mediator of a better covenant, which was built upon better promises.

⁷For if that first *covenant* had been without fault, then no place would have been sought for the second. ⁸For finding fault He said to them, “Behold! the days come, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah — ⁹not according to the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of *the* land of Egypt” — because they did not keep on in My covenant, and I stopped taking care of them, says the Lord. ¹⁰“For this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel: After those days, says the Lord, I will put My laws in their mind and write them in their hearts — and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ¹¹And they shall no more teach each one his neighbor, and each one his brother, saying, Know the Lord — for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. ¹²For I will be merciful to their wrongdoings, and I will not remember their sins and their lawless deeds any more” (See JEREMIAH 31:33, 34). ¹³By saying, “New,” He has made the first *covenant* old. Now that which decays and grows old *is* ready to vanish away.

CHAPTER 9

¹Truly then the first tabernacle also had holy orders of worship and an earthly Holy Place. ²For there was a tabernacle prepared, the first one — in which were the lampstand and the table and the showbread — which is called *the* Holy Place. ³And after the second veil, the tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies — ⁴which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant which was covered with gold in every part, in which *was the* golden pot *with* the manna, and Aaron’s rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant — ⁵and above it *the* cher’-û-bîm of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat (of which we cannot now speak part by part).

⁶Now when these things had been prepared in this way, the priests went at all times into the first tabernacle, doing the duties of *God*. ⁷But into the second the high priest *went* alone once a year — not without blood, which he offered for himself and *for* the errors of the people. ⁸The Holy Spirit *was* showing by this *that* the way into *the* Holy of

Holies was not yet revealed, the first tabernacle still having a standing. ⁹Which *was* a parable for the present time, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices that, as regards the conscience, could not make him who served perfect. ¹⁰But *it was* only in meats and drinks, and different kinds of washings, and fleshly rules put upon them until the time of setting things right. ¹¹But when Christ had come as a High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle *which was* not made with hands, (that is, not of this creation,) ¹²not by *the* blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once for all into the Holy of *Holies*, having obtained everlasting redemption.

¹³For if the blood of bulls and of goats and *the* ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purity of the flesh, ¹⁴how much more shall the blood of Christ (who through *the* eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot unto God) purge your conscience from dead works to serve *the* living God? ¹⁵And for this reason He is *the* Mediator of *the* new covenant, so that, by means of death for the redemption of the sins under the first covenant, they who have been called might receive the promise of the everlasting inheritance. ¹⁶For where *there is* a testament, *it is necessary for the* death of the one who made it to, be brought in. ¹⁷For a testament *is* made sure after men are dead—otherwise it is of no force at all while the one who made it is living. ¹⁸From which *we see that* neither was the first *covenant* put into force without blood. ¹⁹For when Moses had spoken every commandment to all the people according to *the* Law, he took the blood of calves and goats—along with water and scarlet wool and hyssop [hiss'-op]—and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, ²⁰saying, "This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded to you" (See Exodus 24:8). ²¹And he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.

²²And almost all things are purified with blood according to the Law—and without shedding of blood is no remission. ²³*It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of the things in the heavens should be purified with these. But the heavenly things themselves *were purified* with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴For Christ has not entered into the Holy of *Holies* made with hands (the figures of the true), but into Heaven itself—now to appear in the presence of God for us. ²⁵Nor yet *is it necessary* that He should offer Himself often—as the high priest enters into the Holy Place every year with another's blood—²⁶for then He would have had to suffer often from *the* foundation of *the* world. But now, once, in *the* end of ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷And in view of the fact that it is appointed unto men once to die, and after this *the* Judgment—²⁸so Christ, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time without sin to those that look for Him, unto salvation.

CHAPTER 10

¹For the Law had a shadow of the good things to come, not the image itself of *those* things. So *it* can never make those who come near perfect with the same sacrifices which they offer over and over year after year. ²Otherwise, would they not have stopped being offered? Because the worshippers, when they had been once for all purged, would have had no more conscience of sins! ³But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembering of sins year by year. ⁴For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. ⁵For this reason, coming into the world, He says, "Sacrifice and offering Thou didst not desire, but Thou didst prepare a body for Me. ⁶In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin Thou didst not delight. ⁷Then I said, Lo, in *the* roll of *the* Book it is written of Me, I come to do Thy will, O God" (See PSALM 40:6-8). ⁸Above when He said, "Sacrifice and offering, and burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin, Thou didst not desire, neither delighted in them" (which are offered according to the Law), ⁹then He said, "Lo, I come to do Thy will, O God." He takes away the first so that He may set up the second—¹⁰by which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

¹¹And every priest stands day by day ministering, and often offering the same sacrifices—which can never take away sins. ¹²But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on *the* right hand of God, ¹³from then on expecting until His enemies should be placed *as* a footstool for His feet. ¹⁴For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also is a witness to us: for after *what He* said before, ¹⁶"This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says *the* Lord, I will put My laws into their hearts, and I will also write them in their minds"—also, ¹⁷"their sins and lawlessnesses I will remember no more" (See JEREMIAH 31:33-34). ¹⁸Now where remission of these *is, there is* no longer an offering for sin.

¹⁹*My* brothers, since then we have boldness to enter into the Holiest by the blood of Jesus—²⁰by a new and living way which He has consecrated for us through the veil, that is to say, His flesh—²¹and *since we have* a High Priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience. And our bodies have been washed with pure water. ²³And let us hold fast the confession of *our* hope without wavering—for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴And we should consider one another, encouraging *one another* to love and good works—²⁵not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*, but encouraging *one another*—and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. ²⁶For if we sin willingly after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more sacrifice for sins,

²⁷but *only* a certain fearful looking forward to judgment, and burning jealousy *which is* about to eat up those *who are* against God. ²⁸He who set aside *the* Law of Moses died without mercy, under two or three witnesses. ²⁹How much worse punishment do you think he shall be thought worthy *to receive* who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and who has counted the blood of the covenant with which he was sanctified an unholy thing, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? ³⁰For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine! I will repay! says the Lord." And again, "The Lord will judge His people" (See DEUTERONOMY 32:35, 36). ³¹It is a fearful thing to fall into *the* hands of *the* living God.

³²But call to memory the days before, in which (after you had been given light) you endured a great fight of afflictions. ³³Partly *you* were made a public show, both in ugly charges and *in* trials. And partly you had become companions of those passing through *these things*. ³⁴For you both sympathized with *me* in my bonds and took joyfully the plundering of your goods—knowing in yourselves that you have better and more enduring riches in Heaven. ³⁵Therefore, do not throw away your confidence, which has great reward. ³⁶For you have need of patience so that after you have done the will of God you may receive the promise. ³⁷For yet a little while, and He that shall come will come and will not delay. ³⁸"Now the just shall live by faith. But if *any* draw back, My soul shall have no pleasure in him." ³⁹But we are not of the ones who draw back unto perdition, but of those who believe *to the* saving of *the* soul.

CHAPTER 11

¹Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. ²For by this the elders were given a good report. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God—that the things which are seen were not made of things which appear. ⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain—by which he received witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts—and by it, though he has died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was translated so that he should not see death. And *he* was not found, because God had translated him, for before he was translated he had this witness, that he pleased God. ⁶But without faith *it is* impossible to please *God*. For he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of the ones who carefully seek Him out.

⁷By faith Noah (being warned by God of things not yet seen *and* moved with fear) prepared an ark for the saving of his house. By this he judged the world guilty and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out

into a place which he was going to get for an inheritance. And he went out without knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he stayed in the land of the promise, as *in* a strange country, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he looked for a city which has foundations, whose builder and maker is God. ¹¹Through faith also Sarah herself got the strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was beyond a seasonable age — because she judged Him faithful who had promised. ¹²By reason of this also, there sprang up from one (and that too of one who had become dead) *as many* as the stars of the sky in multitude and as countless as the sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the promises. But they had seen them afar off and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*. And they confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. ¹⁴For they who say such things make it clear that they are seeking *their* own country. ¹⁵And truly, if they had been thinking of that *country* from which they came, they might have had opportunity to have returned. ¹⁶But now they stretch forward to a better *country*, that is, a heavenly *country*. For this reason God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them.

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac. And he that had received the promises was offering up his only-begotten, ¹⁸of whom it was said, “in Isaac shall your seed be called” (See GENESIS 21:12). ¹⁹For *he was* supposing that God *was* able to raise *him* up, even from *the* dead — from which he did get him back too, in a way of speaking. ²⁰By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau in regard to things to come. ²¹By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, and he worshipped *leaning* upon the top of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, when he died, talked about the departing of the children of Israel and gave commandment about his bones.

²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents — because they saw the little child was very beautiful — and they were not afraid of the king’s commandment. ²⁴By faith Moses, when *he* had become a man, refused to be called the son of Phâr’-ã-ôh’s daughter — ²⁵choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to have the temporary enjoyment of sin. ²⁶For *he* had counted the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt — for he looked forward to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the anger of the king — for he kept on, as seeing Him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover, and the sprinkling of blood — lest he who *was* the slayer of the first-born should touch them. ²⁹By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry *land*. *But* the Egyptians, trying to do *the same*, were swallowed up. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had been circled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rã’-hãb

the harlot did not perish with the ones who did not believe, when *she* had received the spies with peace.

³²And what more shall I say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Bâr'-āk, and Samson, and Jēph-thāh, and David, and Samuel, and of the prophets — ³³who through faith put down kingdoms, worked righteousness, received the promises, stopped *the* mouths of lions, ³⁴put out *the* power of fire, escaped the edges of the sword. Out of weakness they were made strong — *they* became mighty in war — they turned the armies of strangers to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead by resurrection. And others were tortured, refusing to accept deliverance so that they might obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶And others underwent mockings and whippings — and even more, of chains and of being in prison — ³⁷they were stoned — they were cut apart with saws — they were tempted *and* were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being in want, afflicted, tormented ³⁸(of whom the world was not worthy). They wandered in deserts and *in* mountains and *in* dens and caves of the earth. ³⁹And all of these, when they had gotten a good report through faith, did not receive the promise. ⁴⁰God had provided some better thing for us, so that they should not be made perfect apart from us.

CHAPTER 12

¹Therefore, since we are also circled about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily encircles *us*. And let us run with patience the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the Author and Finisher of *our* faith — who for the joy that was set before Him endured *the* cross, despising *the* shame, and sat down at *the* right hand of the throne of God. ³For carefully consider Him who endured such great gainsaying of sinners against Himself, lest you become wearied *and* faint in your minds. ⁴You have not yet resisted unto blood, wrestling against sin. ⁵And you have forgotten the comforting call which He speaks to you as to sons, "My son, do not despise *the* chastening of *the* Lord, nor faint when being corrected by Him. ⁶For whom *the* Lord loves, He corrects, and *He* whips every son whom He receives" (See PROVERBS 3:11). ⁷If you endure correction, God is dealing with you as sons — for who is *the* son whom *the* father does not correct? ⁸But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are bastards and not sons.

⁹Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh who corrected *us*, and we respected *them*. Shall we not much rather be put under the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰For they indeed corrected *us* for a few days according to that which seemed good to them — but He *corrects us* for *our* good, so that we might partake of His holiness. ¹¹Now no chastening for the present seems to be joyous, but grievous — but after-

wards it yields up the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been exercised by it.

¹²For this reason lift up the hands which hang down and the feeble knees. ¹³And make straight paths for your feet, lest that which is lame be turned out of the way — but rather that it may be healed. ¹⁴Eagerly pursue peace with all men, and holiness *also*, without which no man shall see the Lord. ¹⁵And look carefully lest any man fail of the grace of God, lest any root of bitterness should spring up *and* trouble you (and by this many are made unclean) — ¹⁶lest *there be* any fôr-nĩ-cā'-tor, or ungodly person (as Esau, who for one meal sold his birthright. ¹⁷For you know that afterward, he was rejected when he desired to inherit the blessing, though he sought it carefully, with tears — for he did not find any place of repentance.)

¹⁸For you have not come to *the* mountain that could be touched and which had been kindled with fire, and to blackness, and to darkness and to storm, ¹⁹and to a sound of a trumpet, and *the* voice of words — upon which they that heard *the* voice earnestly begged that *the* word not be addressed to them. ²⁰For they could not bear that which was commanded, "And if a beast should touch the mountain, it shall be stoned, or thrust through with a dart" (See EXODUS 19:12, 13). ²¹And so terrible was the sight that Moses said, I am greatly afraid and trembling. ²²But you have come up to Mount Zion, and to *the* City of *the* living God, *the* heavenly Jerusalem, and to a countless company of angels, ²³to the general gathering and church of the first-born, who are written in Heaven — and to God *the* Judge of all, and to *the* spirits of just men made perfect — ²⁴and to Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant — and to *the* blood of sprinkling, speaking better things than *that of* Abel. ²⁵See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him that divinely warned *them* on earth, much more we *shall not escape* who turn away from Him who is from Heaven! ²⁶whose voice then shook the earth. But now He has promised, saying, "Yet once I will shake not only the earth, but the heaven too" (See HAGGAI 2:6). ²⁷And the "Yet once" clearly shows the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made — so that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace by which we may serve God in a pleasing way, with reverence and fear. ²⁹For also, "Our God is a consuming fire" (See DEUTERONOMY 4:24).

CHAPTER 13

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not forget to welcome strangers — for in this way some have entertained angels without knowing it. ³Remember the ones who are prisoners, as if bound with *them* — and the

ones being ill-treated, as *if* you were also *ill-treated* in body. ⁴Marriage is honorable in every *way*, and the marriage bed is clean—but fornicators and adulterers God will judge. ⁵Let your manner of life be free from the love of money. Be satisfied with *what you have* now. For He has said, "I will never leave you nor ever forsake you." ⁶So that we may boldly say, "*The Lord is my Helper, and I will not fear. What shall man do to me?*" (See PSALM 118:6).

⁷Remember your leaders, who have spoken the word of God to you. Consider carefully what has come out of *their* conduct. Imitate *their* faith: ⁸Jesus Christ, the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be carried about with different and strange doctrines—for *it* is good for the heart to be established with grace, not with meats, in which those who walked *in them* were not helped. ¹⁰We have an altar of which they who serve the tabernacle do not have a right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the Holy Place by the high priest, for sin, are burned outside the camp.

¹²For this reason also Jesus suffered outside the camp, so that He might purify the people with His own blood. ¹³Therefore, let us go forth to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach. ¹⁴For we do not have any lasting city, but we are seeking the one to come. ¹⁵By Him, then, let us offer *the* sacrifice of praise to God continually—that is, *the* fruit of *our* lips, giving thanks to His name. ¹⁶But do not forget to do good and to share what you have, for God is well-pleased with such sacrifices. ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit *to them*—for they watch for your souls, as *they that* are about to give account, so that they may do it with joy and not with sadness—for this *would not be* good for you. ¹⁸Pray for us—for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly. ¹⁹But I urge *you* the rather to do this, so that I may be more quickly given back to you.

²⁰Now the God of peace (who brought again from *the* dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through *the* blood of *the* everlasting covenant) ²¹make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ—to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²²But I call upon you, *my* brothers, bear with the word of exhortation, for I have written *a letter* to you in few words. ²³Know that *our* brother Timothy has been set free, with whom, if he should come shortly, I will see you. ²⁴Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you. ²⁵Grace *be* with you all. Amen.

The Letter of JAMES

CHAPTER 1

¹James, a servant of God and of *the* Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which *are* in the Dispersion, greeting.

²My brothers, count *it* all joy when you fall into different kinds of temptations, ³knowing that the proving of your faith works patience. ⁴But let patience have *its* perfect work, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. ⁵But if any of you lack wisdom, let him ask *it* from God — who freely gives to all and does not reproach — and it shall be given to him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, doubting nothing. For he who doubts is like a wave of the sea which is being driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For do not let that man think that he shall receive anything from the Lord — ⁸*for he is a double-minded man*, who is not dependable in any of his ways. ⁹But let the brother who is low rejoice in being lifted up. ¹⁰And *let the rich brother rejoice* in being made humble, because he will pass away like the flower of the grass. ¹¹For the sun rose with burning heat and dried up the grass, and the flower of it fell, and the beauty of its appearance was gone. So also the rich *man* shall dry up in his ways. ¹²Blessed *is* the man who endures temptation — for when he is tried he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him. ¹³Let no one say when he is tempted, *It is* because I am tempted of God. For God cannot be tempted by evils, and He Himself tempts no one. ¹⁴But each one is tempted when he is drawn away and seduced by his own lust. ¹⁵Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin. And when it is fully finished, sin brings forth death.

¹⁶Do not be led astray, my beloved brothers: ¹⁷Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no change nor shadow of turning. ¹⁸After He had willed *it*, He brought us forth by *the* word of truth, in order for us to be a kind of first-fruits of His creatures.

¹⁹Therefore, my beloved brothers, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. ²⁰For the anger of man does not work out the righteousness of God. ²¹For this reason, when you have laid aside all filthiness and *all* overflowing of wickedness, receive in meekness the implanted word — which *is* able to save your souls. ²²But be doers of *the* word and not hearers only, fooling yourselves. ²³Because if any man is a hearer of *the* word and not a doer, this one is like a man studying his natural face in a mirror. ²⁴For he studied himself and went away — and immediately he forgot what he was like. ²⁵But he that looked into *the* perfect law of liberty, and who continued in *it* — this

one has not been a forgetful hearer, but *has been* a doer of *the* work. This one shall be blessed in his doing.

²⁶If anyone among you seems to be religious, but does not bridle his tongue, deceiving his heart, this one's religion *is* vain. ²⁷Pure and undefiled religion before God and *the* Father is this: to visit *the* fatherless and widows in their afflictions, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.

CHAPTER 2

¹My brothers, do not have the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, *the* Lord of glory, with regard to persons. ²For if a man with gold rings and fancy clothing comes into your gathering—and if a poor man in dirty clothes also comes in—³and if you have looked on him who wears the fancy clothing, and have said to him, You sit here *in a* good place—and if you have said to the poor man, You stand there, or, You sit here under my footstool—⁴did you not make a difference among yourselves? And did you not become judges *with* evil judgments? ⁵My beloved brothers, hear this! Did not God choose the poor of this world *to be* rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those that love Him? ⁶But you despised the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you? And do they not drag you before *the* judgment seats? ⁷Do they not blaspheme the good name by which you were called? ⁸If you truly keep *the* royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself!” you do well (See LEVITICUS 19:18). ⁹But if you have regard to persons, you work sin—being found guilty by the Law as law-breakers. ¹⁰For whoever shall keep the whole Law, but shall stumble in one *point*—he has become guilty of all. ¹¹For He who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not kill” (See Exodus 20:13). Now if you do not commit adultery, but do commit murder, you have become a breaker of *the* Law. ¹²Speak and do in such a way as if you are about to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment *will be* without mercy to him who did not do mercy. And mercy rejoices over judgment.

¹⁴My brothers, What good *is it* if anyone says *he* has faith, but does not have works? Can faith save him? ¹⁵Now if a brother or a sister is naked, and is in need of daily food, ¹⁶and if any of you say to them, Go in peace, be warmed and filled!—but does not give to them the things needed for the body—what good *is it?* ¹⁷Even so, faith, if it does not have works, is dead by itself. ¹⁸But someone will say, You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith from my works. ¹⁹You believe that God is one? You do well. The demons also believe and tremble. ²⁰But will you know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is dead? ²¹Was not our

father Abraham declared just by works when he had offered his son Isaac on the altar? ²²You see that faith was working with his works. And *his* faith was made complete by works. ²³And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "And Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him for righteousness—and he was called, Friend of God" (See GENESIS 15:6; ISALAH 41:8). ²⁴You see then that a man is declared just by works, and not by faith only. ²⁵And in the same way, was not Rā'hāb the harlot declared just by works (when she had taken in the messengers, and had sent *them* out another way)? ²⁶For just as the body apart from *the* spirit is dead, so faith apart from works is dead also.

CHAPTER 3

¹My brothers, be not many teachers—knowing that we shall receive greater judgment. ²For we all often stumble. If anyone does not stumble in word, *he is* a full-grown man *who is* able to bridle the whole body too. ³Behold! We put bits into the mouths of horses for them to obey us, and we turn about their whole body. ⁴Behold also the ships, *which* are so great, and are driven by violent winds—*yet* they are turned about by a very small rudder, wherever the pleasure of the helmsman may desire. ⁵So also the tongue is a little member, and it boasts great things. Behold, a little fire, how large a forest it sets on fire! ⁶And the tongue *is* a fire, a world of unrighteousness. So the tongue is set in our members, the defiler *of* the whole body—both setting on fire the course of nature, and being set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of animals and of birds, both of creeping things and things of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. ⁸But no one among men is able to tame the tongue—*it is* an evil that cannot be controlled, full of deadly poison. ⁹We bless *our* God and Father with it. And with it we curse men who are made according to *the* image of God. ¹⁰Out of the same mouth goes forth blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does the fountain out of the same opening pour forth *both* sweet and bitter? ¹²My brothers, is a fig-tree able to bring forth olives? or a vine figs? So no fountain *is able* to bring forth *both* salt and sweet water.

¹³Who *is* wise and understanding among you? Out of good behavior let him show his works, in meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and fighting in your heart, do not boast and lie against the truth. ¹⁵This is not that wisdom *which* comes down from above, but *it is* earthly, beastly, devilish. ¹⁶For where jealousy and fighting *are*, there *is* confusion and every evil thing. ¹⁷But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceful, gentle, yielding, full of mercy and of good fruits—not partial and not pretended. ¹⁸And *the* fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those that make peace.

CHAPTER 4

¹Where *do* wars and fightings among you *come* from? *Do they* not *come* from this—from your lusts which war in your members? ²You desire, and do not have. You kill and are jealous, and are not able to get *what you want*. You fight and war, but you do not have *what you want* because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask in the wrong way—that you may waste it on your lusts. ⁴You adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that the friendship of the world is hateful *to* God? Therefore whoever desires to be a friend of the world shows himself to be an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, The spirit which dwells in us yearns to envy? ⁶But He gives more grace. For this reason He says, “God sets Himself against those who are proud, but He gives grace to those who are humble.” ⁷Therefore put yourself under God. Resist the devil, and he will run from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Clean *your* hands, sinners—and purify *your* hearts, you double-minded ones. ⁹Be sorrowful and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and *your* joy to shame. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He shall exalt you.

¹¹Do not speak evil against one another, *my* brothers. He who speaks against *his* brother, and *who* judges his brother, speaks against the Law and judges *the* Law. But if you judge *the* Law, you are not a doer of *the* Law, but a judge. ¹²One is the Lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy. Who are you that judges another?

¹³Come now! you who say, Today and tomorrow we will go into such a city and will spend a year there—and we will buy and sell, and we will make a profit—¹⁴you who do not know what *will happen* tomorrow. For what *is* your life? For it is a mist which appears for a little while and then vanishes away. ¹⁵Instead you *ought* to say, If the Lord is willing and we should live, we also may do this or that. ¹⁶But now you rejoice in your boastings. All such rejoicing is evil. ¹⁷Therefore, to *him* who knows to do good, and does not do *it*, it is sin to him.

CHAPTER 5

¹Come *now*, you rich men, weep, howling over your miseries which *are* coming upon you. ²Your riches have rotted, and your clothes have become moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver has been eaten away, and their rust shall be for a witness against you and shall eat your flesh like fire. You have heaped up treasure in *the* last days. ⁴Behold! the wages of the workers who harvested your fields cry out (which you have kept back *from them*), and the cries of the ones who reaped have entered into the ears of *the* Lord of Hosts. ⁵You lived in pleasure on

the earth and satisfied yourself. You have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned *and* killed the just, *and* he does not resist you.

⁷Therefore, *my* brothers, be patient until the coming of the Lord. Behold, the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, having patience for it until it gets *the* early and late rain. ⁸You be patient also. Make your hearts strong, because the coming of the Lord has drawn near. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, *my* brothers, so that you may not be condemned. Behold! *the* Judge stands before the door. ¹⁰My brothers, *as* an example of suffering evils, and of patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of *the* Lord. ¹¹Behold! the ones who hold out to the end we call happy. You have heard of the patience of Job. And you saw the end of *the* Lord—that the Lord is full of pity and tender mercy.

¹²But above all, my brothers, do not swear—neither *by* Heaven, nor the earth, nor any other oath. But let your yes be yes, and your no, no—so that you may not fall into hypocrisy. ¹³Does anyone among you suffer hardships? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing the praises of God. ¹⁴Is anyone sick among you? Let him call the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith shall save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up—and if he is *one* who has committed sins, it shall be forgiven him. ¹⁶Confess *your* faults to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The fervent working prayer of a righteous man has much power. ¹⁷Elijah was a man who had the same kind of feelings we have, and he prayed in prayer *for it* not to rain. And it did not rain on the earth three years and six months. ¹⁸And he prayed again, and the sky gave rain, and the earth brought forth its fruit.

¹⁹*My* brothers, if anyone among you goes astray from the truth, and *if* anyone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that he who brings a sinner from *the* error of his way shall save a soul from death and shall cover a multitude of sins.

The FIRST Letter of PETER

CHAPTER 1

¹Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to *the* elect strangers of *the* Dispersion of Pön'-tüs, of Galatia, of Căp-pă-dō'-cī-ă, of Asia, and of Bithynia [Bī-thīn'-i-ă]—²electd according to *the* foreknowledge of God *the* Father, in a setting apart by *the* Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of *the* blood of Jesus Christ. *May* grace and peace be multiplied to you.

³Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to His great mercy, brought us forth again to a living hope, through *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ from among *the* dead, ⁴to an inheritance which cannot rot away, and which is unspotted and never fades away, reserved in Heaven for us, ⁵who *are* being kept by *the* power of God through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in *the* last time—⁶in which you greatly rejoice. *But* now, for a little while (since it is needful,) *you* are being put to grief in many trials—⁷so that the proving of your faith, being much more precious than of gold, (which, even though proved by fire, perishes,) may be found unto praise and honor and glory, in *the* revealing of Jesus Christ. ⁸*Though* you have not seen *Him*, you love *Him*. In whom, *though you are* not looking upon *Him* now, but believing, you rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory—⁹receiving the end of your faith, *the* salvation of *your* souls. ¹⁰Of which salvation the prophets (who told beforehand of the grace of God towards you) looked for and carefully searched out—¹¹searching what, or what manner of time, the Spirit of Christ within them was declaring. *For He* testified beforehand of the sufferings of Christ and the glories coming after these *sufferings*. ¹²To whom it was revealed that they were not ministering those things to themselves, but to us— which things now have been made known to you by those who preached the Gospel to you in *the* Holy Spirit sent from Heaven— into which things the angels desire to look.

¹³For this reason tighten up the waist of your mind. Be watchful. Hope to the end in the grace which is being brought to you in *the* revealing of Jesus Christ. ¹⁴*Be* as obedient children, not following the pattern of your old lusts in your ignorance, ¹⁵but even as He who has called you *is* holy, you yourselves also be holy in all *your* behavior—¹⁶because it has been written, “Be holy, because I am holy” (See LEVITICUS 11:44).

¹⁷And since you call upon Him *as* Father, who without any regard of persons judges according to everyone's work, pass the time of your stay *here* in fear. ¹⁸*For* you know that you were not redeemed by corruptible things, by silver or by gold, from your vain manner of life handed down

from *your* fathers, ¹⁹but *you were redeemed* by the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. ²⁰For truly He had been foreknown before *the* foundation of *the* world, but was made known at *the* last times for the sake of you ²¹who through Him believe in God, who raised Him up from among *the* dead, and gave glory to Him—so that your faith and hope might be in God. ²²Since you have purified your souls in obedience to the truth through *the* Spirit unto brotherly love which is not pretended, love one another fervently out of a pure heart. ²³For you have been born again, not of seed which can rot away, but of *seed* that can never rot away, by *the* word of God living and remaining forever. ²⁴Because all flesh *is* as grass, and all *the* glory of man *is* like *the* flower of grass. The grass withered, and the flower of it fell away. ²⁵But the word of *the* Lord goes on forever. And this is the word which was preached to you.

CHAPTER 2

¹Therefore, laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies and jealousies, and all evil words—²like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that you may grow by it—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord *is* good. ⁴Coming to *Him*, the Living Stone, (indeed refused by men, but elect, precious with God,) ⁵you also as living stones are being built up *into* a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices pleasing to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For this reason also it is contained in the Scripture, “Behold, I place in Zion an elect, precious Cornerstone—and he that believes on Him in no way shall be put to shame” (See ISAIAH 28:16). ⁷*He is* precious therefore to you who believe. But to the unbelieving, *the* Stone which the builders rejected, this became *the* Head of *the* corner, ⁸and a Stone-of-stumbling and a Rock-of-offense to the unbelieving ones—who stumble at the Word, not believing, to which they also were appointed. ⁹But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who belong to *God*, so that you might show forth the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light—¹⁰you who once *were* not a people, but now *are the* people of God: *you* who had not received mercy, but now *have* received mercy (See HOSEA 2:23).

¹¹Beloved, I urge *you* as strangers and pilgrims to keep yourselves away from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul. ¹²Make your behavior wholesome among the Gentiles, so that (with regard to that in which they speak against you as evil doers) through witnessing your good works, they may glorify God in *the* day of *His* visitation.

¹³Therefore be obedient to every law of man for the Lord’s sake—whether to a king as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors as sent by Him to punish evil doers and *to* praise those who do well. ¹⁵Because so is the

will of God, to put to silence the ignorance of foolish men *by* well doing. ¹⁶As free men, yet not having freedom as a cover of evil feeling, but as servants of God, ¹⁷honor all men—love the brotherhood—fear God—honor the ruler.

¹⁸Servants, be obedient to *your* masters with all fear—not only to the good and gentle ones, but also to the wicked ones. ¹⁹For this is pleasing to God, if for the sake of conscience towards God anyone patiently endures sorrows, suffering unjustly. ²⁰For what glory is it if you patiently endure *when you are* sinning and are being whipped for it? But if you patiently endure *when you are* doing good, and suffering for it, this is pleasing to God. ²¹For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example so that you should follow His steps—²²who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth, ²³who did not speak evil in return when evil was being spoken to Him. He did not threaten when He was suffering, but He gave Himself over to Him who judges righteously. ²⁴He Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, so that we, being dead to sins, might live unto righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed. ²⁵For you were as sheep going astray, but are now returned to the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls (See ISAIAH 53:4-12).

CHAPTER 3

¹Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands—so that, even if any do not believe the word, they may without a word be won by the behavior of the wives—²watching your pure behavior *carried out* in godly fear. ³When you make yourself beautiful, let it not be *by* the outward braiding of hair and putting on of gold, or *by* putting on clothes, ⁴but *let it be* the hidden man of the heart, in the *beauty* of a meek and quiet spirit which can never be corrupted—which is of great value in the sight of God. ⁵For in this way in the old days too, the holy women (the ones who were trusting in God) made themselves beautiful, being subject to their own husbands. ⁶Even as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord—whose children you became, doing good and not fearing any terror. ⁷Likewise, you husbands live with *the woman* according to knowledge, giving *her* honor, as to a weaker vessel, as also *being* heirs together of *the* grace of life, so that your prayers may not be cut off.

⁸Finally, all of you *be* of one mind. Have pity, loving the brothers. *Be* tender-hearted *and* friendly. ⁹Never give evil for evil, nor evil-speaking for evil-speaking. But on the contrary, give blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you should inherit blessing. ¹⁰For he that wants to love life and to see good days, let him stop his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. ¹¹Let him turn aside from evil, and let him do good. Let him seek peace, and let him run after it—¹²because the eyes of *the* Lord *are* on *the* righteous, and His ears *are* open to their

prayers. But *the* face of *the* Lord is against the ones who are doing evil.

¹³And who is he that shall hurt you if you are imitators of that which is good? ¹⁴But if you also should suffer on account of righteousness, blessed *are you*. But you should not be afraid of their fear, neither should you be troubled. ¹⁵But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and be ready always to give an answer to everyone that asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear—¹⁶*always* having a good conscience, so that in the thing regarding which they speak against you as evildoers, they who lie against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed. ¹⁷For *it is* better, if the will of God desires it so, *for you* to suffer while doing good than while doing evil. ¹⁸Because even Christ once for all suffered for sins, *the* Just for *the* unjust, so that He might bring us to God—being put to death in the flesh, but made alive by the Spirit. ¹⁹In which also, going to the spirits in prison, He preached ²⁰to those who did not believe in times gone by—when at one time the longsuffering of God was waiting—in *the* days of Noah—while *the* ark was being prepared. In which *ark*, a few, that is, eight souls were saved through water: ²¹which antitype now also saves us, *even* baptism—not a putting away of *the* filth of *the* flesh, but *the* answer of a good conscience towards God through *the* resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who is at *the* right hand of God. For He has gone into Heaven; angels and leaders and powers being subjected to Him.

CHAPTER 4

¹Since, then, Christ has suffered for us in *the* flesh, you also arm yourselves with the same mind. For he that has suffered in *the* flesh has been set free from sin, ²to the end that *he* no longer will live the rest of the time in *the* flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. ³For the time of life *which is* past is enough for us to have worked out the will of the heathen, when we walked in wantonness, lusts, wine-drinking, parties, drinkings, and unholy idol-worshipping. ⁴In which *matter* they think it strange that you do not run with *them* into the same overflow of shamelessness, speaking evil of *you*. ⁵They shall give account to Him who is ready to judge *the* living and *the* dead. ⁶For to this end also the Gospel was preached to *the* dead, so that they might be truly judged according to men in *the* flesh, but might live according to God in *the* Spirit. ⁷But the end of all things has drawn near. Therefore be right-minded, and be watchful unto prayers. ⁸And above all things have earnest love among yourselves, for love will cover a multitude of sins. ⁹Be hospitable to one another, without grumbings. ¹⁰According as each has received a gift, *so* minister it to each other, as good stewards of *the* many-sided grace of God. ¹¹If anyone speaks, *let him speak* as *the* very words of God. If anyone ministers, *let him do* it as of *the* strength which God supplies—so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom is the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

¹²Beloved, do not be surprised at the fire of persecution which is taking place among you for your trial, as if a strange thing is happening to you. ¹³But even as you share in the sufferings of Christ, rejoice that also in the revealing of His glory you may be beside yourself with joy. ¹⁴If you are spoken evil of for *the* name of Christ, blessed *are you*, because the Spirit of God and of glory rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. ¹⁵For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or as a meddler. ¹⁶But if *one* suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God because of this. ¹⁷For the time *has come* for the judgment to begin at the house of God. But if *it* first *begins* at us, what *shall be* the end of those who do not believe the Gospel of God? ¹⁸And if the righteous scarcely is saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? ¹⁹Therefore also those who suffer according to the will of God, as to a faithful Creator, let them commit their souls *to Him* in well-doing.

CHAPTER 5

¹I (who *am* a fellow-elder and witness of the sufferings of Christ— who also *am* a partaker of the glory about to be revealed) urge the elders who are among you ²to shepherd the flock of God which is among you. Watch carefully over *them*, not by force, but willingly— not for evil gain, but with a ready mind— ³not as lording it over the things you have been given, but being examples to the flock. ⁴And when the chief Shepherd has been revealed, you shall receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

⁵Likewise, *you* younger, be subject to *the* elders. And all of you be subject to one another. Be clothed with an humble mind— because God sets Himself against *the* proud, but gives grace to *the* humble. ⁶Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that He may lift you up in *due* time— ⁷throwing all your care upon Him, because He cares about you. ⁸Be careful, watch! because your enemy, *the* devil, walks around like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may swallow up. ⁹Resist *him*, firm in *the* faith, knowing that the same kind of sufferings are being sent upon your brothers who *are* in *the* world. ¹⁰But may the God of all grace Himself (who has called us unto His everlasting glory in Christ Jesus) make you perfect after you have suffered a little while. May He make *you* stand fast. May He strengthen *you*. May He settle *you*. ¹¹To Him *be* the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen.

¹²By Sil-vā'-nūs, a faithful brother to you, as I think, I have written briefly, urging and testifying this to be *the* true grace of God, in which you stand. ¹³The *church that is* in Babylon, elected with *you*, greets you, and Mark my son. ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace *be* with you all who *are* in Christ Jesus. Amen.

The SECOND Letter of PETER

CHAPTER 1

¹Simon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ, to those who have received the same precious faith with us through the righteousness of our God and Saviour Jesus Christ. ²Grace and peace be multiplied to you in *the* knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

³Even as His godly power has given to us all things which have to do with life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by *His* glory and power — ⁴through which He has given to us very great and precious promises, so that through these *promises* you may become partakers of *the* divine nature — having escaped the rottenness that is in the world through lust.

⁵And for this very reason also, after you have added in all earnestness, fill out your faith with goodness — and *your* goodness with knowledge — ⁶and *your* knowledge with self-control — and *your* self-control with patience — and *your* patience with godliness — ⁷and *your* godliness with brotherly love — and *your* brotherly love with love. ⁸For if these things are in you and are plentiful, they do not make *you* either idle or unfruitful as to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹For he who does not have these things is blind *and* cannot see very far, *for he* has forgotten that *he was* made pure from his old sins. ¹⁰For this reason, *my* brothers, give all the more carefulness to make your calling and election sure. For *if you* do these things you shall never stumble at any time. ¹¹For so shall the entrance into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ be richly furnished to you.

¹²For this reason I will not fail to cause you always to remember these things, even though you know *them* and have been firmly settled in the present truth. ¹³But I think that as long as I am in this earthly dwelling it is good to stir you up into remembering *these things*. ¹⁴*For I* know that the putting off of my earthly dwelling is going to be soon, even as our Lord Jesus Christ showed to me. ¹⁵But I will also do my best always to see that you have these things in *your* memory after I am gone. ¹⁶For we have not followed cleverly invented fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eye-witnesses of His majesty. ¹⁷For when He had received honor and glory from God the Father, such a voice came to Him from the magnificent glory, “This is My Son, the Beloved, in whom I am well-pleased” (See MATTHEW 17:18). ¹⁸And we heard this voice which came down from Heaven, when we were with Him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have the word of the prophets confirmed — to which you do well to pay attention, as you would to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day should dawn, and *the* Morning-Star should rise in your

hearts—²⁰knowing this first, that not any prophecy of the Scripture is of its own interpretation. ²¹For prophecy was never at any time brought by *the* will of man, but the holy men of God spoke, being borne along by *the* Holy Spirit.

CHAPTER 2

¹But there were also false prophets among the people—just as there will also be false teachers among you, who secretly will bring in false teachings which destroy. And they will deny the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves quick destruction. ²And many shall follow their destroying ways—because of *them* the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. ³And through greediness they will make gain of you through well-turned words—for whom judgment from of old is not idle, and their destruction does not sleep. ⁴For God did not spare *the* angels who sinned, but when He had thrown them into the deepest hell, He gave them up into chains of darkness to be kept unto Judgment. ⁵And He did not spare *the* old world, but saved Noah *the* eighth person, a preacher of righteousness—bringing in *the* flood upon *the* world of *the* ungodly. ⁶And turning *the* cities of Sodom and Gō-môr'-rāh into ashes, He condemned *them* with an overthrow—setting an example to those who were going to live ungodly. ⁷And He delivered righteous Lot, *who was* distressed by the filthy behavior of the lawless—⁸for day by day *that* just man's righteous soul was tormented with *their* lawless works, as he lived among them, seeing and hearing.

⁹*The* Lord knows *how* to deliver *the* godly out of temptation, and to keep *the* unjust unto a day of judgment to be punished, ¹⁰and especially those who walk after *the* flesh in *the* lust of uncleanness, and who hate government. *They are* bold, self-willed. They do not fear to speak evil of rulers—¹¹when *even* angels, who are greater in strength and power, do not bring a shaming charge against them before the Lord. ¹²But like the natural animals who have no reason, who have been born to be caught and destroyed, speaking hurtfully in things they know nothing of, they shall utterly perish in their own rottenness, ¹³being about to receive *the* reward of lawlessness. *For they* count it pleasure to riot in the daytime, *being* spotty and disgraceful men, taking great joy in their falsehoods as they feast with you. ¹⁴*They* have eyes full of an adulteress and that never stop sinning—drawing to themselves souls that are not settled. *They* have a heart full of the desire to have more and more. *They are* cursed children. ¹⁵Leaving the right way, they went astray, following in the way of Bā'-lāam *the* son of Beor, who loved *the* reward of unrighteousness ¹⁶(but he was reproved of his own wickedness when *the* dumb beast of burden spoke in the voice of man, forbidding the madness of the prophet). ¹⁷These are springs without water, clouds being driven by storm—for whom the blackness of dark-

ness is kept forever. ¹⁸For in speaking great swelling *words* of vanity, by *the* lusts of *the* flesh and by wicked looseness, they draw those who indeed had escaped from the ones who walk in error. ¹⁹*They* promise them freedom while they themselves are the slaves of corruption — for by whom anyone has been overcome, by the same he also is held in slavery. ²⁰For if through *the* knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ they have escaped the filthy vices of the world, but when they have become tangled up in these again, they are overcome — their last *state* is worse than the first. ²¹For it would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, knowing *it*, to have turned away from the holy commandment delivered to them. ²²But the *teaching* of the true proverb has happened to them: *The dog has returned to his own vomit, and, The sow who was washed has returned to her rolling place in the mud.*

CHAPTER 3

¹This second letter, *my* beloved, I now write to you, in which I stir up your pure mind to remember ²to pay attention to the words spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of the Lord and Saviour by us, the apostles. ³First, *you* know this, that scoffers will come in the last days — walking according to their own lusts, ⁴and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue this way from *the* beginning of *the* creation. ⁵For by their own will this is hidden from them — that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and *the* earth *was made* to stand out of the water, and in the water ⁶(through which *waters* the old world perished when it had been flooded with water). ⁷But the heavens and the earth which now exist are kept by the same word, being kept for fire unto the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men. ⁸But do not let this one thing be hidden from you, *my* beloved, that one day *is* with *the* Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. ⁹The Lord is not slow as to the promise, as some think of slowness, but *He* is longsuffering towards us — not willing for any to be lost, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰But the day of *the* Lord shall come as a thief in *the* night — in which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and *the* elements shall melt away with burning heat — and *the* earth and the works in it shall be burned up.

¹¹Since, then, all these things are to be melted away, what kind of *persons* ought you to be in holy behavior and godliness? ¹²*You should be* looking for and rushing the coming of the Day of God, on account of which *the* heavens, being on fire, will melt away — and *the* elements shall melt, burning with heat. ¹³But according to His promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, in which righteousness dwells. ¹⁴For this reason, *my* beloved, since you are looking for these things, be care-

ful to be found by Him in peace, without spot and without blame. ¹⁵And think of the longsuffering of our Lord *as* salvation—even as our beloved brother Paul wrote to you, according to the wisdom given to him ¹⁶(as also in all *his* letters, speaking about these things in them—among which there are some things which are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unsettled ones twist—as *they* also *do* the other Scriptures—to their own destruction).

¹⁷You therefore, *my* beloved, knowing *this* beforehand, be careful lest you may be led away with the error of the lawless *ones and* may fall from your own firm stand. ¹⁸But grow in grace and in *the* knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To Him *be* glory both now and to *the* day of eternity. Amen.

The FIRST Letter of JOHN

CHAPTER 1

¹We report to you that which was from *the* beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we looked upon and handled with our hands, as regards the Word of life. ²And the Life was revealed. And we have seen, and bear witness, and report to you that everlasting Life which was with the Father, and *which was* revealed to us. ³We report to you what we have seen and *what* we have heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with His Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴And we write these things to you so that your joy may be full.

⁵And this is the message which we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is light, and there is no darkness at all in Him. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and we do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another — and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us *our* sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

CHAPTER 2

¹My little children, I write these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone should sin, we have a Helper with the Father, Jesus Christ *the* Righteous One. ²And He is *the* propitiation for our sins — but not for ours only, but also for the whole world.

³And by this we know that we have known Him — if we keep His commandments. ⁴He that says, I have known Him, but is not keeping His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. ⁵But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God has been perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. ⁶He that says *he* rests in Him ought also to walk in the same way as He walked. ⁷*My* brothers, I do not write a new commandment to you, but an old commandment which you had from *the* beginning. The old commandment is the word which you heard from *the* beginning. ⁸Again I write to you a new commandment, which is true in Him and in you — because the darkness is passing away, and the true Light already shines. ⁹He that says *he* is in the light and hates his brother is in the darkness even until now. ¹⁰He that loves his brother rests in the light and there is no cause of stumbling in him. ¹¹But he that hates his brother is in the darkness, and walks in the darkness, and he does not know where he goes, because the darkness blinds his eyes.

¹²I write to you, little children, because *your* sins have been forgiven you for His name's sake. ¹³I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who *is* from *the* beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father.

¹⁴I wrote to you, fathers, because you have known Him who *is* from *the* beginning. I wrote to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world! If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, ¹⁶because all that which is in the world—the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father, but is of the world. ¹⁷And the world is passing away, and the lust of it. But he that does the will of God remains for ever.

¹⁸Little children, it is *the* last hour. And just as you heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have arisen—from which we know that it is *the* last hour. ¹⁹They went out from among us, but they were not of us—for if they were of us, they would have stayed with us. But *this was* so that they might become known, that they are not of us. ²⁰But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. ²¹I did not write to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it—and that no lie is ever of the truth. ²²Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is the antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. ²³Everyone that denies the Son does not have the Father either. ²⁴You then let that abide in you which you have heard from *the* beginning. If what you heard from *the* beginning abides in you, you also shall abide in the Son and in the Father. ²⁵And this is the promise He promised us—life everlasting. ²⁶I wrote these things to you concerning those who lead you astray. ²⁷And the anointing which you received from Him remains in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But even as the same anointing teaches you about all things, and is true, and is not a lie—and even as it taught you—you shall abide in Him. ²⁸And now, little children, abide in Him so that when He is revealed we may have boldness, and may not be put to shame from before Him at His coming.

²⁹If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of Him.

CHAPTER 3

¹See what love the Father has given to us, that we should be called the children of God! For this reason, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. ²*My* beloved, now we are children of God,

and it does not yet appear what we shall be. But we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him — for we shall see Him as He is. ³And everyone that has this hope in him purifies himself, even as He is pure.

⁴Everyone that practices sin also practices lawlessness — and sin is lawlessness. ⁵And you know that He was revealed so that He might take away our sins — and in Him there is no sin. ⁶Everyone who remains in Him does not sin. Everyone that sins has not seen Him, and has not known Him. ⁷Little children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He that practices righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. ⁸He that practices sin is of the devil, because the devil sins from *the* beginning. For this the Son of God was revealed, that He might undo the works of the devil. ⁹Anyone that has been born of God does not practice sin, because His seed remains in him, and he is not able to sin because he has been born of God. ¹⁰In this *way* the children of God are shown forth, and the children of the devil. Anyone that does not practice righteousness is not of God, and *also* he that does not love his brother. ¹¹Because this is the message which you heard from *the* beginning, that we should love one another — ¹²not like Cain, *who* was of the wicked one, and killed his brother. And why did he kill him? Because his works were wicked, and the *works* of his brother *were* righteous.

¹³Do not wonder, my brothers, if the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed out of death into life because we love the brothers. He that does not love *his* brother continues in death. ¹⁵Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer — and you know that no murderer has everlasting life abiding in him.

¹⁶By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us — and we ought to lay down *our* lives for *our* brothers. ¹⁷But whoever has the means of life of the world, and sees that his brother has need, and shuts up his tender feelings from him, how does the love of God live in him? ¹⁸My little children, we should not love in word, nor with tongue, but in work and in truth. ¹⁹And by this we know that we are of the truth and shall convince our hearts before Him. ²⁰For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and knows all things. ²¹Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence towards God. ²²And whatever we may ask, we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments, and we practice the things which are pleasing in His sight. ²³And this is His commandment, that we should believe on the name of His Son, Jesus Christ, and *that* we should love one another, even as He commanded us. ²⁴And he that keeps His commandments lives in Him, and He in him — and by this we know that He lives in us, by the Spirit which He gave to us.

CHAPTER 4

¹Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits *to see* if they are of God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit which confesses that Jesus Christ has come in *the* flesh is of God. ³And any spirit which does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in *the* flesh is not of God. And this is that *spirit* of the antichrist of which you have heard that it comes. And now it is already in the world. ⁴Little children, you are of God and have overcome them because He who *is* in you is greater than he who *is* in the world. ⁵They are of the world. This is why they speak of the world, and the world hears them. ⁶We are of God. He that knows God hears us. He that is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, we should love one another — because love is of God, and everyone that loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸He that does not love never knew God, because God is love. ⁹In this the love of God was revealed in us, that God has sent His Son, the Only-begotten, into the world so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be a propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. ¹²No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God lives in us and His love is perfected in us. ¹³By this we know that we abide in Him, and He in us, because He has given to us from His Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and bear witness that the Father has sent the Son *as* Saviour of the world.

¹⁵Whoever may confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him and he in God. ¹⁶And we have known and have believed the love which God has in us. God is love, and he that continues in love continues in God, and God in him. ¹⁷In this has love been made perfect with us, that we may have confidence in the Day of Judgment — that even as He is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love — but perfect love thrusts out fear, because fear has torment — and he that fears has not been made perfect in love. ¹⁹We love Him because He first loved us.

²⁰If anyone says, I love God, and hates his brother, he is a liar. For he that does not love his brother whom he has seen, how is he able to love God whom he has not seen? ²¹And we have this commandment from Him, that he that loves God should also love his brother.

CHAPTER 5

¹Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God. And whoever loves Him who brought to birth also loves him that has been

born in Him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we should keep His commandments, and His commandments are not too burdensome. ⁴Because all that has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world, *even* our faith. ⁵Who is he that overcomes the world but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is He that came by means of water and blood, Jesus the Christ. *He came* not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For *there are three who bear witness in Heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one.* ⁸And there are three who bear witness on the earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood — and the three are *witnesses* to the one *thing*. ⁹If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater. Because this is the witness of God which He has witnessed concerning His Son. ¹⁰He that believes on the Son of God has the witness in himself. He that does not believe God has made Him a liar — because he has not believed in the witness which God has testified concerning His Son. ¹¹And this is the witness, that God gave to us everlasting life — and this life is in His Son. ¹²He that has the Son has life. He that does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I wrote these things to you who believe on the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have everlasting life — and so that you may believe on the name of the Son of God. ¹⁴And this is the confidence which we have towards Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us — ¹⁵and if we know that He hears us, whatever we may ask, we know that we have the prayers which we have asked from Him.

¹⁶If anyone should see his brother sinning a sin *which* is not unto death, he shall ask, and He shall give him life for those that do not sin unto death. There is a sin unto death — I do not say that he should ask in regard to that. ¹⁷All unrighteousness is sin — and there is a sin *which* is not unto death. ¹⁸We know that everyone who has been born of God does not sin — but he that was born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. ¹⁹We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the wicked one. ²⁰And we know that the Son of God has come, and *He* has given us an understanding that we might know Him that *is* true. And we are in Him that *is* true, *even* in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and everlasting life.

²¹Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

The SECOND Letter of JOHN

¹The elder to *the* elect lady and her children, whom I love in truth—and not only I, but also all those who have known the truth, ²for the sake of the truth which lives in us and shall be with us for ever. ³Grace, mercy *and* peace shall be with us, from God *the* Father, and from *the* Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

⁴I was so very happy that I have found *some* of your children walking in truth, just as we received commandment from the Father. ⁵And now I beg of you, lady, not as though I were writing a new commandment to you, but that which we had from *the* beginning, that we should love one another. ⁶And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, even as you heard from *the* beginning, that you might walk in it. ⁷Because many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess *that* Jesus Christ *is* coming in *the* flesh—this is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸Watch yourselves so that you may not lose what things we have worked out, but that we may receive a full reward. ⁹Whoever oversteps, and does not continue in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. He that continues in the teaching of Christ, this one has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into *your* house, and do not say to him, Greeting! ¹¹For he who says to him, Greeting! takes part in his evil works.

¹²Since I have many things to write to you, I do not want *to write* with paper and ink, but I hope to come to you, and to speak mouth to mouth so that our joy may be full.

¹³The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.

The THIRD Letter of JOHN

¹The elder to Gā'-iūs the beloved, whom I love in truth.

²Beloved, in regard to all things I wish you to do well and to be in good health, even as your soul is doing well. ³For I was very happy when *the* brothers came and testified of your truth, even as you walk in truth. ⁴I have no joy greater than this, that I should hear of my children walking in truth. ⁵Beloved, faithfully you do whatever you do for the brothers and for *the* strangers, ⁶(who witnessed of your love before *the* church,) whom you will do well to set forward in a manner worthy of God. ⁷For they went out for the Name, taking nothing from the nations. ⁸We therefore ought to receive such, that we may be fellow-helpers with the truth.

⁹I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes [Dī-ōt'-rē-fēēs], who loves to be chief among them, did not receive us. ¹⁰For this reason, if I come, I will bring the works which he does to his memory, speaking against us with evil words. And not satisfied with these, he himself does not receive the brothers, and forbids those who would do so, and throws *them* out of the church. ¹¹Beloved, do not follow that which is evil, but what is good. He that does good is of God, but he that does evil has not seen God.

¹²Dě-mē'-trī-ūs has a good report by all, and by the truth itself. And we also bear witness, and you know that our witness is true.

¹³I had many things to write, but I do not want to write to you with pen and ink. ¹⁴But I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak mouth to mouth. Peace *be* to you. The friends greet you. Greet the friends by name.

The Letter of JUDE

¹Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ and brother of James, to the ones who are set apart in God *the* Father and kept in Jesus Christ—the called ones. ²Mercy and peace and love be multiplied to you.

³Beloved, using all diligence to write to you regarding the common salvation, I had need to write to you urging *you* to earnestly contend for the faith once for all delivered to the saints. ⁴For certain men came secretly creeping in, they who were before of old marked out to this judgment, ungodly ones who are changing the grace of our God into evil doing and denying the only Master—our God and Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵But I would have you remember, though you once knew this, that when the Lord had saved a people out of *the* land of Egypt, in the second place He destroyed those who did not believe. ⁶And angels who did not keep their own original state, but left their own dwelling-place, He keeps in everlasting chains under darkness unto *the* judgment of *the* great Day. ⁷Just as Sodom and Gō-mōr'-rāh (and the cities around them in the same manner with them) had given themselves unto fōr-nī-cā'-tion, and had gone after other flesh, they are set forth as an example, undergoing punishment of everlasting fire. ⁸Yet in the same way these dreamers also defile the flesh, despise government and speak evil of leaders. ⁹But Michael the archangel, when he was setting himself against the devil, arguing about the body of Moses, he did not dare to bring an evil charge against him. But *he* said, *The* Lord rebuke you! ¹⁰But these *men*—whatever things they do not know, they speak evil of. But what they know by nature, like the animals without reason, they corrupt themselves in these things. ¹¹Woe to them! because they have gone in the way of Cain, and have run greedily into the error of Balaam for reward, and have been lost in the gainsaying of Korah. ¹²These are hidden rocks in your love feasts, feasting together *with you*, without fear setting themselves out to pasture. *They are* clouds without water, being carried about by winds. *They are* autumn trees without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots. ¹³*They are* wild waves of *the* sea foaming out their own shame—wandering stars to whom the blackness of darkness has been kept for ever.

¹⁴And Enoch, *the* seventh from Adam, also foretold of these, saying, “Behold, *the* Lord comes with myriads of His holy ones ¹⁵to execute judgment against all, and to convict all the ones who were ungodly among them regarding all their works of ungodliness which they did in an ungodly way—and regarding all the hard things which ungodly sinners spoke against Him.” ¹⁶These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts. And their mouth speaks great swelling *words*, admiring persons for the sake of gain. ¹⁷But you, beloved, remember the

words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁸*Remember* that they told you that there will be mockers in *the* last time, walking after their own ungodly lusts. ¹⁹These are they who set *themselves* apart, animal-like *men* who do not have the Spirit. ²⁰But you, beloved, building yourselves up in your most holy faith, praying in *the* Holy Spirit, ²¹keep yourselves in *the* love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto everlasting life. ²²And have pity on some, making a difference. ²³But save others with fear, snatching *them* out of the fire, hating even the clothing spotted by the flesh.

²⁴And unto Him who is able to keep you from falling, and to present *you* without blame before the presence of His glory, with unspeakable joy—²⁵unto *the* only wise God, our Saviour, *be* glory and majesty, authority and power, both now and forever. Amen.

The REVELATION of John

CHAPTER 1

¹The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him to show to His servants those things which must take place shortly. And He showed *it* by sending His angel to His servant John, ²who bore record of the word of God and the witness of Jesus Christ, and whatever things he saw. ³Blessed *is* he that reads, and they that hear the words of *this* prophecy, and keep the things written in it—for the time *is* near.

⁴John, to the seven churches which *are* in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who *is* to come—and from the seven Spirits which are before His throne—⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the First-born from among the dead and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His blood, ⁶and made us kings and priests to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the might forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Behold! He comes with the clouds. And every eye shall see Him, and those who pierced Him *shall see Him*—and all the tribes of the earth shall wail on account of Him. Even so, Amen.

⁸I am the A and the Z, *the Beginning and the Ending*, says the Lord, who is and who was and who *is* to come, the Almighty.

⁹I, John, even your brother and companion in the trials and in the kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the island which *is* called Patmos, because of the word of God, and because of the testimony of Jesus Christ. ¹⁰I came to be in *the Spirit* on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, ¹¹saying, I am the A and the Z, the First and the Last. And, What you see write in a book and send *it* to the churches in Asia—to Ĕph'-ĕ-sūs, and to Smyrna [Smer'-nā], and to Per'-gā-mos, and to Thy-ā-tī-rā, and to Sār'-dīs, and to Phīl-ā-dēl'-phī-ā, and to Lā-ōd-ī-cē'-ā. ¹²And I turned to see the voice which spoke with me, and turning I saw seven golden lampstands. ¹³And in *the middle* of the seven lampstands I saw *One* like *the Son* of man, clothed in a garment reaching to the feet, and tied at the breasts with a golden band. ¹⁴And His head and hair *were* white like wool, *as white* as snow. And His eyes *were* like a flame of fire. ¹⁵And His feet *were* like fine brass, *as if* made to glow in a furnace. And His voice *was* like *the* voice of many waters. ¹⁶And He had seven stars in His right hand, and *there was* a sharp two-edged sword going forth out of His mouth. And His face *was* as the sun shines in its power. ¹⁷And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, Do not fear. I am the First and the Last ¹⁸and the Living One. And I be-

came dead, and behold! I am alive forever and ever. Amen. And I have the keys of hell and of death. ¹⁹Write the things which you saw, and the things which are, and the things which are going to take place after these things: ²⁰The mystery of the seven stars which you saw on My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands. The seven stars are *the* angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands which you saw are *the* seven churches.

CHAPTER 2

¹To the angel of the church of Ēph'-ē-sūs write *this*: He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, He that is walking in the middle of the seven golden lampstands, says these things. ²I know your works and your labor and your patience, and that you cannot bear evil men, and that you tried the ones pretending to be apostles, and are not, and that you found them to be liars. ³And *I know that* you did bear up, and that you have patience, and that for My name's sake you have labored and have not become weary. ⁴But I have *this* against you, that you left your first love. ⁵Remember then where you have fallen from, and repent, and do the first works. And if *you do* not, I will come to you quickly and will move your lampstand out of its place — unless you repent. ⁶But this you have, that you hate the works of the Nīc-ō-lā-ī'-tāns, which I also hate. ⁷He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who overcomes I will give him to eat of the tree of life, which is in the middle of the paradise of God.

⁸And to the angel of the church of Smyrna [Smer'-nā], write *this*: *He who is* the First and the Last, who became dead and lived *again*, says these things. ⁹I know your works and trouble and poverty — but you are rich. And *I know* the evil speaking of those who claim themselves to be Jews, and are not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not at all fear the things which you are about to suffer. Behold! The devil is about to throw some of you into prison so that you may be tested — and you shall have ten days of trials. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He that overcomes shall never in any way be hurt by the second death.

¹²And to the angel of the church in Per'-gā-mos write *this*: He who has the sharp two-edged sword says these things. ¹³I know your works and where you live, where the throne of Satan *is*. And *I know that* you hold My name fast, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Ān'-tī-pās *was* My faithful witness — who was killed among you, where Satan lives. ¹⁴But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who are holding fast to the teaching of Bā'-lāam, who taught Bā'-lāk to throw a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to

eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fôr-nî-câ'-tion. ¹⁵So do you also have those who are holding fast to the teaching of the Nîc-ô-lâ-î'-tâns, which thing I hate. ¹⁶Repent! But if *you do* not, I will come to you quickly, and I will make war with them with the sword in My mouth. ¹⁷He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him that overcomes, I will give to him to eat of the hidden manna. And I will give to him a white stone, and on the stone a new name has been written — which no one knew except he who received it.

¹⁸And to the angel of the church in Thy-ă-tî'-ră write *this*: The Son of God, He who has His eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass, says these things. ¹⁹I know your works and love and service and faith, and your patience — and your works, even the last *to be* more than the first. ²⁰But I have a few things against you — that you allow *that* woman Jěz'-ê-běl (the one who calls herself a prophetess) to teach and to lead My servants astray to commit fôr-nî-câ'-tion and to eat things sacrificed to idols. ²¹And I gave her time so that she might repent of her fôr-nî-câ'-tion, and she did not repent. ²²Behold! I will throw her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great trouble, unless they should repent of their works. ²³And I will kill her children with death. And all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the inner parts and hearts. And I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴But to you I say, and to the rest who are in Thy-ă-tî'-ră, (as many as do not have this teaching, and who did not know the deep things of Satan, as they say) I will not put upon you any other load. ²⁵But what you have, hold fast until I shall come. ²⁶And he that overcomes, and he that keeps My works until the end, I will give to him authority over the nations. ²⁷And he shall shepherd them with a rod of iron, even as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces, even as I also have received from My Father — ²⁸and I will give to him the Morning Star. ²⁹He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

CHAPTER 3

¹And to the angel of the church in Săr'-dis write *this*: He who has the Spirits of God and the seven stars says these things. I know your works, that you have the name that you live, and are dead. ²Be watchful and make strong the things that remain, which are about to die. For I have not found your works perfect before God. ³Remember then how you have received and heard, and keep *them*, and repent. If therefore you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you shall not know in what hour I shall come upon you. ⁴You have a few names also in Sardis which have not made their robes unclean. And they shall walk with Me in white, because they are worthy. ⁵He that overcomes, this one shall be clothed in white robes, and I will never in any way blot

out his name from the Book of Life, but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. ⁶He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

⁷And to the angel of the church in Phil-ă-děl'-phiă write *this*: The Holy, The True, He that has the key of David, He that opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens, says these things. ⁸I know your works. Behold! I have set an open door before you, and no one is able to shut it, because you have a little power, and did keep My word, and did not deny My name. ⁹Behold! I give *you those* of the synagogue of Satan, the ones claiming themselves to be Jews, and are not, but lie. Behold! I will make them come and bow down before your feet, and to know that I loved you. ¹⁰Because you kept the word of My patience, I also will keep you out of the hour of trial which *is* about to come upon the whole world to try those who live upon the earth. ¹¹Behold! I come quickly. Hold fast what you have so that no one may take your crown. ¹²He that overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God. And he shall never go out any more. And I will write the name of My God upon him, and the name of the city of My God—the new Jerusalem which comes down out of Heaven from My God—and *I will write My new name upon him*. ¹³He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

¹⁴And to the angel of the church of *the* Laodiceans [Lăy-ödd-î-sêe'-ans] write *this*: The Amen, the faithful and true Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God, says these things. ¹⁵I know your works—that you are neither cold nor hot. I would rather you were cold or hot. ¹⁶So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of My mouth. ¹⁷Because you say, I am rich, and have need of nothing—and do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked—¹⁸I advise you to buy from Me gold made pure by fire, so that you may be rich, and white robes, so that you may be clothed, and the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed—and to anoint your eyes with eye salve so that you may see. ¹⁹As many as I love I rebuke and discipline. Therefore be fervent and repent. ²⁰Behold! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me. ²¹He that overcomes, I will give to him to sit with Me on My throne, even as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. ²²He that has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

CHAPTER 4

¹After these things I looked, and behold! a door opened in Heaven. And the first voice I heard *was* like that of a trumpet speaking with me, saying, Come up here and I will show you what things must take place

after these things. ²And instantly I came to be in *the* Spirit. And behold! a throne was set in Heaven, and One was sitting upon the throne. ³And He who *was* sitting *there* looked like a jasper stone and a sär'-dī-ūs. And a rainbow *was* around the throne, looking like an emerald. ⁴And twenty-four thrones *were* around the throne. And I saw twenty-four elders sitting on the thrones, clothed in white robes. And they had golden crowns on their heads. ⁵And out of the throne lightnings and thunders and voices went forth. And seven lamps of fire *were* burning in front of the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God. ⁶And a sea of glass *was* in front of the throne, like crystal. And in *the* midst of the throne, and around the throne, *were* four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind. ⁷And the first living creature *was* like a lion. And the second living creature *was* like a calf. And the third living creature had the face of a man. And the fourth living creature *was* like a flying eagle. ⁸And each one of *the* four living creatures had six wings about *him*, and within *they were* full of eyes. And they never stop day and night, saying, Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was, and who is, and who *is* to come. ⁹And when the living creatures give glory and honor and thanksgiving to Him who sits upon the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰the twenty-four elders fall down before Him who sits upon the throne. And they worship Him who lives forever and ever, and throw their crowns before the throne, saying, ¹¹O Lord, Thou art worthy to receive glory and honor and power, because Thou didst create all things, and for Thy will they are and were created.

CHAPTER 5

¹And I saw a book on the right hand of Him who sits upon the throne. *It was* written on the inside and on *the* back, *and* had been sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel shouting with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals of it? ³And no one in Heaven or upon the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look at it. ⁴And I was crying very much because no one was found *who was* worthy to open and to read the book, or to look at it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, Do not cry. Behold! The Lion which is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome *so as* to open the book and to loose the seven seals of it. ⁶And I saw, and behold! in *the* midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb *was* standing, just as if it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes (which are the seven Spirits of God which have been sent into all the earth). ⁷And He came and took the book out of the right hand of Him who sits upon the throne.

⁸And when He took the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. *And* each had harps

and golden bowls full of incenses, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to open its seals; because Thou wast slain, and didst purchase us unto God by Thy blood—out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation. ¹⁰And Thou didst make us kings and priests to our God. And we shall rule over the earth. ¹¹And I saw, and I heard *the* voice of many angels around the throne, and of the living creatures, and of the elders—and the number of them was myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that has been slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing. ¹³And I heard every creature which is in Heaven, and in the earth, and under the earth, the ones that are on the sea, and all the things in them, saying, To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, blessing, and honor, and glory, and might forever and ever. ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the twenty-four elders fell down and worshipped *Him who* lives forever and ever.

CHAPTER 6

¹And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seals. And I heard one of the four living creatures saying, as with a voice of thunder, Come and see. ²And I saw. And behold, a white horse! And He that was sitting upon it had a bow. And a crown was given to Him. And He went out overcoming, and in order that He might overcome.

³And when He opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, Come and see. ⁴And another, a red horse, went forth. And to him that was sitting upon it *power* was given to him to take peace from the earth—and so that they should kill one another. And a great sword was given to him.

⁵And when He opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, Come and see. And I saw. And behold, a black horse! And he that was sitting on it had a pair of scales in his hand. ⁶And I heard a voice in *the* midst of the four living creatures, saying, A quart of wheat for a piece of money, and three quarts of barley for a piece of money. And you may not hurt the oil and the wine.

⁷And when He opened the fourth seal, I heard *the* voice of the fourth living creature saying, Come and see. ⁸And I saw. And behold, a pale horse! And he that was sitting upon it *had* Death *as* his name. And hell follows with him. And they were given *the* right to kill with a sword over the fourth part of the earth—even with famine and with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

⁹And when He opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been killed because of the word of God, and because of the witness which they held. ¹⁰And they were crying with a loud voice, saying, O Master, the Holy and the True, how long dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood upon those who live upon the earth? ¹¹And to each were given white robes. And it was said to them that they should rest yet a little time, until both their fellowservants and their brothers (the ones about to be killed as they *were*) should have their number made complete.

¹²And I saw when He opened the sixth seal, and behold, there was a great earthquake! And the sun became black as sackcloth made of hair. And the moon became as blood. ¹³And the stars of the sky fell upon the earth, like a fig tree casts its figs out of season when shaken by a mighty wind. ¹⁴And *the* sky departed like a book being rolled up. And every mountain and island were moved out of their places. ¹⁵And the kings of the earth, and the great ones, and the rich, and the chief captains, and the powerful ones, and every slave, and every freeman hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains. ¹⁶And they said to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall on us and hide us from *the* face of Him who sits upon the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb—¹⁷because the great day of His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?

CHAPTER 7

¹And after these things I saw four angels standing upon the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, so that no wind might blow on the earth, or on the sea or upon any tree. ²And I saw another angel, who had come up from *the* rising of the sun, and who had *the* seal of *the* living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was given to them to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, ³Do not hurt the earth or the sea or the trees until we seal the servants of our God on their foreheads. ⁴And I heard the number of the sealed ones—one hundred and forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of *the* sons of Israel. ⁵Out of *the* tribe of Judah, twelve thousand *were* sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Reuben, twelve thousand *were* sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Gad, twelve thousand *were* sealed. ⁶Out of *the* tribe of Asher, twelve thousand *were* sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Naphtali [Nāf'-tä-li], twelve thousand *were* sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Mā-nās'-sēh, twelve thousand *were* sealed. ⁷Out of *the* tribe of Sīm'-ě-ōn, twelve thousand *were* sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Levi, twelve thousand *were* sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Is'-sā-chār, twelve thousand *were* sealed. ⁸Out of *the* tribe of Zēb-ū'-lun, twelve thousand *were* sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Joseph, twelve thousand *were* sealed. Out of *the* tribe of Benjamin, twelve thousand *were* sealed.

⁹After these things I looked, and behold, a great crowd! *And* no one was able to count it. *For they were* out of every nation, and of all tribes and peoples and tongues. *And they were* standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and *they had* palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And crying with a loud voice, they said, Salvation to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb. ¹¹And all the angels, and the elders, and the four living creatures, stood around the throne. And they fell upon their face before the throne. And *they worshipped* God, ¹²saying, Amen — Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and strength to our God forever and ever. Amen.

¹³And one of the elders answered, saying to me, These who are clothed with the white robes, who are they? And where do they come from? ¹⁴And I said to him, *My lord*, you know. And he said to me, These are the ones who come out of the great trib-ū-lā'-tion. And they have washed their robes and have made their robes white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵This is why they are before the throne of God, and *why* they serve Him day and night in His Temple. And He who sits upon the throne shall spread His tent over them. ¹⁶They shall not hunger any more, neither shall they thirst any more — nor shall the sun ever fall upon them, nor any heat — ¹⁷because the Lamb which *is* in *the* midst of the throne shall shepherd them. And He will lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

CHAPTER 8

¹And when He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in Heaven about half an hour. ²And I saw the seven angels who stand before God. And seven trumpets were given to them. ³And another angel came and stood at the altar. And he had a golden censer, and much incense was given to him so that he might give *it* with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which *was* before the throne. ⁴And the smoke of the incense went up with the prayers of the saints out of the hand of the angel before God. ⁵And the angel took the censer and filled it from the fire of the altar and threw *it* onto the earth. And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

⁶And the seven angels who had the seven trumpets got themselves ready, so that they could sound *their* trumpets. ⁷And the first angel sounded *his* trumpet. And there came hail and fire mixed with blood, and it was thrown upon the earth. And the third part of the trees was burned up, and all the green grass was burned up. ⁸And the second angel sounded *his* trumpet. And as *it were* a great mountain burning with fire was thrown into the sea, and the third part of the sea also became blood. ⁹And the third part of the creatures which *were* in the sea died — those which have life. And the third part of the ships were

destroyed. ¹⁰And the third angel sounded *his* trumpet. And a great star fell out of the sky, burning like a lamp. And it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountain of waters. ¹¹And the name of the star is called Wormwood. And a third *of the waters* became wormwood. And many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter. ¹²And the fourth angel sounded his trumpet. And the third part of the sun was struck, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars — so that the third part of them might be made dark, and the day should not shine for a third of it, and the night also.

¹³And I saw and heard one angel flying in *the* midst of Heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe! Woe! Woe to those who live on the earth, from the rest of the voices of the trumpet of the three angels who *are* going to sound *their* trumpets!

CHAPTER 9

¹And the fifth angel sounded *his* trumpet. And I saw a star which had fallen to the earth out of the sky. And there was given to it the key of the bottomless pit. ²And it opened the bottomless pit. And smoke went up out of the pit, like *the* smoke of a great furnace. And the sun and the air were made dark by the smoke of the pit. ³And out of the smoke came forth locusts onto the earth. And power was given to them, as the scorpions [skôr'-pî-õns] of the earth have power. ⁴And it was commanded them, that they should not hurt the grass of the earth or any green thing or any tree, but only the men who do not have the seal of God on their foreheads. ⁵And it was given to them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tormented five months. And their torment *is* like *the* torment of a scorpion when it strikes a man. ⁶And in those days men shall seek death, and shall not find it. And they shall desire to die, and death shall flee from them. ⁷And the shapes of the locusts *were* like horses ready for war. And on their heads *were* as *it were* crowns like gold. And their faces *were* like *the* faces of men. ⁸And they had hair like the hair of women. And their teeth were like *the teeth* of lions. ⁹And they had breastplates like breastplates of iron. And the sound of their wings *was* like *the* sound of chariots, of many horses running to war. ¹⁰And they have tails like scorpions, and stings. And their power to hurt men five months was in their tails. ¹¹And they have a king over them, the angel of the bottomless pit. His name in Hebrew is Ā-bād'-don. And in the Greek language, he has Apollyon [Ā-pōl'-li-on] for *his* name.

¹²The first woe is past. Behold! There are still two woes to come after these things.

¹³And the sixth angel sounded *his* trumpet. And I heard one voice from the four horns of the golden altar which *is* before God, ¹⁴saying to the sixth angel who had the trumpet, Release the four angels who are bound at the great river Euphrates [Yōū-frāy'-tēez]. ¹⁵And the four

angels were released — who had been made ready for the hour and day and month and year — that they might kill the third *part* of men. ¹⁶And the number of *the* armies of the horsemen *was* two myriads of myriads, and I heard the number of them. ¹⁷And so I saw the horses in the vision, and the ones who were sitting on them. They had fire-colored breast-plates, even dusky red and brimstone-like. And the heads of the horses *were* as the heads of lions. And out of their mouths came forth fire and smoke and brimstone. ¹⁸The third part of men were killed by these three — by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone — which came forth out of their mouths. ¹⁹For their powers are in their mouths — for their tails are like snakes with heads, and with them they hurt. ²⁰And the rest of men — who were not killed by these plagues — did not even repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship the demons, and the golden, and the silver, and the brass, and the stone, and the wooden idols — which can neither see nor hear nor walk. ²¹And they did not repent of their murders, nor of their magic arts, nor of their *fôr-nî-câ'*-tions, nor of their thefts.

CHAPTER 10

¹And I saw another mighty angel coming down out of Heaven, clothed with a cloud. And *he had a* rainbow on *his* head, and his face *was* like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire. ²And he had a little book open in his hand. And he placed his right foot upon the sea, and his left upon the earth — ³and he cried with a loud voice, just as a lion roars. And when he cried, the seven thunders spoke their sounds. ⁴And when the seven thunders spoke their sounds, I was about to write. And I heard a voice out of Heaven saying to me, Seal up the things which the seven thunders spoke, and do not write them. ⁵And the angel, whom I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth, lifted up his hand to Heaven. ⁶And he swore by Him who lives forever and ever, who created the heaven and the things in it, and the earth and the things in it, and the sea and the things in it — that there should no longer be any time. ⁷But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is going to sound *the* trumpet, the mystery of God should also be completed, even as He preached to His servants the prophets.

⁸And the voice which I heard out of Heaven was again speaking with me, and saying, Go, Take the little book which is open in the hand of *the* angel who is standing upon the sea and upon the earth. ⁹And I went to the angel, saying to him, Give me the little book. And he said to me, Take and eat it up. And it shall make your belly bitter, but it shall be sweet as honey in your mouth. ¹⁰And I took the little book out of the hand of the angel and ate it up. And it was like sweet honey in my mouth, and when I had eaten it, my belly was made bitter. ¹¹And he said to me. You must again prophesy in regard to many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.

CHAPTER 11

¹And a reed like a staff was given to me, saying, Get up and measure the Temple of God, and the altar, and the ones who worship in it. ²And leave out the court which *is* inside the Temple, and do not measure it — because it was given to the Gentiles, and they shall trample the holy city underfoot for forty-two months. ³And I will give *power* to My two witnesses, and they shall prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days, dressed in sackcloth. ⁴These are the two olive trees, and *the* two lampstands which stand before the God of the earth. ⁵And if anyone should desire to hurt them, fire comes out of their mouth and eats their enemies. And if anyone should desire to hurt them, he must be killed in the same way. ⁶These have authority to shut up the sky, so that no rain may fall in *the* days of their prophecy. And they have authority over the waters, to turn them into blood, and to strike the earth with every plague—as often as they desire. ⁷And when they shall have finished their witnessing, the beast who comes up out of the bottomless pit will make war with them. And he will overcome them and will kill them. ⁸And their bodies *will be* on the street of the great city, which is called spiritually Sodom, and Egypt—where our Lord also was crucified. ⁹And *some* of the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations shall see their bodies three days and a half. And they will not allow their bodies to be put into graves. ¹⁰And they that live upon the earth will rejoice over them, and they will make merry and will send gifts to one another—because these two prophets tormented those who live upon the earth. ¹¹And after three days and a half, *the* Spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet. And great fear fell upon those seeing them. ¹²And they heard a great voice out of Heaven saying to them, Come up here! And they went up to Heaven in the cloud, and their enemies saw them. ¹³And in that hour there was a great earthquake. And the tenth part of the city fell. And there were killed in the earthquake seven thousand names of men. And the rest became afraid and gave glory to the God of Heaven.

¹⁴The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe comes quickly.

¹⁵And the seventh angel sounded *his* trumpet. And there were great voices in Heaven, saying, The kingdoms of the world have become *the kingdoms* of our Lord, and of His Christ—and He shall reign forever and ever. ¹⁶And the twenty-four elders, who sit before God upon their thrones, fell upon their faces and worshipped God, ¹⁷saying, We give thanks to Thee, O Lord God Almighty—who is and who was and who *is* to come—that Thou hast taken Thy great power and hast ruled. ¹⁸And the nations were angry, and Thy wrath has come. And the time *has come* for the dead to be judged and to give the reward to Thy servants the prophets, and to the saints, and to the ones who fear Thy name, the small and the great. And *the time has come* to bring to ruin those who have made the earth rotten. ¹⁹And the Temple of God in

Heaven was opened. And the ark of His covenant was seen in His Temple. And there were lightnings and voices and thunders and an earthquake and great hail.

CHAPTER 12

¹And a great wonder appeared in Heaven — a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet. And on her head *was* a crown of twelve stars. ²And she was with child, *and* she cried, being in labor and in pain to bring forth.

³And another wonder appeared in Heaven. And behold, a great red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads! ⁴And his tail drags the third part of the stars of the sky, and he threw them onto the earth. And the dragon stands in front of the woman who is about to bring forth, so that when she should bring forth her child, he might eat *it*. ⁵And she brought forth a male, a son who is going to shepherd all the nations with a rod of iron. And her child was caught away to God and His throne. ⁶And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place made ready by God, so that there they should take care of her a thousand two hundred and sixty days.

⁷And there was war in Heaven: Michael and his angels made war against the dragon. And the dragon and his angels made war. ⁸And they did not win, nor was their place found in Heaven any more. ⁹And the great dragon was thrown out — the old serpent who is called the devil, and Satan — who leads the whole world astray. He was thrown into the earth, and his angels were thrown out with him. ¹⁰And I heard a great voice saying in Heaven, Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ, has come to pass — because the accuser of our brothers is thrown down, who accuses them before our God day and night. ¹¹And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony. And they did not love their life, *even* unto death. ¹²Because of this, rejoice O heavens, and you who live in them. Woe to those who live upon the earth and in the sea, because the devil has come down to you, and he has great anger, knowing that he has *only* a short time.

¹³And when the dragon saw that he was thrown onto the earth, he persecuted the woman who brought forth the man *child*. ¹⁴And two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman, so that she might fly into the wilderness into her place — where she is taken care of for a time, and times, and half a time, from *the* face of the serpent. ¹⁵And the serpent put out water from his mouth like a river *to go* after the woman, so that he might cause her to be carried away with the river. ¹⁶And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon put forth out of his mouth. ¹⁷And the dragon was angry with the woman and went to make

war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God, and who have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

CHAPTER 13

¹And I stood upon the sand of the sea. And rising out of the sea I saw a beast which had seven heads and ten horns. And on its horns *were* ten crowns, and upon its heads *was the* name of blasphemy. ²And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and its feet like *those* of a bear, and its mouth like *the* mouth of a lion. And the dragon gave his power to it, and his throne, and great authority. ³And I saw one of its heads as *if it were* wounded to death. And its deadly wound was healed. And the whole earth wondered after the beast. ⁴And they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast. And they worshipped the beast, saying, Who *is* like the beast? Who is able to make war with it? ⁵And to it was given a mouth to speak great things, and blasphemy. And authority was given to it to act forty-two months. ⁶And it opened its mouth for blasphemy against God, to blaspheme against His name, and His tabernacle, and those who dwell in Heaven. ⁷And to it was given *power* to make war with the saints, and to overcome them. And authority was given to it over every tribe and tongue and nation. ⁸And all who live upon the earth shall worship it, *all those* whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb, slain from *the* foundation of *the* world. ⁹If anyone has an ear, let him hear. ¹⁰If anyone brings *into* captivity, into captivity he goes. If anyone will kill by a sword, with a sword he must be killed. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

¹¹And I saw another beast rising out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, and it spoke as a dragon. ¹²And it uses all the authority of the first beast before it. And it causes the earth and the ones who live in it to worship the first beast—whose deadly wound was healed. ¹³And it works great miracles, that even fire should be made to come down out of the sky to the earth in the sight of men. ¹⁴And it leads astray those who live on the earth, because of the miracles which were given to it to work in the sight of the beast, commanding those who live on the earth to make an image to the beast—which has the wound of the sword, and lived. ¹⁵And it was given to it to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast should even speak. And it should cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. ¹⁶And it causes all—the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the slave—that it should give them a mark on their right hand, or on their foreheads. ¹⁷And that no one should be able to buy or to sell, unless he has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of its name. ¹⁸Here is wisdom. Let him who has understanding count the number of the beast. For it is a man's number, and its number is six hundred and sixty-six.

CHAPTER 14

¹And I saw, and behold! a Lamb standing upon Mount Zion. And with Him were a hundred and forty-four thousand who had the name of His Father written upon their foreheads. ²And I heard a sound out of Heaven like the sound of many waters, and like a sound of great thunder. And I heard a sound of harpers playing on their harps. ³And they sing as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders. And no one was able to learn the song except the hundred and forty-four thousand who had been redeemed from the earth. ⁴These are they who were not made unclean with women—for they are virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men *as* first-fruits unto God and unto the Lamb. ⁵And in their mouth was found no falseness, for they are without blame before the throne of God.

⁶And I saw another angel flying in the midst of Heaven, who had *the* everlasting Gospel to preach to those who live on the earth, even to every nation and tribe and tongue and people, ⁷saying with a loud voice, Fear God and give glory to Him, because the hour of His judgment has come. And worship Him who made the heaven, and the earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

⁸And another angel followed, saying, The great city, Babylon, is fallen, is fallen—because she has given to all nations to drink of the wine of the fury of her *fôr-nî-câ-tion*.

⁹And a third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If anyone worships the beast and its image, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand—¹⁰he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God which is poured out full strength in the cup of His anger—and he shall be tormented in fire and brimstone in the sight of the holy angels, and in the sight of the Lamb. ¹¹And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever—and they have no rest day and night, those who worship the beast and its image, and if anyone receives the mark of its name. ¹²Here is *the* patience of the saints. Here *are* they who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus. ¹³And I heard a voice out of Heaven saying to me, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in *the* Lord from this time on. Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors—and their works follow with them.

¹⁴And I saw, and behold, a white cloud! And upon the cloud One like *the* Son of man was sitting. And He had a golden crown upon His head, and in His hand *was* a sharp sickle. ¹⁵And another angel came out of the Temple, crying with a loud voice to Him sitting upon the cloud, Send forth Thy sickle and reap—because the hour has come for Thee to reap—because the harvest of the earth is ripe. ¹⁶And He who

was sitting upon the cloud put forth His sickle upon the earth, and the earth was reaped.

¹⁷And another angel came out of the Temple which *is* in Heaven. He also had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸And another angel came out of the altar, who had authority over fire. And he called with a loud cry to him who had the sharp sickle, saying, Send your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe. ¹⁹And the angel put forth his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and he threw *the fruit* into the great winepress of the wrath of God. ²⁰And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood came forth out of the winepress even to the bits of the horses, to the distance of two hundred miles.

CHAPTER 15

¹And I saw another wonder in Heaven, great and wonderful — seven angels who had the seven last plagues. For the wrath of God was completed in them.

²And I saw as it were a sea of glass mixed with fire. And the ones who had overcome the beast, and its image, and its mark, and the number of its name, were standing upon the sea of glass. *And* they had God's harps. ³And they sang the song of Moses, a servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and wonderful *are* Thy works, Lord God Almighty. Righteous and true *are* Thy ways, Thou King of the saints. ⁴Who shall not fear Thee, O Lord, and glorify Thy name? For *Thou* only *art* holy. For all the nations shall come and worship before Thee. For Thy righteous deeds were revealed.

⁵And after these things I saw, and behold! the Temple of the tabernacle of the testimony in Heaven was opened. ⁶And the seven angels came forth out of the Temple. *And* they had the seven plagues. *And* they were clothed in pure and bright linen, and were tied at the breasts with golden bands. ⁷And one of the four living creatures gave to the seven angels seven golden bowls full of the wrath of God, who lives forever. ⁸And the Temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God, and from His power. And no one was able to enter into the Temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished.

CHAPTER 16

¹And I heard a loud voice out of the Temple, saying to the seven angels, Go and pour out the bowls of the wrath of God onto the earth. ²And the first went, and he poured out his bowl onto the earth. And an evil and vicious sore came upon the men who had the mark of the beast, and those worshipping his image. ³And the second angel poured out his bowl onto the sea. And it became as the blood of a dead man. And

every living soul in the sea died. ⁴And the third angel poured out his bowl onto the rivers, and onto the fountains of waters. And they became blood. ⁵And I heard the angel of the waters saying, O Lord, Thou art righteous, who is and who was, and the Holy One, that Thou didst judge these things. ⁶For they poured out *the* bloods of saints and of prophets, and Thou didst give them blood to drink—for they deserve it. ⁷And I heard another out of the altar saying, Yes, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous *are* Thy judgments.

⁸And the fourth angel poured out his bowl upon the sun. And it was given to him to scorch men with fire. ⁹And men were scorched with great heat, so that they blasphemed the name of God—who has authority over these plagues. And they did not repent to give Him glory. ¹⁰And the fifth angel poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast. And its kingdom was made dark. And they were biting their tongues from the pain. ¹¹And they blasphemed the God of Heaven for their pains and for their sores. And they did not repent of their works. ¹²And the sixth angel poured out his bowl upon the great river Euphrates [Yōū-frāy'-tēez]. And its water was dried up, so that the ways of the kings from the rising of *the* sun might be made ready. ¹³And I saw *coming* out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, like frogs. ¹⁴For they are *the* spirits of demons, working miracles, to go forth to the kings of the earth and of the whole world to gather them together to the battle of that great day of God, the Almighty. ¹⁵Behold! I come as a thief. Blessed *is* he that watches, and keeps his clothes, so that he may not walk naked and they see his shame. ¹⁶And he gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew, Ār-mā-géd'-dōn.

¹⁷And the seventh angel poured out his bowl into the air. And a loud voice came out from the Temple of Heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done! ¹⁸And there were voices and thunders and lightnings. And there was a great earthquake, such as has not come to pass since men were on the earth—so mighty *and* so great an earthquake *was it*. ¹⁹And the great city came *apart* into three parts. And the cities of the nations fell. And the great Babylon was remembered before God, to give her the cup of the wine of the fury of His wrath. ²⁰And every island fled away. And no mountains were found. ²¹And a great hail, like the weight of a talent, came down out of the sky upon men. And men blasphemed God, because of the plague of the hail—for its plague is very, very great.

CHAPTER 17

¹And one of the seven angels (of those who had the seven bowls) came and spoke with me, saying to me, Come here. I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits upon the many waters—²with

whom the kings of the earth committed fôr-nĩ-că'-tion. And those that live upon the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fôr-nĩ-că'-tion. ³And he carried me away in *the* Spirit into a wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet beast, full of names of blasphemy. And *the beast* had seven heads and ten horns. ⁴And the woman was dressed in purple and scarlet, and was made golden with gold and precious stones and pearls. And she had a golden cup in her hand which was full of hateful things, and of *the* uncleanness of her fornication. ⁵And a name *was* written upon her forehead, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, the mother of the harlots, and of the hateful things of the earth. ⁶And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And I wondered with great wonder when I saw her. ⁷And the angel said to me, Why did you wonder? I will tell you the mystery of the woman, and of the beast which carries her — which has the seven heads and the ten horns. ⁸*The* beast which you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the bottomless pit, and to go into perdition. And they who live upon the earth, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from *the* foundation of *the* world, will wonder when they see the beast which was, and is not, and yet is.

⁹Here *is* the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains, where the woman sits upon them. ¹⁰And there are seven kings — the five have fallen, and the one is, *and* the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must stay a little while. ¹¹And the beast which was, and is not, he also is an eighth, and is of the seven, and goes into perdition. ¹²And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, which have not yet received a kingdom — but will receive authority as kings one hour with the beast. ¹³These have one mind. And they shall give up their power and authority to the beast. ¹⁴These will make war with the Lamb. And the Lamb will overcome them — because He is Lord of lords and King of kings. And those that *are* with Him *are the* called and chosen and faithful ones. ¹⁵And *he* says to me, The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are people and multitudes and nations and tongues. ¹⁶And the ten horns which you saw upon the beast, these shall hate the harlot. And they shall make her poor and naked, and they shall eat her flesh and shall burn her with fire. ¹⁷For God has put into their hearts to do His will, and to act in one mind — and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. ¹⁸And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which has rulership over the kings of the earth.

CHAPTER 18

¹And after these things I saw an angel coming down out of Heaven. And he had great authority, and the earth was lighted up by his glory.

²And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen. And it has become a home of demons, and a prison of every unclean spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hated bird — ³because all the nations have drunk of the wine of the fury of her fôr-nî-câ'-tion. And the kings of the earth committed fôr-nî-câ'-tion with her. And the merchants of the earth were made rich through the power of her luxury.

⁴And I heard another voice out of Heaven, saying, Come forth out of her, My people, so that you do not have any part in her sins, and so that you may not receive of her plagues — ⁵for her sins followed as far as Heaven, and God remembered her wicked deeds. ⁶Give to her even as she also gave to you, and double to her double, according to her works. In the cup which she mixed, mix to her twice as much. ⁷As much as she glorified herself and lived in luxury, so much torment and sadness give to her. Because she says in her heart, I sit *as* a queen, and I am not a widow — and, I will in no way see sorrow — ⁸because of this her plagues shall come in one day, death and sorrow and hungering. And she shall be burned with fire. For the Lord God who judges her *is* strong. ⁹And the kings of the earth shall weep for her and shall wail for her — the ones who committed fôr-nî-câ'-tion with her and lived in luxury — when they see the smoke of her burning, ¹⁰standing afar off because of the fear of her torment — saying, Woe! Woe! The great city, Babylon, the strong city! for in one hour your judgment has come. ¹¹And the merchants of the earth weep and grieve for her, because no one buys their goods any more — ¹²goods of gold, and of silver, and of precious stone, and of pearl, and of fine linen, and of purple, and of silk, and of scarlet, and all thyine wood, and every article of ivory, and every article of most precious wood, and of brass, and of iron, and of marble, ¹³and cinnamon, and incense, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil and finest flour, and wheat, and cattle, and sheep, and of horses, and of chariots, and of the bodies and souls of men. ¹⁴And the ripe fruit of the lust of your soul has gone away from you, and all the fat things and all the bright things have left you — and you shall never find them any more.

¹⁵The merchants of these things, who were made rich from her, shall stand afar off because of the fear of her torment, weeping and grieving, ¹⁶and saying, Woe! Woe! *to* the great city which was clothed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and which was made golden with gold and precious stone and pearls. ¹⁷For in one hour so much wealth was made nothing. And every ship-pilot, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off ¹⁸and cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What *city is* like the great city? ¹⁹And they threw dust upon their heads, and cried — weeping and

wailing—saying, Woel Woel to the great city, in which all who had ships in the sea were made rich from her riches. For in one hour she was made nothing. ²⁰Rejoice over her, O Heaven, and *you* holy apostles, and *you* prophets. For God has judged your judgment upon her.

²¹And one mighty angel took up a stone, like a great millstone, and threw *it* into the sea, saying, In this way Babylon the great city shall be thrown down with great power, and it will never be found any longer. ²²And *the* sound of harpers and musicians and flute-players and trumpet-players shall never be heard in you any longer. And no skillful worker of any trade shall be found in you any longer. And *the* sound of *the* millstone shall never be heard in you any longer. ²³And *the* light of a lamp shall never shine in you any longer. And *the* voice of *the* bridegroom and of *the* bride shall never be heard in you any longer. For your merchants were the great ones of the earth—for by your magic arts all the nations were led astray. ²⁴And in her *the* blood of prophets and saints was found, and of all those who were killed upon the earth.

CHAPTER 19

¹And after these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in Heaven, saying, Hallelujah [Häl-lě-loo'-yă], salvation and glory and honor and power to the Lord our God. ²For His judgments *are* true and righteous. For He judged the great harlot, who made the earth rotten with her fôr-nî-că'-tion. And He has avenged the blood of His servants at her hand. ³And a second time they said, Hallelujah. And her smoke goes up forever and ever. ⁴And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God who sits on the throne, saying, Amen—Hallelujah! ⁵And a voice out of the throne came forth, saying, Praise our God, all His servants, and you who fear Him, both the small and the great. ⁶And I heard as *it were* a voice of a great multitude, and as a sound of many waters, and as a sound of strong thunders, saying, Hallelujah! For the Lord God Almighty has ruled. ⁷Let us rejoice and shout for joy. And let us give glory to Him. For the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. ⁸And it was given to her that she should be clothed with fine linen, pure and bright—for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints. ⁹And he says to me, Write, Blessed *are* they who are called to the supper of the marriage of the Lamb. And he says to me, These are the true words of God. ¹⁰And I fell at his feet to worship him. And he says to me, See *that* you do not *do it*. For I am a fellow servant of you and of your brothers who hold the testimony of Jesus. Worship God. For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

¹¹And I saw Heaven opened. And behold, a white horse! And He who was sitting upon it is called Faithful and True. And He judges

and makes war in righteousness. ¹²And His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and upon His head were many crowns. *And* He had a name written which no one knows but Himself. ¹³And He was clothed in a robe dipped in blood. And His name is called, The Word of God. ¹⁴And the armies in Heaven were following Him upon white horses, clothed with fine linen, white and pure. ¹⁵And out of His mouth a sharp sword goes forth, in order that He might strike the nations with it. And He shall shepherd them with a rod of iron. And He treads the press of the wine of the fury and wrath of God Almighty. ¹⁶And He has upon *His* robe, and upon His thigh the name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

¹⁷And I saw one angel standing in the sun. And he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds which fly in the midst of the sky, Come and gather yourselves to the supper of the great God, ¹⁸so that you may eat *the* flesh of kings, and *the* flesh of chief captains, and *the* flesh of strong men, and *the* flesh of horses, and those who sit on them, and *the* flesh of all—free and slaves, and small and great.

¹⁹And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies gathered together to make war with Him who sits on the horse, and with His army. ²⁰And the beast was taken, and the false prophet with him—*the one* who worked the miracles before him, by which he led astray those who received the mark of the beast, and those who worshipped his image. These two were thrown alive into the Lake of Fire, which burns with brimstone. ²¹And the rest were killed with the sword of Him who sits on the horse, *the sword* which goes forth out of His mouth. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

CHAPTER 20

¹And I saw an angel coming down out of Heaven. *And* he had the key of the bottomless pit. and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold of the dragon, the old serpent, who is *the* devil and Satan, and tied him up for a thousand years. ³And he threw him into the bottomless pit, and shut him *up*, and set a seal over him so that he should not lead the nations astray any longer—until the thousand years were fulfilled. And after these things he must be set free a little time.

⁴And I saw thrones. And they sat upon them. And judgment was given to them. And *I saw* the souls of those who were beheaded because of *their* testimony to Jesus, and because of the word of God, and those who did not worship the beast, nor his image, and did not receive the mark upon their forehead, and upon their hand. And they lived and ruled with Christ the thousand years. ⁵But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years had been fulfilled. This *is* the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first

resurrection — over these the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall rule with Him a thousand years. ⁷And when the thousand years have been fulfilled, Satan will be set free from his prison, ⁸and he will go out to lead astray the nations which *are* in the four corners of the earth — Gog and Magog — to gather them together to war, whose number *is* as the sand of the sea. ⁹And they went upon the breadth of the earth and circled around the camp of the saints and the beloved city. And fire came down from God out of Heaven and consumed them. ¹⁰And the devil who led them astray was thrown into the Lake of Fire and of Brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *were*. And they shall be tormented day and night forever and ever.

¹¹And I saw a great white throne, and Him who sits upon it — from whose face the earth and the sky fled away, and no place was found for them. ¹²And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God. And books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book of Life*. And the dead were judged out of the things written in the books, according to their works. ¹³And the sea gave up the dead in it. And death and hell gave up the dead in them. And they were judged each according to their works. ¹⁴And death and hell were cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death. ¹⁵And if anyone was not found written in the Book of Life, he was thrown into the Lake of Fire.

CHAPTER 21

¹And I saw a new heaven and a new earth — for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and the sea is no more.

²And I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down from God out of Heaven, prepared as a bride made ready for her Husband. ³And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying, Behold! The tabernacle of God *is* with men. And He shall dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them *as* their God. ⁴And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes. And there shall be no more death, or sorrow, or crying, nor shall there be pain any longer — because the former things are passed away. ⁵And He who sits upon the throne said, Behold! I make all things new. And He says to me, Write, because these words are true and faithful. ⁶And He said to me, It is done. I am the A and the Z, the Beginning and the End. To him that thirsts, I will give of the fountain of the water of life freely. ⁷He that overcomes shall inherit all things, and I will be to him God, and he shall be to Me a son. ⁸But to fearful, and unbelieving, and hateful ones and murderers, and *fôr-nî-câ'-tors*, and users of magic arts, and worshippers of idols, and all liars, their part *is* in the Lake which burns with fire and brimstone — which is the second death.

⁹And one of the seven angels which had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came to me and spoke with me, saying, Come here. I will show you the bride, the Lamb's wife. ¹⁰And he carried me away in *the Spirit* to a great and high mountain. And he showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, coming down out of Heaven from God. ¹¹And it has the glory of God, and her shining *was* like a most precious stone, even as a crystal-like jasper stone. ¹²And it also has a great and high wall, having twelve gates. And at the gates *were* twelve angels. And names were written on them, which are *those* of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. ¹³On *the east were* three gates, on *the north* three gates, on *the south* three gates, and on *the west* three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city has twelve foundations; and on them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb *were written*. ¹⁵And he that was speaking with me had a golden reed, in order that he might measure the city, and its gates, and its wall. ¹⁶And the city is laid out as a square. And its length is as much as the width also. And he measured the city with the reed, and *it was* twelve thousand furlongs—the length and the width and the height of it are equal. ¹⁷And he measured its wall, a hundred and forty-four cubits, a measure of a man, that is, *the angel's*. ¹⁸And the wall was made of jasper. And the city *was* pure gold, like pure glass. ¹⁹And the foundations of the wall of the city were decorated with every precious stone. The first foundation *was* jasper. The second *was* sapphire [săf'-fîre]. The third *was* chalcedony [kăl'-sêe-dô'-nêe]. The fourth *was* emerald. ²⁰The fifth *was* sardonyx [săr'-dō-nîx]. The sixth *was* sār'-dî-ūs. The seventh *was* chrysolite [krîs'-ō-lite]. The eighth *was* beryl [ber'-il]. The ninth *was* topaz. The tenth *was* chrysoprasus [kri-sôp'-râ-sūs]. The eleventh *was* hy'-ă-cinth. The twelfth *was* amethyst [ăm'-ê-thîst]. ²¹And the twelve gates *were* twelve pearls, each one of the gates in turn was one pearl. And the street of the city *was* pure gold, like glass one can see through. ²²And I saw no temple in it—for the Lord God Almighty is its Temple, and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of the sun, nor of the moon, that they should shine in it—for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴And the nations of the ones who are saved shall walk in its light. And the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. ²⁵And its gates shall never be shut by day, for no night shall be there. ²⁶And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. ²⁷And in no way may anything which is unclean, and which practices ä-bôm-ï-nâ'-tion and a lie, enter into it. But those who are written in the Book of Life of the Lamb *may enter into it*.

CHAPTER 22

¹And he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, going forth out of the throne of God and the Lamb. ²In the middle of its street, and of the river, on *this side*, and on *that side*, a tree of life *was*

producing twelve fruits — yielding its fruit each month. And the leaves of the tree *were* for *the* healing of the nations. ³And there shall be no curse any more. And the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it. And His servants shall serve Him, ⁴and they shall see His face. And His name *is* on their foreheads. ⁵And no night shall be there. And they have no need of a lamp and of sunlight, because the Lord God gives them light. And they shall rule forever and ever.

⁶And he said to me, These words *are* faithful and true. And the Lord God of the holy prophets sent His angel to show His servants the things which must soon come to pass. ⁷Behold! I come quickly. Blessed *is* he who keeps the words of the prophecy of this book. ⁸And I, John, *was* he who was seeing and hearing these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel who was showing me these things. ⁹And he says to me, See *that you do* not *do it* — for I am a fellow servant of you and of your brothers, the prophets, and of those who keep the words of this book. Worship God. ¹⁰And he says to me, Do not seal the words of the prophecy of this book, because the time is near. ¹¹He that is unrighteous, let him be unrighteous still. And he that is filthy, let him be filthy still. And he that *is* righteous, let him be righteous still. And he that *is* holy, let him be holy still. ¹²And behold, I come quickly. And My reward is with Me — to give to each according as his work shall be. ¹³I am the A and the Z, *the* Beginning and *the* End, the First and the Last. ¹⁴Blessed *are* they that do His commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life, and that they should go into the city by the gates. ¹⁵But on the outside *are* the dogs, and the workers of magic arts, and the fôr-nî-cā'-tors, and the murderers, and the worshippers of idols, and everyone that loves and practices a lie.

¹⁶I, Jesus, sent My angel to testify these things to you for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the bright and Morning Star. ¹⁷And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that hears, let him say, Come. And he that thirsts, let him come — and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

¹⁸For I testify to everyone who is hearing the words of the prophecy of this book, If anyone should add to these things, God shall add to him the plagues which are written in this book. ¹⁹And if anyone should take from the words of *the* book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from *the* Book of Life, and out of the holy city, and of the things which are written in this book.

²⁰He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly! Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

²¹The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you all. Amen.

Glossary of Terms

- ā-bom-i-nā'-tion, anything disgusting and hateful. In the Bible false gods are often called abominations, for God hates them.
- ā-dop'-tion, the act of taking into a family one who was not born into that family
- ā-dūl'-tēr-i, unlawful relations with a wife or husband not your own
- āf-lic'-tion, pain or great suffering
- āl'-ōes, a strong smelling tree-sap, often used in ointments, oils
- āl'-tar, a place where sacrifices are offered
- ām-bās'-sā-dōr, a person sent to carry a message to other people
- Am'-mon-ite, someone from the family-line of Ammon, Lot's son
- Am'-o-rite, someone from the family-line of Canaan, Noah's grandson
- ā-noint', to pour oil upon someone or something in order to set it apart unto God
- ā-pos'-tle, one of the men specially chosen to act and speak for Christ
- ark, the large boat in which Noah and his family were saved
- Ark of the covenant, a large wooden chest in which were kept the two stone tablets on which God wrote the Ten Commandments
- āsp, a snake whose bite is full of deadly poison
- ās-sār'-i-ōn, ās-sār'-i-ā, a coin worth about a penny
- ās-sēm'-bly, a gathering or meeting of people
- ās-tōn'-ished, silent; to be stricken dumb with wonder or surprise
- ās-trōl'-ō-gēr, one who claims to foretell the future by gazing at the heavens (Isa. 47:13); one who casts spells, calls on evil spirits for wisdom, etc.
- a-tōne'-ment, something done to cover sins. Atonement by the sacrifice of animals, and use of their blood, was only a type looking forward to the sacrifice and sin-covering blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, who fully satisfied for the sins of all His people and made them at one with God forever.
- authority [aw-thōr'-i-tēe] the God-given right to act or command
- ā-vēnge', to punish for wrong or hurtful acts
- bā'-sins, pans or bowls used for washing of hands or feet
- bāth, a liquid measure, about 9 gallons
- bear, [bore, borne] used in speaking of child-bearing, to carry and give birth
- Bē'-li-al, "worthless," usually said of a worthless and wicked man
- be-reave', to deprive; to make forlorn, especially to make childless
- be-trāy', to give someone or something over to the enemy
- ber'-yl, a precious stone, usually green. The emerald is a beryl.
- birthright, the right of the oldest son to receive two shares of the inheritance from his father. It could be sold, as to Jacob.
- blaspheme [blas-fēem'], to speak evil words against someone, especially against one of the persons of the Godhead.
- blēm'-ish, a spot, scar, or other defect in the outward look of a person or animal.
- bondmen, bondwomen, persons who were bound as slaves to someone
- bowels, the long tube into which food passes from the stomach. In the Bible it is put for the womb, the loins, the intestines.
- brīm'-stōne, hot sulfur, sometimes mixed with hot tar.
- būck'-ler, a small, round shield
- būl'-rūsh, būl'-rush-es, a tall, slender plant that grows in wet places
- būr'-den, a load to carry or bear. In the prophets it means the main message
- cāp-tiv'-i-ty, being in prison; or being carried far away against one's will
- cār'-būn-cle, a round-shaped garnet or other deep-red jewel
- cen-ser's, containers in which sweet-smelling incense is burned
- chār'-i-ot, a two-wheeled cart pulled by horses, used in wartime
- chastening [chās'-en-ing], punishment intended to make better
- chās'-tise-ment, punishment in order to correct or make better
- cher'-ub, cher'-ub-im, winged, heavenly beings seen in God-given visions
figures of them covered the Ark of the Covenant.
- circumcise [sir'-kum-size], to cut away the foreskin of men or boys
- clēave, to cut in two, to divide
- compassion [com-pāsh'-ūn], a feeling of deep interest in or upon another in time of trouble or distress, sharing his sorrow.
- conceive [kon-sēev'], to become pregnant, to form a child in a woman's womb
- cōn'-cū-bine, a secondary wife among other wives in countries where men take more than one wife. Bilhah was Jacob's concubine.
- con-dēmn', to call or judge someone guilty

con-fū'-sion, (of self), to be filled with shame; (of a crowd), to puzzle them or
 amaze them so that they do not know what to think
 cōn-gre-gā'-tion, a gathering or meeting of people
 cōn'-se-crāte, to give over to God a person or thing forever
 conscience [kōn'-shēns], an inner sense which God gave to all of us to warn us
 when we are breaking His laws
 con-spire', to plot or plan with others to do evil against someone
 con'-sul, in Roman days, a governor
 con-sūme', to destroy; to burn up; to finish; to bring to an end forever
 con-tin'-ū-al, never stopping or ending
 con-trite', having broken spirit because of sin; repenting
 convert [kōn'-vurt], one who has turned from his wicked ways, and who has be-
 lieved the Gospel of Jesus Christ
 cor-rūpt', rotten; wicked or evil in spirit
 coun'-sel, advice given or received
 coun'-sel-lor, one who is asked for advice because of his wisdom
 covenant [kūv'-e-nānt], an agreement. It may be made by one person in the form
 of a promise, as God's covenant with His people
 covet [kūv-it], to strongly desire something that belongs to someone else, espe-
 cially when you want to have it instead of them
 crāfts'-men, workers who have wisdom and skill in some kind of work
 crē-āte', to make something out of nothing, as God did the world
 creature [krē'-cher], anything made, created by God the Creator
 crucify, crucified [krōō'-si-fied], to kill by nailing hands and feet to a cross
 crystal [kris'-tal], a clear stone or mineral, one you can see through
 cū'-bit, a line measure of about 18 inches in length
 cūm'-mīn, a seed used by the Jews for flavoring
 cūrse, to ask God to bring evil upon someone; to swear or call names; a judg-
 ment of God against a person or thing to punish them
 cymbals [sīm'-bals], brass plates struck together to make a ringing sound
 dār'-ic, a gold coin or weight used in Persia, worth about 5 dollars
 deceive [de-sēev'], to cause another to believe what is not true
 de-cēit'-fūl, willing to lie or cause one to believe what is not true
 dēd'-i-cāte, to give to God a thing or person for His use
 de-file', to make filthy or unclean, God will have nothing to do with the defiled
 dēs-o-lā'-tion, being wasted, deserted; in a lonely, ruined condition
 de-spīse', to think lightly or little of (someone or something); to scorn
 de-stroy', to put an end to; to pull down; to break in pieces; to ruin; to crush
 de-vour', to eat up; to burn up; to waste away
 dī'-a-dēm, a crown or royal headband, usually studded with jewels
 dill, a seed used for flavoring
 disciples [dis-si'-ples], learners, especially followers of Jesus
 dis-māyed', afraid or fearful
 dis-pēr'-sion, a name given to those Jews who were scattered abroad
 dis-trēss', great pain, sorrow, or trouble
 di-vine', to try to find out or foretell the future
 dōc'-trine, teaching; that which is taught; belief
 dō-min'-ion, rule or control over things or other persons
 dow'-ry, the property a woman brings to her husband when he marries her
 drams, see daric
 drōss, the waste that comes to the surface of melting metals
 dūng, waste matter from the bowels of men and animals; manure
 ē-lect', those chosen out of a group. The elect of God are those chosen by Him
 to be His people forever
 ēm-broi'-dēred work, fancy stitches sewed into cloth for the sake of beauty
 ēn-chānt'-ment, the use of magic spells or charms to cause action
 ēn-dūre', to last; to keep on and on; to stand or bear hardship
 ēn-grāve', to cut or carve lines, figures into wood, metal, stone
 ēn-trēat', to ask, pray, or beg for favor from or with God
 ēn'-vy, jealous; ill-will at another's blessings
 ephah [ē'-fāh], a dry measure, about 4½ pecks
 ephod [ēf'-ōd], an embroidered piece of clothing worn by priests
 err [ūr], to make a mistake; error [ūr'-rōr], a mistake
 ēs-tāb'-lish, to set up; to found or begin something; to make firm

ē-tēr'-nāl, *lasting forever—having no beginning or end*
 ē-tēr'-ni-ty, *the timeless, never-ending future, or past*
 eunuch [yū-nūck], *a man who has had those parts which make him able to fa-
 ther children cut off or out*
 ēx-pānse', *wide, spreading surface; the heavens, both sky and space*
 fā-mil'-iar spi'r-its, *evil spirits believed to act as servants to some persons*
 fām'-ine, *a general lack of food, so that people starve*
 fēr'-vēnt-ly, *warmly, earnestly, feeling strongly about something*
 flāx, *a slender plant with narrow leaves. Linen is made from flax.*
 flesh'-ly, *having to do with the body or flesh. In the New Testament the word is
 most often used in a spiritual sense, as the opposite of spiritual.*
 fōd'-der, *a coarse food for horses, cattle, etc. Hay is fodder*
 fōre'-know, fōre-know'-ledge, *to foreknow is to know something beforehand.*
*But when God is said to foreknow persons, it means He set His love upon
 them in a special way.*
 fōr-nī-cā'-tion, *unlawful sexual relations between unmarried persons, or between
 one unmarried and one married person. Spiritual fornication is the love
 of someone or something more than God.*
 fōr-sāke', (fōr-sōōk', *past tense*), *to leave; to desert*
 fōr-ti-fy, *to make strong by building walls, putting up banks, etc.*
 fōr-trēs, *a fort; a place built with strong walls and defenses*
 foun-dā'-tion, *the part of a building on which the rest stands; a base*
 frānk'-in-cēnse, *a sweet-smelling gum from trees*
 fury [fēe-oor-ē], *rage; a hot storm of anger. Human fury is usually blind and un-
 reasoning, but God's fury is reasonable and just reward for sin.*
 gāin'-sāy, *to say the opposite of what another has said, to speak against*
 gäll, *a bitter liquid made in the liver; a poisonous, bitter plant*
 gār'-ment, *a piece of clothing*
 gēn-er-ā'-tion, *one step in a family line*
 Gēn'-tiles, *all those who are not Jews*
 gē'-rah, *a weight, less than a gram, 1/20 of a shekel; a coin worth about 3 cents*
 gird on, [gürd], *to tie on or to strap on with a belt, etc.*
 girdle [gür-del], *a belt or band worn around the middle of the body*
 glēan, *to gather stalks of grain left on the field by reapers*
 glō'-rī-fy, *to give praise and honor to God, to obey God, to love God*
 glūt'-ton, *a greedy eater, one who is never satisfied*
 gnashing [nāsh'-ing], *gritting or grinding the teeth in anger or pain*
 gōad, *a sharp-pointed stick for driving cattle or other animals*
 Gōs'-pel, *the good news about Christ Jesus, that He came to die for sinners and
 to suffer the punishment due their sins*
 grāce, *undeserved favor or love, especially God's favor or love*
 grāv'-en, *carved or cut with lines, figures or designs*
 griēf, *sadness, pain, or heavy sorrow; griēve, to cause sadness, pain or sorrow*
 griēv'-ous, *sad, painful, or hard to bear suffering*
 hār'-lot, *a woman who sells her body for money or other things*
 hēa'-then, *nations or people who do not worship the true God*
 hēed, *to listen, to take warning, to give attention*
 herb [ērb], *any seed plant that withers away at season's end. Grass, sage and va-
 nilla pods are herbs, but trees are not.*
 hēr'-ē-sies, hēr'-e-sy, *those teachings or beliefs not according to God's Word*
 Hē-rō'-di-āns, *a party who followed Herod the king*
 hīn, *a liquid measure, about 1½ gallons*
 hō'-mer, *a dry measure, about 11 bushels, 1 peck; a liquid measure, about 90
 gallons*
 hōst, *in the Bible, usually an army or a very great number*
 hūm'-ble, *lowly; not proud; thinking more of God than yourself*
 hū-mil'-i-ty, *without pride or self-glory, God-centered instead of self-centered*
 hūs'-bānd-mān, *a farmer*
 hypocrite [hip'-o-krit], *one who tries to make others think he is better than he is*
 hy-pōc'-rī-sy, *acting as a hypocrite*
 hyssop [hiss'-op], *a bushy plant which grows in Palestine*
 ī-dol, *a thing that is falsely worshiped, usually an image or statue*
 ī-dol'-ā-try, *the worship of idols—the love of anything or anyone more than God*
 im'-āge, *a likeness made of wood, stone, or other material; a statue; a false god*

ì-måg-i-nā'-tions, *inward pictures and thoughts of the mind; ideas; fancies*
 in-mòr-tål, *one who cannot die*
 in'-cēse, *gums, spices, etc., burned to bring forth a sweet smell*
 in'-crēase, *in the Old Testament, usually fruit or produce from the land or trees*
 in-håb'-it, *to live in (a place or house); in-håb'-i-tant, one who lives in a place*
 in-hēr'-it, *to get money or things as an heir, by a will*
 in-hēr'-it-ance, *that which a person gets by another's will, or by law*
 iniquity [in-ik'-wi-tēe], *a sinful, stubborn purpose to do things contrary to God's command; perverseness; worthlessness*
 in-quire' of God, *to seek unto Him for help; to pray*
 in-tēg'-ri-ty, *usually uprightness, pure-hearted sincerity before God*
 in-tēr-pre-tå'-tion, *act of giving the meaning of; explanation*
 in-vis'-ible, *that which cannot be seen*
 isles, *usually nations located by the seaside, especially peoples along the Mediterranean coast, as Greeks, etc.*
 Israelite [Is'-ri-el-ite], *one of the people of Israel*
 Judgment, The, *the final judgment on that Day when all men of all time will stand before the judgment seat of Christ*
 jüs-ti-fi-cå'-tion, *the act of a judge, ruling that the person accused is righteous before the law and not subject to punishment. God justifies everyone who has faith in Christ Jesus. So justification is by faith, and by faith alone*
 jüs'-ti-fy, *to judge someone or something right*
 kin'-dred, *a person's family or relatives*
 kneåd, *to work over or work up, by pushing the hands into dough*
 lå'-bor (noun), *in childbirth, the pains and drawing of muscles necessary to bring forth the child*
 la-mēn', *to weep or cry out in sorrow*
 låm-en-tå'-tions, *the cries, wailings, etc., common to lamenting*
 låt'-tice, *wooden strips crossed with spaces between them*
 låw'-less-nēss, *a bad spirit which will not obey the law*
 leaven [lēv'-en], *a yeast-like substance which makes dough rise*
 lēp'-ro-sy, *a very serious disease marked by sores all over the body, falling out of hair and fingernails, etc. God uses it to picture sin.*
 lēst, *for fear that, so that something or other might not happen*
 le-vi'-å-than, *a large water animal, a sea-monster; probably a crocodile in most Scripture passages, though possibly a whale in some*
 Lē'-vites, *sons of Levi, especially those who tended the Tabernacle and Temple*
 lõ'-cüstis, *a greedy kind of grasshopper which eats up green plantlife*
 lõg, *a liquid measure, about 1 pint*
 loins, *that part of the body between the ribs and the hips, the small of the back*
 lust, *very strong desires which often overrule judgment and sense*
 magician [ma-jish'-en], *in Genesis and Exodus the wise men of Egypt; in Daniel the men who practiced black magic and tried to explain dreams*
 måg'-ni-fy, *to make great; to make something appear greater than it is*
 mål'-lõws, *a salt plant*
 mån'-i-fēst, *clear, shown forth, plainly revealed*
 mån'-na, *the small round pieces of food God used to feed the people of Israel in the wilderness; it was white, tasted like honey.*
 mår'-rõw, *a soft substance that fills the hollow central part of bones*
 må'-son, *one who works or builds with stone or brick*
 måt'-tock, *a large tool with an iron head and a flat blade on one side*
 Mē'-di-å-tõt, *one who stands between two persons to make peace between them.*
The Mediator between God and sinful men is Christ Jesus.
 mēd'-i-tåte, *to think quietly and deeply, to plan, to consider*
 mēek'-nēss, *humbleness, lowliness, being without pride*
 mer'-cy, *blessing or kindness beyond what we deserve or can claim*
 Mercy-seat, *the top of the Ark of the Covenant, where the priest sprinkled the blood of Atonement. Jesus Christ did this spiritually.*
 Mēs-si'-åh, *the title in the Hebrew language which means the one chosen and anointed to be king. "Christ" is the Greek name for the same person.*
The Lord Jesus Christ is the Messiah.
 mil'-lēt, *a kind of grain*
 mill'-stõne, *one of two round stones used for grinding grain*

mī'-nā, *about 17 dollars, or 6 pounds English money*
 mīte, *a coin worth about 2 pennies*
 mir'-ā-cle, *something done in such a way as not to be explained, something which cannot be understood by natural laws*
 Mō'-āb-ite, *one of the people of the land of Moab, descendants of Lot*
 mōck, *to make fun of; to scorn; to laugh at*
 mōr-sel, *a small piece; a mouthful; a small bite*
 myrr [mērri], *a sweet-smelling gum used for perfume*
 na-tiv'-i-ty, *the land or the place where a person is born*
 Nāz-ā-rē'-ān, *anyone from the city of Nazareth*
 ōath, *a solemn promise or vow; a sworn promise or curse*
 of-fēnd', *to be guilty of sin; to wrong someone*
 ōff'-er-ing, *a gift or sacrifice presented before God together with sorrow and repentance for sin, or with joy and thanksgiving*
 ōff'-spring, *children; that which is born of someone*
 oint'-ment, *a soft, greasy salve; a sweet-smelling oil in the O.T.*
 ō'-mer, *a dry measure, about 3¼ quarts*
 onyx [ōn'-iks], *a somewhat valuable stone with layers of colors*
 op-prēss', *to treat cruelly, harshly, unjustly; to press down*
 op-prēss'-ōr, *one who is cruel, harsh and unjust to others*
 ōr'-a-cle, *speaking place, sometimes put for the Holy of holies*
 ōr-dāin', *to order something done. When God ordains a thing, He of course has the power to cause it to be done*
 ōr'-di-nance, *a law or rule made by those who are in authority*
 ōr'-na-ment, *something pretty used to add beauty to things or people*
 pār'-a-ble, *a proverb or tale to bring forth truth*
 paralytic [pār-ā-lit'-ik], *one who cannot move because he is paralyzed*
 Pās'-ō-vēr, *the Jewish feast in memory of the day when God passed over them and killed the first-born children of the Egyptians*
 perdition [pēr-dish'-ūn], *hell, the final state of men who will not accept Jesus as their Saviour and Lord*
 per-fect [pūr-fēkt], *in the O.T., upright, honest, sincere (when used with "heart"; otherwise) finished, whole, complete*
 per'-se-cūte, *to follow in order to hurt, harm or make unhappy*
 per-verse', *having one's mind made up to do wrong; to go directly against God's commands; to pay no attention to what is right*
 per-vert', *to lead someone away from what is right or true; to turn away from what is right or true; to cause to do or go wrong*
 petitions [pe-tish'-ūns], *requests for help*
 Phār'-aoh, *the official name given to all the kings of Egypt*
 Phār'-ī-sēes, *a party of Jews who claimed to be very godly and strict in obeying God. But they loved themselves more than God.*
 philosophers, philosophy [fill-oss'-ō-fēr-z], *Philosophers are supposed to love true knowledge. Philosophy is the study of all things in order to arrive at true knowledge. True philosophers seek true knowledge from God*
 pierce [pēerce], *to make a hole in; to force something sharp through*
 pil'-lar, *a slender upright support; a column; a pole that holds up*
 pī'-ous, *showing respect for God, religious*
 pitch, *in Israel, a mixture of tar, oil, slate, charcoal*
 plague [pläg], *an evil which comes upon us, either by disease or by some remarkable outward happening sent from the Lord God*
 plumb'-line, *plummet, a line with a weight at the end used to see if a wall or some other thing is straight, or to measure depth*
 plūn'-der, *to rob someone of his goods by force*
 pōme'-grān-āte, *a reddish-yellow fruit with a thick skin, red pulp*
 portion [pōr-shūn], *a part or share*
 pos-sēs-sōr, *the owner or holder of something; pos-sēs'-sion, something owned*
 pōt'-shērd, *a broken piece of a pot, usually sharp-pointed*
 pound, *as a biblical weight, a little over 2 English pounds; as money, a pound of gold was worth approximately \$500.00 (Hebrew word is maneh.)*
 pōv'-er-ty, *the condition of being poor*
 prēp-ā-rā'-tion, *a making ready in advance. "The day of preparation" was the day before a Sabbath of the Jews*

prē-dēs'-tīn-āte, to set something to happen long before it happens, and to fix it so that it happens as planned. Only God can predestinate
 prē-sērve', to keep, watch, guard, save alive
 prē-vāil', to win; to gain the victory; to succeed; to overcome
 prey [prāy], that which is hunted and taken by force
 priests, men who were given the privilege of serving God in the Jewish Temple.
 Jesus Christ was a different kind of priest, for He once for all offered Himself as a sacrifice for sins of His people.
 prō-fāne', to treat holy things with scorn. A profane person is one who despises the things of God.
 prōf'-it, to gain something; something gained above what you had
 prō-lōng', to make longer
 prophesy [prōf'-e-sie], to speak for God at His command those words which He desires to be spoken to the people
 prophets [prōf'-its], those who speak with authority, by God's command, to reveal God's will to the people, for now or the future
 prōs'-per, to be blessed; to be successful, have all things go well
 prōv'-erb, a short wise and true saying which has been used a long time
 prōv'-i-dence, God's care for His creation—His people and animals
 prōv'-ince, a part of a country. A province is like a state in the U.S.
 prōv'-o-cā'-tion, something that makes one angry, stirs them to action
 pri'-dent, smart, intelligent planning; good, sensible thinking
 psaltery [sāl'-ter-y], a stringed, harp-like musical instrument
 pūrge, to make clean or pure of sin or rottenness
 pūr'-i-ty, to make pure, to remove that which keeps a person from being pure; to make spiritually clean and pure from the filth of sin
 pūr-sue', follow closely after one in order to kill or capture them
 quiver [kwiv'-er], a case to hold arrows, carried on the shoulders
 Rāb'-bi, a Jewish title of respect meaning "teacher" or "master"
 rān'-som, to free a prisoner by paying of a price; the price paid
 rē-bēl', to fight against those who rule; to try to overthrow the government.
 rē-bēll'-ion, a fight against the government
 rē-būke', to find fault with, to scold, to tell one what he did wrong
 rē-clīn'-ing, leaning or resting, as on an elbow while eating
 rēc-on-cil-i-ā'-tion, bringing together again in friendship
 rē-cōrd', to write down so as to keep for future use
 records [rēk'-ōrds], writings filed away, often drawn on clay tablets
 rē-dēem', to buy something back. Something sold or pawned must be bought again. God's people were sold under sin, but He sent His Son, the Redeemer, to pay the price for bringing them back to Him.
 rē-fine', to make pure (by sifting, by heating of metals, etc.)
 rēed, a measure of about 10 feet; any of many kinds of bamboo-like grasses
 rēf'-ūge, a hiding place; a place of safety
 remission [rē-mish'-ūn], the pardoning of a crime or other offense; as, the pardoning or forgiveness of sin because of the precious blood of Christ
 rēm'-nānt, that which is left; a small group left from a large number
 rē-nown', fame; being well known
 rē-pēnt'-ānce, the act which, coupled with faith, brings us back to God's favor.
 It is the feeling of deep sorrow for sin, the hating of sin, the turning away from sin, and turning to God for forgiveness and power not to sin
 rē-plēn'-ish, fill up again
 re-prōach', to blame someone for something; the shame caused by being blamed
 reprove [rē-prōov], to find fault with; to blame; to shame
 rē-quire', to demand; to ask; to seek or look for
 resurrection [rēz-ū-rēk'-shūn], a rising from the dead. All men will be resurrected to appear before the judgment seat of Christ.
 rēv'-ē-lā'-tion, the showing forth of something hidden or unknown
 rē-vēnge', returning evil for evil, harm done in return for a wrong
 rē-vile', to call bad names—to say evil things about another
 rē-vive', to make alive; to cause to live or be lively
 rīght'-eous, without sin or guilt; just
 rīght'-eous-nēss, perfect freedom from sin or guilt. Since no man has any righteousness of his own, Christ Jesus worked out a perfect righteousness on earth, which He gives to those who trust Him as their only righteousness.

rû'-môr, a report which is said to be true, but not proven
 sâb'-bath, a rest. The one day of rest each week is called the sabbath
 sâc'-ri-fice, the offering up of something to God
 Sâd'-du-cêes, a party of Jews who did not believe in a resurrection
 sâint, a name given to anyone who has trusted in Jesus
 sâl-vâ'-tion, being saved, brought to safety. Salvation from sin is to be saved
 from the punishment of sin, brought to Heaven's safety
 sânc'-ti-fy, to set apart for holy use
 sânc-ti-fi-câ'-tion, the act of setting apart for holy use — the day by day acts of
 God by which He makes His people free from sin, holy
 sânc'-tû-âr-y, a holy place; a place of safety; a place set apart
 Sân-hê'-drîn, the ruling body of the Jewish religion during Christ's time
 scepter[sêp'ter], the rod or staff carried by a ruler or king
 scôr'-pî-on, a small spider-like animal with a poisonous sting in its tail; a whip
 with sharp metal pieces on the ends of it
 scribes, at first writers or secretaries for the rulers; later, the learned doctors,
 teachers of the Law
 Scrip'-tûres, the holy writings of God, the Old and New Testaments
 sea-monster, also translated le-vî'-â-than: See le-vî'-â-than
 se-dûce', to tempt to wrongdoing, to lead astray by stirring up lust
 sêed, often used in the Old Testament for children or offspring
 sêr'-pent, a snake
 shêk'-el, as a weight, a half ounce; also a half-ounce gold coin worth about \$5.00,
 or a half-ounce silver coin worth about 75 cents
 siêge, to circle around a city with soldiers in order to capture it
 skill'-ful, being able to do something difficult; expert
 slân'-der, to say something false in order to do harm
 sloth'-ful, lazy, careless and slouchy
 slûg'-gard, a lazy person who will not do anything, not even for himself
 soôth'-sayers, fortune tellers, men who claim to look into the future
 sôr'-cer-er, one who uses magic spells and calls on evil spirits
 spân, a measure of about 9 inches in width or length
 spelt, a kind of wheat
 spike'-nard, a sweet-smelling oil or ointment used in the East
 spir'-it-ù-âl, having to do with the spirit of man, or the Spirit of God. 'Spiritual'
 is often used as the opposite of 'fleshly' to show a God-centered spirit
 spoil, to rob, to take things from dead bodies; the riches or things taken
 sprout, a bud, a young shoot or branch of a plant; to bud, shoot forth
 staff, staves, a rod, a long pole often used as a walking stick
 stât'-ure, height
 stât'-ûte, a law
 steward [stôo'-ard], one who manages another's property; a house-manager
 strife, fighting; quarreling; strive, to fight, quarrel, argue, or struggle
 stûm'-bling-blôck, something put in one's way to cause him to stumble
 sùb-dûe', to put down; to overcome; to humble
 sùb'-stance, what a thing is made up of; matter; wealth; property
 sûck'-ling, a very young animal or child, one still sucking milk
 sûre'-ty, one who stands good for another, who shoulders what he owes
 synagogue [sin-â-gog], the place of worship of the Jews
 tâb-er-nâc'-le, a tent; the Jewish Tabernacle was a very large tent in which the
 priests and people worshipped God.
 tâb'-rets, tambourines, small drums with metal discs on the side
 tâl'-ent, as a weight, it was 129 pounds, 14 ounces; as money, it was about 114
 pounds of gold, worth about \$30,000.00; the silver talent was worth
 about \$2,000.00.
 tâp'-es-try, cloth hung on walls, with pictures or designs woven into it
 têmp'-tâ'-tion, the trying or proving of faith in God — the presenting of some
 thing or idea which will try or prove a person's faith or goodness
 têt'-â-mênt, a will or covenant which sets out the will of the one who made it
 tês'-ti-mô-ny, to witness; tell what was seen; that which is witnessed
 têt'-rârch, a petty ruler who ruled a fourth of a Roman province
 thrêsh'-ôld, the doorsill, the piece at the bottom of the doorway
 thûm'-mim, see urim
 tithê, to give a tenth of one's income to God's work

tók'-en, *the sign or evidence given; proof of an agreement, covenant*
 tombs, *graves or vaults where dead bodies are buried*
 tór'-mènt, *unbearable pain and suffering without let up or lessening*
 tradition [trā'-dish'-ùn], *the handing down of customs and opinions from one generation to another by speech — a belief so handed down*
 trāns-fig'-üred, *changed in looks so as to look totally different*
 trāns-grès'-sion, *going beyond or past God's commands; dealing falsely*
 trāns-lāte', *to turn from one language into another by writing or speech*
 trāns-lā'-tèd, *moved from one place to another, or changed from one condition to another, or both; as, Enoch was taken to Heaven without dying*
 tra-vāil', *toil or labor; the pains of childbirth*
 trēa'-son, *betraying or being untrue to one's country*
 trēas'-ü-ry, *place where money or other valuables are kept*
 trēa'-ty, *an agreement between nations*
 trēs'-päss, *to be guilty of sin; the guilt from sin; a sin*
 trib'-üte, *taxes or other forced payment put upon people or nations*
 ün-bē-lief', *not believing what is said, written or taught. Since God commands all men to believe in Jesus Christ, not trusting in Him is a great sin*
 ün-bē-lièv'-ër, *one who does not believe. A person who does not believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ is called an unbeliever.*
 ün-lēav-ened, *having no leaven. See leaven*
 üp-righ'-ness, *trueness, honesty of heart, purity*
 ür'-gent, *needing something done at once; demanding quick action*
 ürge, *to press someone to do something at once*
 ür'-im and thüm-müm, *two objects in the breastplate of the High Priest of Israel; God revealed His will through the tossing of them*
 üt'-ter-ly, *completely; fully; totally; absolutely*
 üt'-tèr-mòst, *the highest or greatest — the farthest away*
 vā'-por, *steam; fog; mist, water in the air which can be seen*
 vāin, *false, lying; empty, useless, worthless; without value*
 vān'-i-ty, *lack of value; worthlessness; uselessness; nothingness; emptiness.*
 vèn'-geance, *punishment in return for a wrong*
 ver'-i-ly, *truly, in fact and indeed*
 vēs'-sel, *a hollow holder or container; a utensil such as a pot or pan*
 vēst'-ment, *a piece of clothing, especially robes worn by priests, etc.*
 vēs'-try, *place where clothing used in religious worship was kept*
 vī'-o-lāte, *to break or pay no attention to a law, rule, or promise*
 vī'-o-lènt, *acting or moving with much force, powerful, overbearing*
 vine-drēss'-er, *one who keeps and prunes grapevines*
 vine-yārd, *a place where grapes are grown; vin'-tage, a year's crop of grapes*
 vī'-öl, *a stringed, harp-like musical instrument*
 vī'-per, *a very poisonous snake*
 vīr'-gin, *unmarried man or woman who has not given the body in a sexual act*
 vīr'-gin'-i-ty, *the state of being a virgin*
 virtue [vīr'-chù], *trueness; pureness; goodness; vīr'-tü-ous, good; pure; true; moral*
 vis'-āge, *face; the look or appearance of a person's face*
 vī'-sion, *something seen in a deep sleep or trance*
 vows, *promises; especially solemn promises made to God*
 wāste-bōwl, *the place where waste from the body is put forth*
 wīck'-èd, *evil, bad, sinful, wrongful; the wicked are those who are evil*
 wīl'-der-nèss, *place where no people live; deserted place; wild place*
 wīne'-prēss, *a large vat or box filled with grapes, which in turn were walked upon or trampled in order to make the juice flow out into jars*
 wīn'-nōw, *to drive or blow away chaff or other waste matter from grain*
 wīs'-dom, *being wise; having deep understanding; knowing God well*
 wīth'-crāft, *trying to use magic power or evil spirits to tell the future*
 wīz'-ard, *one who pretended to know all things by asking the dead*
 wormwood, [wūrm'-wōöd], *a plant having very bitter juice*
 yōke, *a wooden frame to fasten two work animals together; a team of animals*
 zeal [zēel], *eager desire; earnest effort to help; very strong interest*